

City of Martinsville

Minutes – **Regular Meeting**
Wednesday, January 14th, 2026

Alderman Roll Call:
Chris Davidson
Chris Perry
Harley Craig
Travis Hill
Ashley Wilhoit

Attendance: Robert (Bob) Lovell-Mayor, Caitlin Dill-Clerk, Jordan Wilhoit, Dan Kibler, Corey Cook, Robert Maxwell, and Mark Long.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer: Robert Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comments:

- Robert Maxwell and Mark Long came to represent the Fire department with questions, comments, and concerns regarding hydrants around town. During the fire at the First Christian Church, it was brought to attention that some of the hydrants around town do not work properly. The fire department should know the locations as to which ones do and do not work and they need to be well marked, with special concern when other municipalities help with fire relief. Robert asked how would they know this information and who pays for the excess water used during a fire? The City pays for that water, it is not a significant amount. Mark stated how concerning it would be to anyone who found out a hydrant wasn't working near their family's home. Municipalities responsible for hydrants need to have a plan to make this better. If hydrants need repair the Fire department is willing to help pay for repairs to provide safety to the community. Robert urges frequented places like schools, churches, etc. would be a place for repairs/replacements to start. He asks if smaller hydrants, comparison to what Clark Edgar Rural Water uses, would be an option. Corey answered how those types of hydrants do not push out enough water pressure for what is needed.
- Corey Cook explained how certain hydrants are marked to represent the difference of operating hydrants. Anytime a hydrant is used for fire relief it creates a leak in the water line. Bob mentioned replacing fire hydrants first would still lead to the possibility of water lines collapsing or busting, which would be a waste of the tax payer's money. Each hydrant is approximately \$15,000. Replacing lines first would seem to be the first step, flushing hydrants still pass water.
- Bob Lovell clarified the difference between flushing hydrants and fire water hydrants. A map to identify hydrant statuses would be beneficial to all. Bob added the map would need to be one that can be known in the moment, on site, especially for another municipality to view when they assist. Harley says the map should have labels for all hydrants, suggesting different colors or symbols to differentiate useable ones.
- Mark and Harley bring up how Clark County needs to coordinate to have the same method of mapping and viewing, to set a county wide standard. The City can reapply for a grant to replace water lines and hydrants, that the State took away. The grants are very difficult and have many requirements, but if received the City could replace a few hydrants and lines.

- Chris Davidson mentioned a hydrant near the Goble’s residence is blocked and wasn’t marked. Corey notated it as a hydrant that leaks. There is a hydrant in front of the elementary that needs replaced. Chris reiterates how Martinsville Fire department is willing to help the City fix/replace hydrants that need it. When flushing hydrants, he suggests both caps be used to make sure they works instead of one.
- Dan Kibler clarifies the Clark County Post is still under development. He will be proposing new ideas for the City website to connect calendars with the menu and work on pages for fire, police, etc. Bob Lovell states one website to navigate all information for Martinsville is the way to go. Individual groups can compensate Dan Kibler for his work on building their pages that would be found through the City web page.

--Motion by H Craig, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to approve the Regular meeting minutes for 12/10/25.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Yes	Isbell	
Perry	Yes	Hill	Yes
Craig	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes
Mayor			

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by T Hill, to pay Bills presented.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Yes	Isbell	
Perry	Yes	Hill	Yes
Craig	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes
Mayor			

Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2nd by C Perry, to approve Treasurer’s Report.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Yes	Isbell	
Perry	Yes	Hill	Yes
Craig	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes
Mayor			

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by T Hill, to hire Pedrotti Co. to recalibrate chlorine feed settings at a cost of \$4080.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Yes	Isbell	
Perry	Yes	Hill	Yes
Craig	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes
Mayor			

Motion carried.

OTHER:

Mayor:

- The new owners of the red house on Bond will be getting a dumpster soon to rid all of the items out front.
- The Fire department got the deed for the Lipscomb property, will be torn down soon.
- The City decided not to move forward purchasing the Davidson property on the hill of Clay and Union. Shannon Andrews got it at a tax sale but there was a complaint about the City not buying it resulting in the tax company taking it back. It has since been cleaned up and will be going back to a tax sale in the Fall. City will consider buying.
- The person who owns the property that could become a TIF area is open to sell the property in contract to the City. It is still in works so nothing has been said about pricing.

Craig:

- Trees that were cut down around town look good; the company did a nice and quick job.

Davidson:

- Fire department will be getting bids in soon, so the Lipscomb property will be torn down and cleaned up.
- Leaves on the side of the road need cleaned up.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to close the meeting.

Record Vote:

Davidson	Yes	Hill	Yes
Perry	Yes	Wilhoit	Yes
Craig	Yes	Isbell	
Mayor			

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk