

**City of Martinsville**

Minutes – **Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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

Attendance: Robert Lovell-Mayor, Teresa Conelley-Treasurer, Caitlin Dill-Clerk, Ryan Slater-Police Chief, Jordan Wilhoit, Dan Kibler.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer: Robert Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comments:

--Motion by C Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry, to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting (Truth in Taxation) 12/10/2025 and Regular meeting minutes for 1/14/26.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Hill, to pay Bills presented.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by T Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Davidson, to stay with CLEAN as uniform provider.

-CLEAN is currently \$153/week, Cintas quoted \$86.98/week. Last time Cintas was the City's provider there were many issues with hidden fees and contracts raising resulting in very high unplanned expenses.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Consideration to adopt City Ordinance prohibiting the sale of Kratom and Hydroxymitragynine within Martinsville City limits.

-Harley Craig spoke about how this substance is not banned by Illinois or the Federal government. Currently there is no issues with it being on the shelves. He provided a pro and con list to compare the impact of possibly banning this substance. He suggested raising the buying age to 21 or implementing a tax similar to the marijuana shop.

-Ryan Slater asked if anyone knew how much the store sells it for and if it even moves from the shelf. He has no opinion to ban it one way or another. Currently a person has to be 18 or older to purchase it. There are only a few counties in IL that have banned it. He was interested in how a judge would react when this would be brought up while substance is legal in IL but not in a banned territory.

-No action taken

--Motion by C Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Hill, to purchase 2017 squad car from Clark County Sheriff's office to not exceed \$6000.

-Ryan Slater elaborated the squad car would include a laptop, lightbar, siren system, and docking station. It has approximately 107,000 miles and was used by Jeremiah who took good care of the vehicle. This additional vehicle can be allocated to the part time officers, which would limit the mileage on the vehicle Tim Wilson uses. A printer will need purchased along with replacing the decals, that cost is included in the \$6000.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Consideration to purchase 26 acres from Terry Fisher for future TIF subdivision.

-Offer is for \$20k/acre, with a downpayment, 4 yearly installments of \$100k plus 6% interest. Mike Davis, Executive Director for Central IL Land Bank Authority, says this TIF opportunity makes a nice investment pitch to the state for a \$2 Million request out of the 2026 state budget. The TIF district could run from this property South down Grant St, go West at Cumberland St encompassing downtown businesses and ID Castings. The Bible Church would like to build a parsonage in this district. Robinson TIF properties all sold within 20 minutes of being available, Oblong's TIF properties started selling quickly when they finished the sidewalk and lights surrounding the TIF pond.

-Mayor will move forward with having attorneys negotiate an official offer.

**OTHER:**

Mayor:

- The contract with Casey for gas transportation fee hadn't been updated since 1992. Since that date it has been .10 cents/dekatherm, it has now been updated to .25 cents/dekatherm.
- Corey's City truck caught fire while plowing down town. The snow plow hydraulics melted, but the bed can be kept. Insurance has everything, waiting to see what can be bought as replacement.

Craig:

- Asked if there were any issues of collapsed water lines from the most recent house fire. There was not.

Davidson:

- Corey gave an updated hydrant list to the fire department. The last house fire is under investigation; all went well on the fire department/City side when on site.

Wilhoit:

- Grateful the red brick house on Bond has been cleaned up and looks better.

- On the hill of Mill Street there is a very large chunk of frozen water, could be a possible leak from somewhere that will need checked out.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry, to close the meeting.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk