

**City of Martinsville**

**Minutes – Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Alderman Roll Call:

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:

Dan Kibler is working with the Martinsville Fire Department to create a web page. He can create a page for Martinsville police department as well, that would include all emergency numbers, the Council will need to vote that decision.

Terri Connelly brings up March and April will be wrapping up the fiscal year. The Financial Committee will need to get together to get appropriations and salaries together for the start of the new fiscal year.

--Motion by H Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Hill, to approve the Regular meeting minutes for 1/28/26.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Perry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Wilhoit, to approve Treasurers report for January 2026.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by T Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Wilhoit, to amend Grocery Tax Ordinance 2024-8-4 at the request of the State.

-The State wanted Section 888.01 (b) to be updated by replacing “one percent of the gross receipts from such sales made in the course of such business” with “1% of the selling price of all groceries transferred by such servicemen as an incident to a sale of service.”

-Also, the request to add a Section 888.01 (d) stating, “The taxes hereby imposed, and all civil penalties that may be assess as an incident thereto, shall be collected and enforced by the Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois. The Illinois Department of Revenue shall have full power to administer and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.”

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Consideration and action to adjust Gas tax for the month of January to help offset the price increase on customers.

--Gas prices have gone up quite a bit. There might be options is to take half of the delivery fee for each customer or to create a break for commercial accounts and not charge them the same as residents to reduce their price.

--No action taken.

**OTHER:**

Mayor:

- A municipality cannot buy property on contract; the options are to get a bond for the property or a regular loan through a financial institution. There will be a Council Meeting with a full proposal to view both options.
- Keystone Solar company contacted the City about solar on City Hill. They are waiting a few months to see usage data to determine if the company could even be able to use that location as an option.
- Discussions regarding interest to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> police officer position by hiring a FT officer. Are PT officers okay keeping it the same filling in and would it be negative to take shifts away from these PT veteran officers who serve the community well? The money is being paid regardless if there is a FT or if PT keep coming over, but having a FT officer is easier to coordinate trainings with.
- There was a Central IL Land Bank meeting; there will be a U of I internship student coming and the Land Bank will be going to Springfield to give the proposal for the State to help pay \$2 million for TIF infrastructure.
- TA Truckstop contacted the City about possibly putting a truck stop in. Next step is to sit down to discuss what they are wanting and are looking for. Officer Slater brought up how a truck stop could create many issues potentially leading to an increase of law enforcement needed, possibly 24 hrs.

Craig:

- Planting that needs done in the Spring is approaching, do we need to schedule an Arbor meeting? Yes. The Tree City USA donation states there needs to be an Arbor Committee of about 6 people. Possibly asking Mallory Jenness, from MHS Ag, to be a part of the Committee could be dually beneficial, leading to school kids grafting.
- Asked about a road closure. There was a small water leak on Jefferson.

Hill:

- Asked if there has been an update on the Church since the fire? They are getting bids to tear down what's left and will eventually rebuild.
- Asked if we have quotes for radar guns? The company hasn't responded via email, Officer Slater is still looking into it.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:49 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk