

## City of Martinsville

Minutes – **Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 11<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, Tim Wilson Jr-Police, Jordan Wilhoit, Dan Kibler, Jana Spires, Cory Cook, Karol Murphy, Scott Murphy, Andy Kemper, Todd Shaffner, Chris Snearley, Jesse Snearley, Jamie Snearley, and Ethan Lowry.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer: Robert Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

### Public Comments:

-Terri Connelly reminded appropriations are needing to be submitted soon to the Mayor, there are only 3 meetings left until they are officially due.

-Dan Kibler notifies everyone the Chamber and Fire pages are published on the City website and that the Contact Form on there has been corrected. There is a page ready for the City website called "Share Your News," the information must be PG rated and it must involve the City of Martinsville. There will also be an entry spot on the Clark County Post website to spread content as well.

-Several residents from a specific neighborhood came together to express their frustrations with consistent neighborhood disputes.

-Karol Murphy explains there has been several issues for quite a while with the neighbors harassing families on both sides, leading to numerous police calls and visits. There have been issues of flashing vehicle lights and honking of the horn in the middle of the night, which causes other people's dogs to bark. Other concerning problems such as them shining lights into her bedroom window at night, issues with their large dogs, and these neighbors instigating confrontation then recording reactions was also spoke about. She says the young couple living next door hasn't done nothing to deserve this behavior. She asks what they do to help get it fixed or stopped.

-Andy Kemper reiterated these particular neighbors harass people's dogs to get them to bark, then call the cops for noise complaints. He also pointed out trash from those neighbors are blown about surrounding neighbors' yards constantly. He states this neighbor came to is property, kicked a box, threatened him, then started recording. As well as Kempers personal camera was hit and damaged by the neighbor's drone. He does not understand why "nothing gets done." He also mentioned that this neighbor put stakes down without knowing the property line, has roped it off, and threatened Kemper not to touch them. Harley Craig voiced getting a surveyor is the first step, however that neighbor could also get a surveyor to come out, these two surveys may not agree and it can be pricy to do so.

-Kodi Morecraft and her husband came in shortly after the meeting started to also express their concerns on this matter. She's had a few issues with the neighbor's: their car alarm going off at 1am for a couple of minutes, the neighbor will blare vulgar inappropriate music if they take their kids to the back yard, her chickens get stolen, and the neighbors threatened to kill her dogs. She explained her dogs are "farm dogs" that have learned to only bark when instigated. The neighbors once used to be friendly and pet her other dog but were told not to pet these newer ones since they were guard dogs from the farm. The dogs are currently being kept in cages inside at all times, they hate doing this but it keeps them safe and creates less confrontations.

-Officer Slater & Officer Wilson spoke to educate on how appropriate steps get taken when something gets reported. When a complaint gets called in, officers look into the matter from all points of view. They are aware of the current situation in that neighborhood and are doing what they can. Information has been sent to the States Attorney, the specific neighbor has been informed of what could happen if things continue, and they even tried helping them get a cage for their dog. They advise to try and not get involved. It won't look like what the neighbors want to see with specific actions every time the cops show up, they need evidence to move forward. A ticket can't be written just for a complaint; everyone has a different definition of excessive noise. They haven't found a specific statute on threatening animals. Mayor asks if there has been any credible video footage received; the answer was any video reviewed has been hard to hear or see any specific details. He wants to thank everyone for coming in to express their concerns.

--Motion by H Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry, to approve the Regular meeting minutes for 2/11/26.

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 C Davidson, 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 A Wilhoit, to approve Treasurers report for February 2026.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry, to approve Employee Health Care Benefits for Family Members.

-- Harley Craig states this would take care of the people who take care of the City. Corey Cook reminded everyone how the insurance used to be approximately \$1200, now it's less than \$900. Jana compared how Marshall's City is paying their insurance of about \$4400. Mayor says this would be a good thing for City and employees.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by W Isbell 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Davidson, to approve City Wide Clean Up dates as: Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>-Saturday April 18th.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**OTHER:**

Mayor:

- Union Street project: the road will be built up on the North and South side of the Rail Road.
- Approximately 75 trees were going to be picked up on 3/12, that has been moved to next week after the cold weather has passed.
- One check has been received from insurance for Corey's City truck, waiting to see how insurance plays out before looking for a replacement vehicle.
- The foreclosure process has started on the lien of the Kingery property.

Davidson:

- The corner by Mark Kingery's house is showing water erosion.
- The old Lipscomb property by the school will be torn own in the next month.

Craig:

- Questioned root stock availability for planting, the Mayor will try to contact to get an update.
- Prompted the council to check their emails Spam Folders for a Conflict-of-Interest email that needs filled out.
- Backup telecommunication network, he has a node on tower for a "Mesh Network" in Martinsville.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:03 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk