

## City of Martinsville

### Minutes – Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 8<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, Jordan Wilhoit, Dan Kibler, Karol Murphy, Scott Murphy, Kodi Morecraft, Deb Stover, Joe Kemper, and Ryan Slater.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer: Robert Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

### Public Comments:

-Kodi, Deb, Karol, Scott, and Joe all came in again to express their continued concerns about a neighbor to the council.

-Kodi explained there are still issues with the neighbor following her and her family with cameras anytime they are outside, when they are putting up their fence the neighbors press the alarm on their cameras the entire time, and many times at night the neighbors will lay on the horn outside her house waking her kids, along with continued torment of her dogs anytime one goes out into the yard. Above all she's received death threats as well. Kodi has been speaking to an Attorney since receiving the threats. Her family is thinking about selling the family home due constant harassment from the neighbors.

-Mayor helped clarify when someone gets charged and ticketed, it then goes to the States Attorney. He inquired if an Order of Protection or Harassment charges would fit this scenario with 2 or 3 families against the one neighbor. A group with a similar situation tried this and went to civil court. Two of these families have submitted in the same day against the neighbor but the States Attorney ultimately has the final decisioning for tickets and charges.

-Slater explained some videos he has been shown does not show enough full details to make charges and has to have probable cause to make an arrest. In reference to a recent video taken about illegal honking, he stated a traffic offense can't be charged with that small window of time filmed without actual proof occurring. He will never abuse his authority charging someone when probable cause and proof aren't fully present. He says the States Attorney ultimately has say on charges holding or being dropped. He suggested the neighbors could try to sue or take the neighbor to civil court, they could try for an Order of Protection or a No Contact Order. He mentioned Lincoln Associates is a free attorney in Charleston that can help families go to court. In reference to a recent death threat captured on video he believes the States attorney should charge him with that video proof.

-Joe states the male neighbor has verbally threatened his wife's life. He is also unable to mow part of the yard due to that neighbor moving the rope signifying the property line. They are waiting for surveyors to identify the official property line.

-Deb says the neighbor's wife was playing a specific song very loudly outside Kodi's house in a threatening way. She witnesses them with dog toys antagonizing Kodi's dogs and honking their horn. She fears someone's going to get hurt.

-Unrelated Kodi asked if a drain can be put in her yard, it is currently all underwater. The Mayor explained years ago all-around town tile was buried in many ditches, that tile has since clogged so water can't move freely. The ditches would need dug, tile pulled up, so water can then move through, this can be done by the land owner.

--Motion by T Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A Wilhoit, to approve the Regular meeting minutes for 3/25/26.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Perry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by H Craig, to pay Bills presented.

Record Vote:

Davidson	---	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 approve Treasurer's Report.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by H Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry, to approve Ordinance No. 2025-04-01, with approved changes of the dates from 2025 to 2026.

Record Vote:

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 approve City Board Retreat/Training with Arndt Consulting Team at a cost of \$2950.00.

--Training is for Treasurer, Clerk, and 6 Alderman. Date to be determined later in the year.

Record Vote:

Davidson	---	Isbell	Yes
Perry	Yes	Hill	Yes
Craig	No	Wilhoit	Yes
Mayor			

Motion carried.

**OTHER:**

Mayor:

- Friday he will have a Zoom meeting with towns in IL Land Bank about the \$2 million proposal for the TIF district.
- Tomorrow he will have a Land Bank meeting in Champaign.
- He will be picking up 100 trees tomorrow to be planted soon. Will need an Arbor Day Resolution then Martinsville have all the requirements to become a Tree City USA town.
- Don Bowen is known to build well-built affordable houses in Marshall. He is wanting to build Senior Living across from the Fairgrounds on about 3 or 4 lots. He would break ground if the neighboring property gets cleaned up.

Craig:

- Inquired if root stock has been shipped. They were shipped from Oregon on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Isbell:

- Asked opinions on a Public Garden where anyone can plant, care for, and harvest their own food. She has a tiller to use for a 10 ft by 20 ft area. A flier will be made and put out on social media.

Hill:

- Asked about an update on when the trailer sitting at Bond and Toledo would be finished. The owners had started working on it but it has sat untouched for quite a while.

Wilhoit:

- Martinsville will be getting an 8-man JFL team, so a practice area will be needed. There could be space at the ballpark where practice can take place.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:04 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk