

**City of Martinsville**

**Minutes – Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Alderman Roll Call:

- Chris Perry
- Harley Craig
- Wendy Isbell
- Travis Hill
- Ashley Wilhoit

Attendance: Robert Lovell-Mayor, Teresa Connelly-Treasurer, Caitlin Dill-Clerk, Dallas Richardson, Jordan Wilhoit, Dan Kibler, Deb Stover, Andy Kemper, Hailey Hill, and Ryan Slater.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer: Mayor Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comments:

-Deb Stover notified the council that the survey on her property has been completed, Blaine was arrested, and there is a tree to look at that may potentially need cut down.

-Teresa Connelly spoke on April 30<sup>th</sup> being the end of the fiscal year and auditors will tentatively be here July 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.

--Motion by H Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C Perry, to approve the Regular meeting minutes for 04/22/26.

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 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 C Perry, to approve Treasurer’s Report.

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 W Isbell, to approve MFT funds for road work in Martinsville.

-Dallas Richardson spoke about a plan to use pot mix asphalt for road work downtown; it would include the 4-way stop with a little portion leading North and South, then cover the area West stopping in front of City Hall. It would cost approximately \$85,000 to complete, there is about \$60,000 allocated to use for roadwork, \$25,000 could be used from the General Fund. There is \$42,000 of unobligated funds (emergency use) or \$99,000 in the MFT account that could also be used instead of taking funds from the General Account. To save money in the future the millings from this roadwork can be saved and used for secondary road repair.

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 C Perry, to approve switching phone services from Consolidated to an internet based "Host my SIP" phone service.

-The current monthly bill from Consolidated is \$505.19, after switching services the monthly bill would go down to \$94.50, the hardware and phones would be kept and used as normal.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Consideration and action to approve Fiscal year 2027 Appropriation Ordinance.

-No action taken.

-June 10<sup>th</sup> Appropriations will be approved, then publicly posted. June 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a Public Hearing, followed by an official vote on Appropriations.

--Consideration and action to approve purchase of 3 new tasers for the Police department.

-No action taken.

-Officer Slater talked about the current tasers and option for replacements. The current tasers were bought 5 years ago, their batteries are dying and cannot be charged. The current tasers have been used 4 times in the last 5 years. If the new tasers are bought from Axon they will buy back the last year and would not include tax on purchase. The new tasers hold 10 rounds, can reach 45 feet, and sends data to a website for a report after a shot has been fired. With the purchase of the new tasers there is included training every 2 years, instructor courses, a warranty, and many accessories. Officer Slater is looking into a "less lethal" grant. He will get a Bill of Sale that includes the buy back information and no tax included on it.

--Motion by H Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T Hill, to hire Summer help.

-Summer help will start June 1<sup>st</sup> and will help with mowing, street sweeping, weed eating, and painting.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

**OTHER:**

Mayor:

- Ethan Lowry passed his testing and is now certified gas personnel.
- An idea was proposed for concrete approaches when pouring a new concrete drive. The City could help pay for the concrete while the homeowner pays for everything else, this is something Marshall does. This could generate more money back in taxes and would help the beautification of the town. Obtaining a permit instead of enforcing an ordinance could be a better option for the job to be done correctly. There would need to be criteria, as some sort of a checklist for a homeowner to go through. There will be a rough draft of a permit written up to review.
- CIL is writing the grant for Martinsville; the money would be used for abandoned properties and to refurbish existing properties.
- U of I students wrote a profile on Martinsville that will be used to present at the Land Bank meeting tomorrow.
- ID is going to tear down the part of their old building on Union Street. They can tear out the gas riser and move it to the new area being built. They would cover \$52,000 for the new riser. They are wanting gas pressure to change from 37 psi to 60 for their needs. The steps to increasing the psi safely would be from 37 psi to 47, stopping to do a survey check, if clear moving from 47 to 57 psi, stopping again to survey, then moving from 57 to 60 psi. To allow the higher gas pressure the PE pipes need to have a larger diameter going out to the building North of Interstate 70. From Mill Street to Int 70, moving North to the building the pipes would need to be 4 inches wide. The engineer said there is a way to connect this newer 4-inch pipe with the existing 3-inch pipe underneath Interstate 70. 12,000 feet of PE pipe would be needed. This large project would be approximately \$500,000 worth of work minus the \$52,000 ID would cover for the riser portion. The Mayor will be having a meeting with Crown to talk over the project and see what they are willing and able to commit to this large project. The \$500k could be taken from the Gas Fund/Investment or could be tacked onto the current Bond. This project would allow the City to make more money back from ID's gas usage and would be great to have in place for future needs.

Perry:

- There still isn't a "YIELD SIGN" on South side at Fifth and Jackson.
- The South end of Randall Street has huge pot holes after the Lipscomb house was torn down.

Craig:

- There are a few trees that have died from last year's planting, one on York and one or two on Mill.
- The grafting at the school is completed, waiting to see if they take.
- There has been some settling around the water meters that have been replaced.

Isbell:

- There are some properties on the South end of town that have tall yards. She questioned ordinances for this; a notice is given to the homeowners first, after that if nothing is done it would be cut and billed to them.
- She was approached about the repair work done on Cumberland and Elm still having a bump or hole in the road.
- On Mill Street going towards Hwy 40 there is a "STOP AHEAD" sign down by the culvert that needs put back up.

- Asked what trees will be planted on what streets: Crab Apple on Washington, Dogwood on York, and Lilac Tree on Mill.

Hill:

- What is the status of the trailer on Toledo and Bond? Now that it is dry the Mayor will check in again.
- Toledo Streett is very rough. Millings from the downtown project could be used, approximately late Summer.

Wilhoit:

- The hole from last year sewer work behind her house needs filled in after settling about a foot.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk