

City of Martinsville

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 10th, 2026

Alderman Roll Call:

Chris Perry

Harley Craig

Wendy Isbell

Travis Hill

Ashley Wilhoit

Attendance: Robert Lovell-Mayor, Teresa Connelly-Treasurer, Caitlin Dill-Clerk, Jordan Wilhoit, Dan Kibler, Robert Jenkins, and Ryan Slater.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Prayer: Mayor Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comments:

Robert Jenkins explained how 5 sections of the concrete sidewalk in front of his house was ruined and his yard was rutted by the trailer being put in across the street. Also, the ditches could be cleaned out on North Mill Street.

--Motion by H Craig, 2nd by T Hill, to approve the Regular meeting minutes for 05/13/26.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by T Hill, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to pay Bills presented.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by T Hill, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to approve Treasurer's Report.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Perry, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to approve Ordinance NO 2026-06-1 concerning equal pay for utilities.

-Change from yearly to quarterly. Updates to sections a)2, a)3, d)2, d)3, if someone is delinquent they could be removed from program.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2nd by H Craig, to approve the public posting of the City's Appropriations Ordinance for 2027.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Consideration and action for municipal communications services proposal from Atomic DK Studio.

-Dan Kibler provided a proposal listing potential services offered by Atomic DK. The City site can be used to coordinate between departments and committees. He can partner with head of departments to streamline important information, offer FOIA assistance, build a database for project tracking, and act as a City liaison. The City site traffic has about 1000-1500 visits a month, 95% of those are only on site for about 30 seconds.

Harley had some questions for Dan. He inquired about Dan's grant writing experience; he currently doesn't have grant writing experience but is looking into it. He also asked how billing would be if he worked more hours than the Tier chosen; it would be set number of hours a week, but could be on call. The contract with Atomic DK isn't a year contract, it could be set for 3 months, to see how things go. He says building systems the right way will ultimately equal less work as time goes on. Harley brings up that the City is good at transparency but needs better communications, also having project tracking would be useful.

Mayor Lovell inquired about Dans GIS mapping skills, he said he is able to utilize a GIS map. The City will eventually need and wants someone in this position who can do the things listed. Acquiring an Economic Developer first has been a goal. Mayor Lovell proposes each council member takes home the provided list of services offered, have them select their top priorities, and by next meeting get explanations of how Atomic DK can provide those top priority services and how they can benefit Martinsville.

-No action taken.

----Motion by T Hill, 2nd by C Perry, to approve purchase of 3 new tasers for the Police department.

--Officer Slater went over the Bill of Sale for the new tasers. There would be a transfer balance of \$743.54 being applied towards the total of the new purchase. The bill is set to be paid in a duration of 5 years, but plan to trade the tasers in before the 5th billing contract. These have batteries that can be taken off and charged. These will also automatically upload all of its information when connected to Wi-Fi to evidence.com.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

OTHER:

Mayor:

- He inquired about a status for the Pickleball court; at the time there was a “weather delay.” He will look into the paperwork for a specific date, if after that date that the City can charge them for losing money. Currently the City can’t apply for the OSLAD grant because of this delay.
- August 14th will be the next Mayor’s Roundtable, Martinsville is hosting it at the Community Center.
- He will be out of office from Saturday the 13th to Saturday the 20th.
- We have to make sure if we enforce an Ordinance, we all have to be in line with those Ordinances as well.
- A homeless person was caught sleeping in the bathroom of Lynn Park; the lock was opened by a knife.

Craig:

- FFA tree grafting project didn’t take, maybe graft in February. If the root stalk can be kept alive it can be used next year. There are approximately 25 trees potted, if these can be moved from the school to the City Hill they can be watered all Summer. Harley will see if he can “T bud” some and get them to take in July.

Isbell:

- There has been no response from multiple attempts to finalize a specific spot in the town Gardening area. If no response after one last chance it will be used for excess tomatoes that were given to the Food Pantry.

Hill:

- Asked for an update on the trailer on Bond Street. It hasn’t been touched and the grass is getting tall. A fine has been given for not abiding the skirting requirement.
- New trailer on N Mill Street has a hole in the side; the company installing is to fix that. It looks like it has been placed on the concrete pad previously there. If so, it’s probably about 4 inches deep and would not meet the Ordinance criteria; it will be looked into further.
- Asked if the fencing feud on Illinois Street has quieted down; it has not and calls are still coming in.

Wilhoit:

- Some residents have asked how many more trailers will be allowed after the newest on Mill Street was set. Some people are concerned it will be a “trashy” look for the City. There is nothing that can be done without an Ordinance regarding such limitations. Someone suggested a Mobile Home park.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2nd by C Perry, to close the meeting.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:17 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk