

City of Martinsville

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 26th, 2026

Alderman Roll Call:

Chris Davidson

Chris Perry

Harley Craig

Wendy Isbell

Travis Hill

Ashley Wilhoit

Attendance: Robert Lovell-Mayor, Terri Connelly-Treasurer, Caitlin Dill-Clerk, Jordan Wilhoit, and Kevin McReynolds.

Meeting called to order at 7 PM.

Prayer: Mayor Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comments:

--Motion by T Hill, 2nd by H Craig, to approve the Regular meeting minutes for 07/08/26 and the Special Hearing meeting minutes for 2027 City Appropriations Ordinance.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by A Wilhoit, 2nd by C Perry, to pay Bills presented.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by T Hill, to extend the contract with Republic another 2 years to maintain current rates and services.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by H Craig, to sell the old desktop computer from the Police Dept to Chief Slater for \$1.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by H Craig, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to approve CMG Asphalt Services to stripe downtown at a cost of \$3710.00.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by T Hill, to approve changes in Cannabis Business Establishments Chapter 815 to reflect New State Laws as of July 1st, Ordinance NO. 2026-08-01.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by H Craig, 2nd by C Perry, to establish Fall Cleanup as September 19th-26th.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by T Hill, 2nd by C Davidson, to adopt Resolution of Support for Illinois CDBG Public Infrastructure grant application and a commitment of funds totaling \$100k, NO. 2026-08-02.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to approve Administrative Funds agreement with Coles County Regional Planning Development Commission for activity delivery for anticipated CDBG grant.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

OTHER:

Mayor:

- The towns gas pressure is up to 54 psi from 20; there were a few minor leaks but nothing major found.
- The Block Party is this weekend.
- Summer concerts at Lynn Park have finished.
- The concrete at the Splash Pad has to sit for 4 weeks before it can be painted. The lights just need to be adjusted and sun canopies have been added. Pushing to have it opened early for at least Labor Day weekend.
- The Pickleball Court will be repaired, it was stained by concrete during the Splash Pad work, paint came off and will be fixed. The fence around the court will be added in the next two weeks. It is ready to till and seed to beautify it. They are ready to dig for the Sand Volleyball Court next.
- The Soap Box race will be on October 10th; there will be a ramp built to allow 2 cars at a time going.
- Roofing is completed at Changing Hands and the building next to it.
- Martinsville Ag Fair wants a new Arts Hall that could be used by the City and other organizations, something like an "events center." Hopes that it would be big enough for two pickleball courts and a second story walking path. This would be a 3–4-year plan.
- There are 3 properties in town coming up for tax sales. The one on the hill of Union is one of them, should it be purchased and given to CLB to choose through special criteria who is able to get it and utilize it next?

Davidson:

- Should the City use a water meter that can be rented for filling pools, watering large spaces, companies, etc.?

Perry:

- Did the ground around the water meter on Washington Street get fixed? -Yes.

Craig:

- Lift station: a new one is \$500k, rebuilding is a good option instead. This is something that needs to be fixed on our own time when the City has the funds allocated rather than waiting for it to go out and be in a bind.

Isbell:

- Community garden: overall would do it again, it was a ½ and ½ outcome, 3/4 of it is done and ready to be tilled

Hill:

- Was a check received for the sidewalk repair on Mill Street? -Yes.

- Is there an update on that trailer on Bond? -They have been fined twice; the yard has been mowed.

Wilhoit:

- Will the entry way to City Hall be repaired? -Yes, it is in the works to be tiled within the next week or two.
- Is there hours of operation for the Splash Pad? -Yes, it will match the hours of the Park.

--Motion by C Davidson, 2nd 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 7:43 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk