

City of Martinsville

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 09th, 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 Dan Kibler.

Meeting called to order at 7 PM.

Prayer: Mayor Lovell

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Public Comments:

--Motion by H Craig, 2nd by C Perry, to approve the Regular meeting minutes for 07/22/26 and 08/26/26.

Record Vote:

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

Mayor

Motion carried.

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

Record Vote:

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

Mayor

Motion carried.

--Motion by T Hill, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to rebuild Lift station located on North York St at a cost of \$105,704.27 to Vandevanter Engineering.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Consideration and Action on choosing a date for the Elected officials training with Arndt Municipal Support Services, approximately 3 hours training.

--No Action Taken

--Motion by T Hill, 2nd by C Davidson, on approving carpet installation in City Hall for \$3495.25.

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

OTHER:

Mayor:

- Trailer on Mill St is currently being worked on to abide by ordinances. The trailer on Bond Street finally got it's skirting and the property has been mowed.
- The Governor's office will be here the 15th; there will be a meeting with the City and ID Castings to explain the need for State's funds and property.
- Splash Pad's first night open used ~25,000 gallons of water, approximately \$100 worth. It would be about \$10,000 of water to run for a season. The fences will be going up any day, the 21st they will acid wash, and the 25th they will paint and touch up courts.
- Land Bank services include a Code Inspector, hired at \$75/hour, who is shared currently with Casey and Marshall. We could use as well and receive reports, look at condemnable locations, and get entry warrants on buildings that are deteriorating on the outside to check safety on the inside.
- Do we have an idea of what the Enterprise Zone fee should be for residents to spend to be able to apply to be in the zone. There is a lot of time and paperwork that goes into the application process, something as low as \$1500 means most people could do it, all of Martinsville (residential and commercial) are in the zone. \$10,000 will be the minimum for the abatement.
- Is the council interested in a tire recycling day? The business Marshall uses are out of Indy; their containers store 10,000 tires and costs \$3150 for one trip. Residents could be charged per tire; it may not have a turnout enough to be worth it.
- Thoughts of making Cumberland Street no Semi traffic, except for the local businesses.

Davidson:

- Some sidewalks are getting overgrown, maybe we need an attachment to help clear them.
- The entrance to Equity on Cumberland Street is washing out at the ditch, maybe concrete could replace the rocked area to prevent the rock from wearing away.

Perry:

- He was told by a resident the playground behind the Post Office is missing hardware.
- Another resident said parts of the Splash Pad seemed dark, asked if the lights could be adjusted. -An electrician can move them if needing adjustment. It was suggested cameras may need to be added.

Craig:

- The City will need to be thinking of a date for Fall tree planting.

Isbell:

- Utility marking flags have been removed from the park where the sidewalk was to be put in. -The sidewalk job has been delayed due to a few higher prioritized jobs.
- York Street culvert by Johnsons steps is washing out.
- The alley between Deahl's and Wilhoit's properties has a man hole sticking up that will need filling around it.
- The Community Garden is ready to be mowed or bush hogged.
- Is there anything that can be done to reduce people throwing grass debris into the roads as they mow? -There is a State Law and City Ordinance but people aren't abiding by them. If caught in action they could be handed warnings. The City will make a social media post to remind people of this.

Hill:

- Hoping next year after the Block Party the road can be opened up sooner than Sunday evening.
- Asked an update if Toledo St will be repaired? - Millings from Main St could be used.

--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 8:04 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk