City of Martinsville

Minutes – **Regular Meeting**
Wednesday, October 14th, 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, Corey Cook, and Dan Kibler.

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 from 09/23/26 and Special meeting minutes for the Parks Committee on 9/23/2026.
Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Motion by W Isbell, 2nd by A Wilhoit, to pay Bills presented.
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 approve the Treasurer's Report.
Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

--Consideration and action to replace fire hydrant or hydrants in partnership with the Fire Protection District.

--Corey Cook explained the breakdown in cost between B & T Drainage providing full service of replacing 2-4 hydrants versus buying the product needed, getting special machinery, and the City doing the labor. B &T's proposal was over $19,000 for one hydrant, whereas buying a hydrant on its own from Utility Pipe Sales is less than $3000. If the City replaced them the water would need to be shut off for a day; if that were the case valves would need to be put in first to isolate sections, therefore only certain areas would be without water instead of the entire town at one time. If the City were to do more than 3-4 hydrants there would need to be many more workers available to assist. Hypothetically, if $35,000 was spent now to replace these hydrants, what would happen if in 10+ years the infrastructure was replaced? The hydrants could be reused but the remaining $20,000 spent would be void. There was further discussion on the City buying the linestop machinery needed to do this type of work. It would be an investment, questions arose if Marshall and Casey could use it too, could all three towns go in on one machine together, or if the City bought one if it could be sold after use. Corey will be compiling prices for the Council for the machinery (new and used), a special trailer to haul it, and he will be making a more detailed list of items needed for this project. He will also be looking at the map of hydrants to plan valve replacements to prevent shutting off water to the entire town for this work.

--No action taken.

--Discussion of full-time Park employee and how this position could be funded.

--Martinsville on the Move would pay a salary of $20,000 (10 from Changing Hand and 10 from Lynn Park) a year for this position. There needs to be a way for this employee to pay for itself, working tournaments, concessions, hopefully grants one day. This person could assist with the Block Party, Splash Pad organizer, snow removal, hanging of Christmas wreaths, etc. The Mayor will talk to Robinson and Charleston about their employee program for this position. The hours per week and money spent would need to be weighed. There is currently someone working limited hours, Martinsville on the Move is paying up to 100 hours worked. The Community Block Grant is something to look into that could fund this position.

--No action taken

OTHER:

Mayor:

- No properties were obtained after being bid on.
- The Gas Emergency Responder meeting held at Richard's Farm Restaurant will be November 5th.
- The derby was a success, many people expressed interest in building one and doing it next year.

Davidson:

- There will be a power broom machine coming up for auction through his work if the City wants to bid on it.

Craig:

- He received a compliment about the town's appearance from a Marshall citizen, also adding they notice and see changes being made.
- Trees that need looked at to remove: one at Crutchfield's is half dead and one on Washington Street across from the funeral home is pushing up the sidewalk. One tree on Ohio Street is so large that removing it will take up half the allotted removal budget.

Isbell:

- She has heard a big thank you for the roadwork done on Poppy Lane.
- The NE storm water drain at Vine and Mill is a mess of broken up concrete.
- The sun shade over the Woodlands slide is very low and full of leaves.

Hill:

- His mother appreciates the roadwork done to patch Toledo Street.

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

Record Vote:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.

Caitlin Dill, City Clerk