

Minutes of April 15, 2015 Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday April 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Donald Myers Memorial Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Kristine Davis with the Pledge of Allegiance and was followed by a prayer by the Clerk.

Answering roll call were Robert Krajnyak, First Ward, Bruce Shrodes, Second Ward, Russell Armstrong, Third Ward, Rick Rodgers, Fourth Ward, Jack Regis Sr., Chris Cleary, and Rob Duncan, Council at Large.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as received.

Mayor:

Mayor Riethmiller updated Council on upcoming Lion's Club Projects, which include clean up of the welcome wall, flower planting, and Yard sale in the Park. Mayor Riethmiller said that National Lime and Stone was currently working on the noise issue and would be building a 75 ft wall as well as a train tunnel. A ground breaking will be held in early May for a new business. Mr. Cleary asked for a timeline for the projects planned by National Lime and Stone. Mayor Riethmiller said contracts are being signed now and construction should begin in late May or early June.

Service Director:

Mr. Bennett said pothole patching continues. Paving bids should go out in May. City workers handled three cemetery plots, a water break, and street repairs. Mr. Bennett thanked the City workers for their work on the recent water break. The street sweeper is running. Citizens will be given warnings the first two weeks, then parking tickets will be issued for not moving cars. Spring Clean Up day is Saturday April 18 from 8-noon. JB Green clean up is from 9-1 in Bridgeport. Mr. Bennett asked to be excused for another meeting.

Auditor:

Current cash flow reports were distributed. The State OPERS Audit was completed successfully. Ms. Randall was thanked for getting the reports to the department heads.

Law Director: No report.

Development Director: A copy of the Development Director's report was distributed which will be made a part of the minutes. Mayor Riethmiller added that the picnic tables for the grant would be the same material as the park benches.

Code Administrator: No report

Water Superintendent:

A copy of the Water Superintendent's report was distributed which will be made a part of the minutes.

Mr. Suto added that the curtailment program is the same as one used by United Dairy. The first frack tank was delivered. It can be used to fill four trucks at once. Filling takes 8 minutes. National Lime and Stone will help with the stone for the project.

Fire Department: The turn out gear has arrived. Portable radios were ordered yesterday. The Steak Fry in Feb. was canceled.

Dept. services will be held on Sunday May 3. Details are included in the invitation which will be made a part of these minutes.

Park District: Employees and life guards have been hired. Training will begin in May. The pumps will be started and gutters cleared before the pool is drained. A water break occurred a few weeks ago. It was fixed, but grass seed will need to be planted.

The roofers union from Wheeling re-seamed the roof.

Hillendale Ballfield has low water pressure. The new line will be tapped into when completed. The Civics have been notified.

Ms. Gagin asked if the Park District was non-tax. Mr. Deaton said no.

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: A Finance Meeting was scheduled for April 28 at 3:30. A Dept. Head mtg. was held on Monday April 13.

Street: No report.

Ordinance: No report

Sewer/Sidewalk: No report

Code: A mtg. will be scheduled in May.

Safety: No report.

Service Committee: A meeting was held at the water plant. Council took a tour of the plant. Employees have done an outstanding job. Dog kennels were improved with roofs added.

Cemetery/PR: Mr. Krajnyak said a mtg. will be held after the Finance Mtg.

Citizens to be Heard:

Denny Lucas of 306 N. 7th Street asked if PERS was paid to life guards in the 70's. He was told to meet with Betty Kinnan in the Auditor's Office.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street thanked Mayor Riethmiller and Council for assistance with the Hall of Honor Induction.

Mr. Hord asked about Dairy Queen being for sale. Mr. Krajnyak said that the corporate office wanted the current location to expand to include seating.

Mr. Hord asked about a Commissioners Town Hall. Mayor Riethmiller suggested Mr. Hord set up the mtg. Mr. Hord said they would like to talk to someone from the City.

Mr. Hord asked about the Mayors Plaque. Mayor Riethmiller explained it was updated and moved downstairs so more people would see it.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

There was no legislation.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Cleary moved to allow participation in the ECS program pending approval from the Law Director. Mr. Krajnyak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Rodgers, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Regis made a motion to accept the reports of Supervisors and Management. The motion was seconded by Mr. Krajnyak and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shrodes and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the meeting was adjourned with a salute to the flag.

Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Council President, Kristine Davis