

## **Minutes of April 30, 2015 Special Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in special session on Thursday April 30, 2015 at 4:30 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.

Mr. Bennett explained that the only packer rear loader to fit our truck is available. This is the only one that will be available this year. Mr. Bennett asked that \$49,950 be appropriated from Permanent Improvement to purchase the rear loader. An adjustment will be added to the sanitation bill to pay back permanent improvement and to pay the loan. The grant will not release funds until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May. Mr. Regis asked about the charge on the bill. Mr. Regis also asked if the amount covered only the box. Mr. Bennett said he was not sure when the charge would be added. He also said that yes, the \$49,950 covers only the box. Mr. Cleary asked what will happen if the City does not get the grant. Ms. Gagin said this is a loan, not a grant. Mr. Shrodes asked about run-off from the box. Mr. Bennett said the problem was solved by welding the drain closed. He felt the issue was corrected on the new boxes, but if not the drain would be welded.

Ms. Gagin said the packer is a part of the USDA grant that includes the EMS vehicle, the back hoe and excavator.

Mr. Regis moved to appropriate up to \$49,950 from Permanent Improvement for a packer rear loader to be repaid with an assessment fee on the sanitation bill. The assessment fee will also pay for the loan and will be removed after repayment. 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. Krajnyak asked when the assessment fee will be added and suggested it be as soon as possible.

Mr. Bennett said Rt. 7 is going to be paved starting May 11-June 30.

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.

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Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Council President, Kristine Davis