

Minutes of July 1, 2015 Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday July 1, 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: A copy of the Mayor's report was distributed which will be made a part of the minutes.

Service Director:

Mr. Bennett thanked the workers for getting the catch basins done and for their work on the sink hole on Delaware. After the paving is complete, work will resume on rebuilding the tops of the catch basins.

Pothole repair will resume after the paving project is complete.

Flags will be placed at the cemetery Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Safety Director:

A Safety Mtg. needs to be scheduled to discuss issues at the fire stations.

Body cameras for the Police Dept. have arrived. These were paid for through a grant as well as donations from the American Legion and the Lion's Club. Upgrades to the computer system were discussed. Mayor Riethmiller asked for \$1,000 from Permanent Improvement for computer upgrades. Mr. Cleary asked if cloud storage could be an option. Mr. Cleary will meet with Chief McFarland to discuss.

Auditor: No report

Law Director: No report

Development Director: Two loans with the USDA and EPA were finalized. Closing meetings will be scheduled.

Community Clean Up will be held Saturday July 11 at 9 am in the City Park.

The loan for the County Rd 4 project has closed. They will contact Rita about a check. Mr. Shrodes asked about the clean up. Ms. Gagin said groups will meet at the Park to pick up litter. Tire recycling can also be done at the City Garage.

Police Dept. No report

Fire Dept.:

The ladder truck is out of service due to a hydraulic problem. It should be back in service next week. In the mean time Cumberland Trail and Wheeling will help if needed.

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: A Finance Meeting will be scheduled at the July 15 Council Meeting.

Street: No report

Mr. Regis asked about the grindings from the paving project. Mr. Rodgers suggested the packer driver make a list of alleys that need attention.

Ordinance: No report

Sewer/Sidewalk: No report

Code: No report

Safety: a Safety Committee Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday July 14 at 5:00 pm.

Service: No report

Cemetery/PR:

The Elks donated 3 gross of flags. Flags will be placed Thursday at 6:00 pm. Mr. Shrodes and Mr. Krajnyak will schedule a landscape/tree committee meeting before the end of July.

Citizens to be Heard:

Ben Neiman of 405 Center Street brought up a complaint by a neighbor concerning washout by the curb.

Robert Scarfpin of 507 N. 7th Street said that he does not approve of the levies being put on the ballot. He said the citizens already pay too much.

Cindy Sikora owner of the Pit Stop thanked the City for their help this week with the paving.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street said the Town Hall Meeting with State Rep. Jack Cera will be held on Monday September 21 at 5:30 at the Library. Plans are incomplete for the Town Hall with State Senator Lou Gentile.

Mr. Hord said the work on Zane Hwy is praise worthy.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESSS OF THE 10 MILL LIMITATION AND AND TO RENEW A 1.0 MILL FIRE TRUCK LEVY FOR FIVE YEARS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a third reading. Mr. Shrodes moved to pass the resolution as read. 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.

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE 10 MILL LIMITATION AND TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF 5.0 MILL FOR POLICE SERVICES FOR A CONTINUING PERIOD OF TIME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a third reading. Mr. Krajnyak moved to pass the resolution as read. Mr. Armstrong 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.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARTIN FERRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a first reading. Mr. Krajnyak moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Cleary 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. Cleary moved to pass the resolution as read. Mr. Armstrong 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.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Duncan said that he had received several calls concerning Hanover Street and Rt. 7 and Center Street to First Street. Ms. Gagin said she was looking into grants to cover paving. Mayor Riethmiller explained that the next large grant project would be to pave the mentioned areas is concrete. After completion, RUMA agreements would be sought for maintenance.

Mr. Shrodes said he was working with the Code Administrator and the Police Dept. about the junk cars in town. Mr. Shrodes said there re many with expired plates and weeds growing in them. He added that cars not in working order need to be off the roads or they will be towed.

Mr. Duncan asked for an update on Land Banking. Mayor Riethmiller said the structure on Crawford Street was down. Five more have clear title, but are currently being abated for asbestos.

Mr. Regis asked that Fodor Field be locked from the time the crews get them ready until game time during the upcoming tournaments. Mayor Riethmiller said he would ask the chief about extra patrols. Mr. Duncan asked about the cameras. Mayor Riethmiller said the cameras don't cover the field. Mr. Duncan suggested adding additional cameras for the field. Mayor Riethmiller discussed the new picnic tables that are being added to the park. Mr. Krajnyak said it may be a public field, but that he would support the Mayor's

decision to lock it before games when the field has been prepared. Mr. Shrodes said cameras could be discussed at the safety committee meeting. Mr. Cleary said this was really an issue to be dealt with by the Park District.

Mr. Regis moved to allow the Civics to lock the gates to Fodor Field when they are prepared for a tournament. Mr. Cleary 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. Cleary moved to designate Joanne Regis as the Council Designee for Public Records and to attend Public Record training. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote, the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Regis moved to accept the reports of supervisors and management. Mr. Krajnyak seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote, the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Regis moved to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 G3 for litigation. Mr. Shrodes 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 moved to go out of Executive Session. Mr. Cleary 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. Cleary moved to appropriate up to \$55,000 from Permanent Improvement for the acquisition of property. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Rodgers, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea Mr. Armstrong abstained and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Shrodes moved to appropriate up to \$1,000 from Permanent Improvement for IT improvements in the Police Dept. if deemed necessary. Mr. Regis 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. Armstrong made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rodgers and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the meeting was adjourned with a salute to the flag.