

Minutes of June 15, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday June 15, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Donald Myers 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 Hunker, First Ward, John Davies, Third Ward Rick Rodgers, Fourth Ward, Ben Neiman, Jim Schramm, and Jack Regis, Council at Large.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as received.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak announced that a candlelight vigil would be held on Saturday at 9 p.m. at the City Park for the Orlando Shooting victims.

Friday May 24 is Make a Difference Friday. Those who would like to participate can drop off non-perishable items to be donated to the Daily Bread Center.

Mr. Callarik estimates the cost to tear down the house on Broadway Street will be \$13,800. Mayor Krajnyak asked that the money be taken from the General Fund. The cost is higher than usual because much of the work will need to be done by hand. \$1,100 in upgrades are needed for the camera system and server. The new cameras will not fit on the server.

An upgrade is needed to the K9 unit. Mayor Krajnyak has been looking at several options.

Mayor Krajnyak asked that \$25,000 be transferred into the Street Dept.

Mr. Cleary and Mayor Krajnyak are looking into a monthly educational seminar for citizens. The seminars would be held at the Recreation Center and would deal with issues such as preventing sewer backup.

Service Director:

Tonight's meeting was being tested for live streaming.

Mr. Cleary said the legislation for the Cemetery Rd. Culvert Project would get a third reading. Belomar has approved the resurfacing of all of Cemetery Rd. A representative from Jaycee Manor was in attendance. He asked for approval of the project and said everyone is concerned for the children as well as the potential liability.

Richard Waugh of ADR was in attendance. He said that they are ready to advertise starting July 1. He reminded Council that the project is a 26% local match, 20% loan and 54% grant. Mr. Waugh asked Mr. Cleary and Mr. Matz to do a site visit with him next week. Mr. Waugh said OPWC grants are due the first week in Sept. and he offered his services if needed. Mr. Davies suggested looking at the Hillendale N. Ridge/South Ridge road issue.

Auditor:

Reports were already distributed. Copies of the Fire Levies were distributed.

Police Dept.

Chief McFarland said the K9 unit is 8 years old and has over 200,000 miles on it. It was purchased off the showroom floor and was not a police vehicle.

Chief McFarland said new cameras were installed in the park last year. The server is older and adding the cameras caused issues. Now the cameras are not working at all. It would cost \$1,100 for a new server and to get everything up and running.

Code Administrator: No report

Water Superintendent:

The County Rd 4 Project is in its final phase. There have been several water breaks in the last few weeks.

The filter bed project is complete. Testing is being done. It is not yet back in service.

Two wells have been rehabilitated this year. Three were done last year. Now one will be done each year.

Park District: No report

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: A Finance Meeting will be held on June 21st at 5:30. Mr. Regis suggested the next meeting be held in the Council Chambers instead of the Ladder Co. because of the budget hearing.

Street: Mr. Rodgers said a meeting will be scheduled. He will get with Mr. Davies and Mr. Waugh to set a date.

Ordinance: no report

Sewer/Sidewalk: no report

Code: no report

Safety: A meeting will be held after the Finance Meeting on the 21st.

Service: no report

Cemetery/PR: Mr. Neiman said the CAC workers have started. He hopes they will be caught up with the mowing by next week.

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street requested a Land Banking update. Mayor Krajnyak said no money has been awarded yet. Information is being accepted. The committee is designating impact areas.

Mr. Hord asked about the Town Hall Mtg. with the Commissioners. Mayor Krajnyak will contact them. Mr. Hord also asked about the Meet the Candidates. The Mayor will meet with Mr. Hord next week.

Mr. Hord asked about a proclamation for the Times Leader on their 125th Anniversary. Mr. Hord asked about the Virginia Street gas line project. He wondered who would be responsible for paving after the project is completed. Mr. Cleary said the project is not done and that the company is required to replace the road to the condition it was in before or better. That includes sidewalks. Mayor Krajnyak said they will be doing Pearl Street as well.

Alan Marangoni of 31 South Ridge said the weed issue on the bend by Yoders is dangerous. Mayor Krajnyak said the City brush hog is in need of repair.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a third reading. Mr. Regis moved to pass the resolution as read. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INTENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH OME-RESA ITC FOR COOPERATIVE SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 (JULY 1, 2016-JUNE 30, 2017) was given a third reading. Mr. Rodgers moved to pass the resolution as read. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A FIVE (5.0) MILL LEVY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a third reading. Mr. Rodgers moved to pass the resolution as read. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

A CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION FOR CITY OF MARTINS FERRY SECTION 125 PREMIUM ONLY PLAN PLAN YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 was given a third reading. Mr. Regis moved to pass the resolution as read. Mr. Schramm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO AN UPGRADE TO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM OF THE CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE was given a first reading. No action was taken and the ordinance will go on to a second reading.

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR CARL STABILE was given a first reading. Mr. Regis moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Hunker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Hunker moved to pass the resolution as read. Mr. Schramm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Miscellaneous Business:

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

Mr. Regis moved to excuse Mr. Wallace. Mr. Hunker seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Rodgers moved to appropriate up to \$13,800 from the General Fund to the Safety Fund for the demolition of the house of Broadway Street. Mr. Regis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Regis moved to move the July 6 mtg. to the Council Chambers. Mr. Hunker seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote, the motion was declared passed. Mr. Rodgers will contact the Ladder Co. to cancel and try to reschedule.

Mr. Regis asked to be excused from the next meeting. Mr. Rodgers also asked to be excused from the next meeting. The meeting was rescheduled to July 13 at 6:00. Budget Hearing will still be held on July 6 at 5:30.

Mr. Regis motioned that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hunker and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the meeting was adjourned with a salute to the flag.

Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Kristine Davis, Council President