

## **Minutes of November 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday November 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Martins Ferry Recreation Center. 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, Bruce Shrodes, Second 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 gave an update regarding the Fourth Street fire. He said that samples had been sent to the state to test for asbestos. Chief Reese sent a letter to expedite the process. Results of the test are expected next week. Demolition could be completed by Thanksgiving.

Election Day is Nov. 8. Mayor Krajnyak hopes that citizens will support the Police Levy. Saturday Nov. 5 from 1-4 the Police Dept. will sponsor "Bowling with the Police". Flags will be placed at the cemeteries on Saturday Nov. 5 starting at Riverview Cemetery at 9 a.m.

A Veteran's Day Parade and Program will be held on Sunday Nov. 13 at 2 pm. The parade will start at the Liberty Fire Station. The program will be held in the City Park. Mayor Krajnyak thanked everyone for their help with "Trick or Treat in the Park". Approximately 175-200 children participated in the event.

Mr. Regis asked if traffic on Fourth St. would be one way until the buildings are torn down. Mayor Krajnyak said yes.

#### **Service Director:**

Mr. Cleary said the First Street Project is going well. Center Street should be poured and ready for Monday. Milling will begin next. The project is still ahead of schedule.

The materials are in for the Cemetery Rd. Project. Work should begin next week.

The drilling on N. Eighth Street is finished. There will be no increase in the cost of the project due to the results of the core drilling. Misty from OMEGA is submitting paperwork for CBDG Funding. If Council would like, she is willing to attend the next meeting. Mr. Cleary said funding won't be easy, but the City appreciates OMEGA's help with finding funding solutions.

The County Rd. 4 Water Project is complete. There will be a meeting with Mr. Vaughn and the contractor for the final drive through. That should take place in the next ten days. Mr. Cleary said the company did an outstanding job with minimal complaints from those affected.

Mr. Shrodes asked for an update on the Rt. 7/ Hanover Street traffic lights. Mr. Cleary deferred to Mrs. Armstrong and thanked her for her diligence. Mr. Cleary said ODOT reported that the control boxes installed by the contractor do not communicate with the railroad. ODOT will take care of the problem, but there was no timeframe given. Mr. Regis asked for an update on Mr. Burch. Mayor Krajnyak said he is in the process of moving out. Mr. Battistelli contacted veterans organizations from Cleveland to Marietta. Mr. Cleary said Mr. Burch has not been at the house when he has been there recently. Mr. Schramm asked about the water break on Woods Lane. Mr. Neiman asked about the leak on Cemetery Rd. Mr. Cleary said he just got the purchase order. He said the camera was run through the line. The line has disintegrated. 189 ft will need to be replaced. Mr. Neiman asked about the estimate on the N. Ridge slip. Mr. Cleary said the estimate from Mr. Callarick was for \$12,500. Mr. Neiman asked if Mr. Cleary thought that was a reasonable price. Mr. Cleary said yes.

**Auditor:**

End of the month financials were distributed.

**Safety:**

Mayor Krajnyak thanked the Fire Dept, EMS, and Police for their presence during Trick or Treat.

**Law Director:** no report

**Police Dept.:**

The new K-9 patrol unit is in. Graphics will be applied and it will be in service soon. Chief McFarland asked for everyone's support of the Police Levy.

**Park District:**

Mr. Deaton thanked Council and Administration for holding the meeting at the Recreation Center.  
The pool ended the season \$800 in the black.

**Committees of Council**

**Finance/Audit:**

Mr. Regis said the City finances have slipped further in the hole. Mr. Hunker commented that the EMS is doing a good job at getting their numbers down. Mr. Cleary said that Sanitation is coming down since they are not pulling boxes. He said October was the first month that came in almost even with collections. Also, the City is no longer fronting the cost of dumpsters. Mr. Cleary said the extra packer could be sold. He added that he may have an offer or it could be put out for bid. Mr. Hunker said it would need to be put out for bid. Ms. Randall added it doesn't need to be bid if its for scrap. Mr. Davies asked about the tipping fees. Mr. Cleary said there is also a fueling fee. The City is under contract until November 2017. Mr. Davies said he couldn't believe it is cheaper to go to the dump. Mr. Cleary said the rates will go up more next year. He said

the transfer station was supposed to save money. Mr. Davies said there wasn't a pull fee before. Mr. Davies will meet with Mr. Cleary to discuss.

**Public Relations:**

Halloween in the Park was a great success. Thanks to Officer Scales for all her hard work. Thanks also went out to the Administration and Council for their help. Thanks were also given to the Fire Dept. for the Veterans Day Parade and for opening the station for the parade.

**Ordinance:**

The golf cart ordinance was discussed at the Safety/Ordinance Committee mtg. The state of Ohio will allow golf carts starting in January.

**Street:**

No report.

Principal Nicholson from St. Mary's Elementary wanted to thank the fire department for their fire safety presentation for fire safety month.

**Sewer:**

No report.

**Safety:**

The Safety Committee had a meeting with the Ordinance Committee. The committee looked at the area in Hillendale that had requested a stop sign. The committee felt that a stop sign in that location would cause more problems, especially in the winter.

**Service:**

No report.

**Cemetery:**

No report.

**Public Relations:**

Mr. Regis announced the Flag Football Championships that will be held Friday starting at 6 p.m. at the high school football stadium. Mr. Regis also praised the Badges and Books program.

**Citizens to be Heard:**

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street thanked Mayor Krajnyak for the update on the fire. He asked if the jewelry store would re-open. Mayor Krajnyak said yes, they are cleaning up and will open soon. Subway is also remodeling and will re-open. Mr. Hord asked about the striping on Broadway and Aetna. Mr. Cleary said that probably won't happen this year. Mr. Hord asked if the property on the 700 block of Virginia that was torn down was part of the landbanking program. Mr. Cleary said no. The landbanking committee will

advertise for bids in the next few weeks. The reimbursement phase is not yet complete. When it is complete, more funds will be released.  
Mr. Hord said Trick or Treat went very well.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Miscellaneous Business:**

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

Mr. Schramm moved to allow the Service Director to advertise to bids for the unused packer. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. Mr. Neiman asked which packer. Mr. Cleary said the Renault. The mechanics can no longer get parts for it. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Council discussed other City owned vehicles or equipment that could be put out for bid.

Mr. Hunker motioned that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neiman 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

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Kristine Davis, Council President