

## **Minutes of September 21, 2016 Regular Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday September 21, 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, 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 announced that Trick or Treat night would be Monday October 31 from 6-7 p.m.

Mayor Krajnyak spoke with Congressman Johnson's Office regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Information and reports were forwarded. The Army Corps of Engineers will be contacted. The core drilling should be done in the next two weeks.

A letter was sent to John Burch to let him know that his house is no longer deemed safe. Mr. Burch has contacted the Veteran's Association in Marietta. Mayor Krajnyak will contact the Veteran's Office in Bellaire.

East Ohio Regional Hospital will be auctioning off properties on North Third Street. St. Rt. 647 core drilling will begin in October.

Mayor Krajnyak asked to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 for contract discussion under Miscellaneous Business.

#### **Service Director:**

Mr. Cleary said that the materials for the Cemetery Rd. Project have been ordered and the City is waiting for delivery. The project should begin in the next few weeks. Odyssey Environmental will be subcontracted for this project. Citizens in the area have been notified that paving most likely won't be done until 2017.

The First St. Project should start soon. There are questions concerning the railroad and right of ways that need to be answered. Mr. Cleary will speak with Mr. Stecker. A change order has been issued for the base of the road. It will now consist of 301 instead of a non-compactable base. This will cost an additional \$17,000 but should still be under the engineer estimate.

Mr. Cleary and Mr. Suto attended an OMEGA meeting in Mt. Hope. There is a possibility that the N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street project could qualify for a CDGB Target Opportunity Grant.

The packer will be going in for repairs tomorrow. The transfer station will be cleaned out starting tomorrow so repair work can start next week. This project could take 4 weeks. Mr. Schramm asked Mr. Cleary if he could contact Mr. Schaffer because the asphalt on St. Rt. 7 has already started to ripple. There are also numerous complaints about the traffic lights and high weeds along the highway. Mr. Cleary said he would call on Thursday.

**Auditor:** no report

**Police Dept:**

Sample flyers for the Police Levy were distributed. Mayor Krajnyak reminded everyone that the Police Dept. and FOP would be sponsoring Trick or Treat in the Park on October 29 from noon-2 p.m. and Bowling with the Police on Nov. 5 from 1-4. Also, the FOP steak fry is October 8 to raise money for the scholarship fund.

**Committees of Council:**

**Finance/Audit:** no report

**Street:** no report.

**Ordinance:** no report

**Sewer/Sidewalk:** no report

**Code:** no report

**Safety:** no report

**Service:** no report

**Cemetery/PR:** Mr. Neiman asked that the one worker be checked on throughout the day. Mr. Cleary said there had been two workers until yesterday. The City is providing on the job training through CAC for one employee. Mr. Davies suggested hiring someone to help.

**Real Estate:** no report. Mr. Davies told Mr. Cleary they needed to meet. A small piece of property near the old high school property was discussed. Mr. Cleary asked if he needed to contact the person who inquired about the railroad property to tell them their offer was too low. Mr. Davies suggested advertising it in the paper.

**Citizens to be Heard:**

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia St. thanked everyone for their help and attendance of the Town Hall Mtg. with the County Commissioners. Mr. Hord said Matt Coffland and Larry Merry from the Port Authority attended.

Meet the Candidates will be held on Monday October 3 at 6 p.m. in the Martins Ferry High School Cafetorium. This event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hord said he had not seen the street sweeper in awhile. Mr. Cleary explained that both sweepers are in need of repairs.

Mr. Hord said he thinks the Council Meetings at the fire stations are a good idea. He added they are good outreach. Mayor Krajnyak told Mr. Hord to let him know if anything is needed to be set up for the Meet the Candidates. Mr. Rodgers told Mr. Hord that the Nov. 2 Council Meeting will be held at the Recreation Center.

Adam Hill of 1210 Hughes Ave. said his alley is nearly impassable. There are two large holes 10-12 inches deep. Mr. Cleary will go up on Thursday to see the issue.

### **Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Davies moved to allow the Administration to proceed with the sale of the piece of property on Carlisle Street. Mr. Regis seconded the motion. 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.

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

Mr. Rodgers said that there was discussion at the Commissioner's Meeting about ending the Tourism Grant. This would cause the Chamber of Commerce to lose money for the fireworks display. Mr. Rodgers is going to ask about this at the Meet the Candidates night.

Mr. Hunker moved to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 for contract discussion. 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.

Mr. Davies moved to go out of Executive Session. Mr. Hunker seconded the motion. 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.

Mr. Davies moved to move the October 5 meeting to Tuesday October 4 at 6 p.m. Mr. Regis seconded the motion. 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.

Mr. Regis said that at the Commissioner's Meeting there was recognition of Leo Zambori for National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. He added that he would like to see Martins Ferry do something as well. Mr. Davies suggested he be in the Christmas Parade.

Mr. Regis said he would contact the Fire Dept. about making him the Grand Marshall.  
Mrs. Bernardo suggested a blood drive.

Mr. Hunker motioned that the meeting 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

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Kristine Davis, Council President