

Minutes of December 27, 2017 Martins Ferry City Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday December 27, 2017 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 a prayer by the Clerk.

Answering Roll Call were Bob 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.

President Davis welcomed the newly sworn in Council Members and wished everyone a Happy and safe New Year.

Minutes: Minutes from the December 6, 2017 Council Meeting were approved as received.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak said that core drilling was underway at the former Bauer Ford lot. Mayor Krajnyak wished everyone a Happy and safe New Year.

Service Director:

Mr. Cleary thanked Rev. Webster, Mr. Schramm, and Mr. Keller for cleaning up the litter on Rt. 7.

Mr. Cleary thanked Council for their support and said he looks forward to the new year.

Auditor:

Ms. Randall said legislation needs to be passed tonight.

Also, the Cemetery Capital Fund has been approved by the State.

Ms. Randall asked that the City go back to using the official Legislation books.

Mr. Neiman said that several Council members are missing the Codified Ordinance books. Ms. Randall will contact Walter Drane about replacement books.

Mr. Hunker asked about the post audit conference. Ms. Randall said she called but didn't get a response. She will call again but the meeting will not be held in 2017.

Committees of Council:

Street: Mr. Rodgers told Council and Administration about Wheeling's project of accepting canned goods as payment for parking tickets. He said donations could be given to the Daily Bread Center.

Ordinance: Mr. Shrodes said the Ordinance Committee met on Dec. 18 to interview for the position of Clerk of Council. The committee recommends hiring Laura Zupko. Mrs. Zupko will be officially hired at the January 3, 2018 Council Meeting.

Sewer/Sidewalk: Mr. Schramm said he contacted Dave Shafer about the dirt along Rt. 7. He said a crew would be out to clean it up.

Citizens to be Heard:

Mick Brown of Hughes Ave. said there are trees and shrubs on Brietenstein that are scratching passing cars. Mr. Brown also addressed the parking issues on his street. Mr. Brown asked about the no parking sign in front of the empty lot. Mayor Krajnyak said he would check, but that it may be because of the demolition of the house that was on that lot.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street thanked Council and Administration for allowing him to participate in Council meetings.

Mr. Hord thanked the clerk for supplying copies of the minutes and Mr. Davies and Mr. Neiman for their service on Council.

Mr. Hord asked for positive things or disappointments from 2017. Mayor Krajnyak said he was pleased with the way Council worked together. He said the N. and S. Ridge Projects, Cemetery Rd, and the soon to begin N. 8th St. slip repair are all positive things. He added the possibility of development in 2018. Mayor Krajnyak said the City needs to find a way to generate revenue to tear down houses.

Council member Shrodes said that Project Forward and the other organizations that participated in Winterfest were a highlight. He said the event brought people together. He added thanks for the holiday decorations.

Mr. Hord asked if the City is reimbursed for the time officers spend working for the Belmont Co. Drug Task Force. Mayor Krajnyak said yes.

Mr. Hord said that there is a recurring icy patch on S. 10th St possible due to an underground spring. Mayor Krajnyak will get someone to go down and look at the problem.

Mr. Hord asked about the recent removal of vehicles from the former Butch Miller property. Mayor Krajnyak said they were moved next door.

Mr. Hord wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a third reading. Mr. Hunker moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Schramm 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.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW SECTION 1163.02, MEDICAL MARIJUANA, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, OHIO was given a second reading. Mr. Shrodes moved to suspend the rules. 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 rules were suspended. Mr. Hunker moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Shrodes 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.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING REIMBURSEMENT BY THE SEWER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND TO THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VACALL AJV 610 SEWER TRUCK was given a second reading. Mr. Regis moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the rules were suspended. Mr. Hunker moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Rodgers 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.

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a second reading. Mr. Shrodes moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Neiman 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. Rodgers moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Schramm 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.

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a second reading. Mr. Regis moved to suspend the rules. 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. Schramm moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Neiman 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 moved to accept the following transfers:

From the General Fund

To the Sanitation Fund \$60,000

Recreation Fund \$5,000

Street Fund \$250,000

Cemetery Fund \$10,000

EMS Fund \$80,000

General Fund for truck usage \$40,000

To repay Permanent Improvement for items/service paid

From Water Fund \$9,945.60

From Sanitation \$3,471.96

From Sewer \$10,820.43

From General Fund \$98,077.00

Mr. Davies 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. Hunker moved to accept the cost allocation plan. 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.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Regis moved to accept the reports of Officers of the City and to make those reports a part of the minutes. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote, the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Schramm moved to purchase new codified ordinance books for City Council. Mr. Davies seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote, the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Regis moved to return to the use of the formal legislation books. 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. Shrodes asked if the updated codified ordinances were available online. Ms. Randall said yes.

Mr. Davies said it was an honor and a privilege to work with Council and Administration. He added that they are doing a great job and wished everyone luck.

President Davis thanked Mr. Davies and Mr. Neiman for their dedication. She thanked Mr. Neiman for his work with the cemetery and Mr. Davies for his knowledge.

Mr. Regis thanked Mr. Davies and Mr. Neiman as well as Mrs. Cleary for their service. He said it was a great Council to work with.

Mr. Shrodes 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.

Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Kristine Davis, Council President