

Minutes of April 1, 2015 Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday April 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. Mayor Riethmiller announced that ballots had been posted and absentee ballots were available.

Service Director:

Mr. Bennett said the City Employees were busy patching potholes and working on catch basins. The City Offices will be closed Friday, so Friday trash pick-up will be moved to Thursday.

Mr. Bennett said that the Soap Box Derby Committee had asked that certain City streets be closed on June 7 and June 14.

Spring Clean-up will be Saturday April 18 from 8-12. JB Green will have a clean up the same day from 9-1. No hazardous items will be taken. Citizens call call (740)296-5376 for JB Green Clean up details.

Mr. Bennett thanked everyone for their help with the Easter Egg Hunt. Special thanks were given to thee First Baptist Church for their help.

Mr. Shrodes asked if paving would impact the Soap Box Derby. Mr. Armstrong said that the City is trying to work around those dates.

Auditor: End of the month financials were distributed.

Law Director: No report.

Code Administrator: No report

Water Superintendent:

A copy of the Water Superintendent's report was distributed which will be made a part of the minutes.

Flushing of hydrants will begin the week of April 12 on the midnight shift. Seven meters have been installed.

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: A Finance Meeting was held regarding appropriations. A Special Council Meeting was held to pass the appropriations ordinance. A Finance Meeting will be held on Tuesday April 7 at 3:30 to go over expenses and revenue with some department heads.

Street: No report.

Ordinance: No report

Sewer/Sidewalk: No report

Code: No report

Safety: A Safety Committee Meeting was held following the Finance Meeting on March 24. The EMS ordinance was discussed

Service Committee: A meeting will be held on April 9 at 5:30 at the Water Plant. Mr. Shrodes reminded citizens of the 3 can limit for trash. All trash must be in a garbage can with a lid. Mr. Shrodes said 18 people were cited for trash violations. Mr. Shrodes said clean-up day is coming up and citizens can call Mrs. Suto for details. Mayor Riethmiller said dumpsters are available to rent through the Utility Office.

Cemetery/PR: Mr. Krajnyak said the Easter Egg Hunt went well. More flags have been ordered and will arrive before they are needed for Memorial Day.

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street asked about a new business going into the previous Husek Floor location. Mayor Riethmiller said an announcement would be made soon. Mr. Hord asked about the status of Dairy Queen and whether it would be opening soon. The open house for the new Belmont County Sheriff's Museum will be held on the 2nd from 5:30-7:30.

The Martins Ferry Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony will be held on Sunday April 12 at 2 pm.

Mr. Hord commended the hard work of the Belmont County Drug Task Force and the positive impact that Martins Ferry has had on that force.

Mr. Hord wished everyone a happy Easter.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

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. Shrodes moved to pass the ordinance 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 resolution was passed as read.

Mr. Regis moved to suspend the 72 hour rule so legislation could be read. 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 passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION PAID TO THE EMS CAPTAIN WHILE PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF EMS SUPERVISOR was given a first reading. Mr. Cleary moved to suspend the rules. 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 resolution was passed as read. Mr. Regis moved to pass the ordinance as read. 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 ordinance was passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A POLICY OF PAYING BILLS ONLY WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THEIR DUE DATE TO HELP MANAGE THE CITY'S CURRENT CASH FLOW was given a first reading. Mr. Cleary moved to suspend the rules. 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 resolution was passed as read. Mr. Cleary moved to pass the ordinance as read. 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 ordinance was passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AIR COMPRESSOR AND AIR DRYER was given a first reading. Mr. Regis moved to suspend the rules. 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 resolution was passed as read. Mr. Regis moved to pass the ordinance as read. 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 ordinance was passed as read.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Rodgers moved to have the tentative budget in place by February 24, 2016, reviewed by March 2, and passed by March 16. Mr. Krajnyak seconded the motion. Mr. Cleary asked Mr. Stecker if the dates could be changed by ordinance if needed. Mr. Stecker said yes. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Rodgers, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was passed.

Mr. Armstrong asked for an update on the new packer. Mr. Bennett said the City is waiting to hear about the grant.

Mr. Regis moved to appropriate up to \$2000 from Permanent Improvement for the door to the Police Station. Mr. Rodgers 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 passed.

Mr. Shrodes moved to allow the Soap Box Derby Committee to use certain City streets on June 7 and 14, 2015. 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 passed.

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

Mr. Regis asked the Ordinance Committee for a list of positions filled and unfilled in the City.

Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Bennett is action was needed to purchase salt. Mr. Bennett said he had given the information to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion to 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.

Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Council President, Kristine Davis