

## **Minutes of August 19, 2015 Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday August 19, 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, Jack Regis Sr., Chris Cleary, and Rob Duncan, Council at Large.

Council President told Council that Phil Wallace representing ESGR had requested a change in order.

Mr. Regis moved to allow a change in the order of the Council Meeting. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote, the motion was declared passed.

The order of the meeting was changed. ESGR (Employer Support Guard and Reserve) presented the Patriot Award to Police Chief John McFarland. State Rep. Jack Cera, State Senator Lou Gentile, and U.S. Representative Bill Johnson presented Chief McFarland proclamations as well.

**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 thanked the dispatchers, Police, Fire, EMS, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Matz for their work during the surprise flooding. Mayor Riethmiller said that dumpsters had been provided for those residents who experienced flooding. Others that were not affected by the flooding who are caught using the dumpsters will be cited.

City Mechanics Bill Deaton and Ben Orzolek addressed Council and distributed copies of their preventative maintenance program. Mr. Deaton said that the garage needs a new computer analyzer. Estimated cost is \$5,000. Mr. Shrodes asked about the life expectancy of the analyzer. Mr. Deaton said over five years. Mr. Krajnyak thanked Mr. Deaton and Mr. Orzolek for their hard work. Mr. Shrodes said they keep fantastic records.

Mr. Regis asked if water rates could be adjusted for those who experienced flooding.

### **Service Director:**

Mr. Bennett said that grindings were being used but that a lot washed out in the storm.

700 ft. of new sewer line had been installed.

Concrete pads have been completed under four picnic tables in the park. Mr. Bennett thanked Crummit's for the supplies and help.

The Fox Ave. culvert has been repaired and the street paved. Curb adjustments are needed.

**Safety Director:** No report

**Law Director:** No report

**Development Director:** A copy of the Development Director's report was distributed which will be made a part of the minutes. A representative from ADR & Associates spoke regarding a paving project in the Industrial Park. Mr. Shrodes told Ms. Gagin that the matter needed to be discussed at a Finance Meeting. Mr. Armstrong asked Mr. Suto about the water lines in the area. Mr. Suto said they are raw lines and distribution lines. Mr. Armstrong said a RUMA agreement should be put in place. Mr. Armstrong said license plate money could be used for repayment of the loan. Mr. Cleary said that the county and state should be willing to help since this is in the Industrial Park. Ms. Gagin said it is not designated an Industrial Park. Mr. Regis said it was designated an Industrial Park and an Enterprise Zone years ago. Ms. Gagin said 1<sup>st</sup> Street is not included. Mr. Krajnyak said the matter would be discussed with Ms. Randall on Monday.

**Code Director:** no report

**Police Dept.:** no report

**Water Superintendent:**

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

**Committees of Council:**

**Finance/Audit:** a Finance Meeting will be held on Monday August 24.

**Street:** No report

**Ordinance:** No report

**Sewer/Sidewalk:** No report

**Code:** No report

**Safety:** No report.

**Service:** A meeting will be scheduled at the next Council Meeting.

**Cemetery/PR:** Mr. Krajnyak said the dry weather allowed the grass growth to slow at the cemetery.

Mr. Wildman asked about a flag being flown at the City Park. Mr. Bennett is going to look at the pole and see if a collar can be placed around the pole and then concrete poured around it.

### **Citizens to be Heard:**

Tom Burns of 411 Grant Ave. said that he got two ft. of water in his basement after the storm. He thanked the Fire Dept. for pumping out the water. County Commissioner, Matt Coffland was there and saw the destruction. Mr. Burns said that the culverts in the area have been bad for years. There are also several sinkholes in the area. Mr. Burns spoke to Chuck Probst and others about the attention needed to the infrastructure. Mr. Burns asked if funding is available for the disaster. Mr. Cleary asked if FEMA had been contacted. He suggested talking to Mr. Ivan about having a disaster declared.

Ben Nieman of 405 Center Street discussed the condition of the creek by his house. He said there is trash all over the creek bank. Mr. Nieman also had two ft. of water in his basement. He said that additional water from the Dairy and the Hospital are going into the storm sewers. Mr. Shrodes said that the City has been working to separate the storm and sanitary sewers and that the extra water from where houses have been torn down and parking lots made added to the water going into the storm sewers.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street asked the Mayor about the progress of the land banking. Mayor Riethmiller briefly reviewed the land banking project. Mr. Krajnyak said he is pleased the structures are being torn down, but thinks that the asking price for the property should be closer to the property value so more money can be put into the program.

Mr. Hord reminded everyone of the Town Hall Meeting with State Representative Jack Cera on Monday Sept. 21 at 5:30 pm at the library.

The Town Hall with State Senator Lou Gentile is tentatively scheduled for some time in October.

Mr. Hord congratulated Chief McFarland on his recognition.

Shawn Tuttle of 411 Grant Ave. said that the citizens affected by the flooding are in crisis. He requested a plan of action. Mayor Riethmiller explained the funding issues affecting the infrastructure. Mr. Cleary encouraged everyone to call the Ohio EPA.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF ALLEY B IN CLARK'S ADDITION IN THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, OHIO** was given a first reading.

Mr. Krajnyak moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Krajnyak moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO**

**EXUCUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED** was given a first reading. Mr. Shrodes moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Duncan moved to pass the resolution as read. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Cleary moved to suspend the 72 hour rule. Mr. Regis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY TO SERVE AS THE LEAD APPLICANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATIONS FUND AND SUPPORT PARTICIPATION IN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** 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, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Krajnyak moved to pass the resolution as read. Mr. Cleary seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Shrodes asked if a motion was needed to proceed with the marketing of City owned property for oil and gas rights. No further action was needed due to previous motions of Council.

Mr. Shrodes asked if a flag was needed for the City Park when the flagpole is repaired. Mr. Krajnyak said no, Mr. Wildman has a flag.

Mr. Duncan asked about the Park District and if Ms. Gagin and Mr. Stecker would set up a meeting.

Mr. Shrodes suggested the computer upgrade for the mechanics be discussed at a Finance Meeting.

Mr. Shrodes moved to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 g2 regarding sale of property. Mr. Krajnyak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Krajnyak moved to go out of Executive Seession. Mr. Regis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Regis moved to give the Development Director permission to research and market the property in the Crawford Heights area as attached. Mr. Krajnyak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Shrodes moved to table the discussion of railroad property as attached. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Duncan discussed the security camera options. Mayor Riethmiller discussed the range of the cameras and what areas would be covered.

Mr. Duncan moved to approve up to \$6122 from Permanent Improvement for the purchase of three cameras for the City Park. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. Mr. Shrodes suggested the matter be discussed in a Finance Meeting. Mr. Cleary agreed with Mr. Shrodes. Mr. Duncan withdrew his motion and the subject will be discussed at a Finance Meeting.

Mr. Armstrong moved to pay the engineer from ADR & Associates \$500 for services rendered. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, Cleary and Duncan voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Krajnyak moved to allow the Mayor, Law Director, and Development Director to enter into contract and proceed with the purchase agreement for the purchase of property for the City Garage. Mr. Cleary seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, and Cleary voting yea Mr. Duncan voting no and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Regis moved to excuse Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Armstrong, Regis, and Cleary voting yea Mr. Duncan voting no 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. Krajnyak and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cleary and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the meeting was adjourned with a salute to the flag.

