

Minutes of February 4, 2015 Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday February 4, 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. A copy of the Safety Director's report was distributed which will be made a part of the minutes.

Service Director:

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

Mr. Regis asked about the garage and salt storage. Mayor Riethmiller said the tarp is still being used for now and the problem will be looked at this summer.

Ideas were discussed including a temporary lean-to and a tarp on rollers with a pull-along.

Auditor: End of the month financials were distributed. Ms. Randall said a Finance Committee Mtg. needs to be scheduled after Feb. 18.

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.

Code Administrator: No report

Police Department: Chief McFarland said that the department assisted on a pursuit on Rt. 7 Friday that ended with the passenger side tire of Unit #3 being hit by the other vehicle. Repairs should be completed tomorrow. The new engine in Unit #2 will be installed after the repairs to Unit #3. Mr. Armstrong asked if there will be compensation for Unit #3. Chief McFarland said the vehicle was insured so it will be pursued.

Fire Department:

Chief Regis said the heat has been installed at the Vigilants. He thanked Council and Administration for funding the project. The Fire Dept. responded to two mutual aid calls in Bellaire last week.

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

Park Commission: Roof work will begin April 4. The calendar has been cleared. Basketball season has ended.

Mr. Deaton is waiting for a report on the price of pool chemicals. He is hoping that donations will cover the cost of the chemicals. Six lifeguards are returning. Mr. Deaton said that the Park Commission is not covering the cost of the lifeguard class. Mr. Shrodes asked about the cost of the class. Mr. Deaton said it is \$150 each and three or four will need to enroll.

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: A Finance meeting was held. The City Garage was discussed. The Committee suggested drawing be done and grants looked into to. Funding options are being explored. The next Finance Meeting will be held Tuesday February 24 at 5:30 pm. Mr. Rodgers asked if more cabinets fell at the garage. Mr. Bennett said no, but more of the ceiling fell.

Street: No report

Ordinance: No report

Sewer/Sidewalk: No report

Safety: The Safety Committee will meet at 5:30 on Tuesday February 17.

Service: No report. A meeting will be scheduled soon.

Cemetery/PR: Mr. Krajnyak discussed the safety hazard created by some of the trees in the downtown area. He suggested creating a questionnaire about the trees. A Cemetery Meeting was held. The Lion's Club has donated \$250 for flags and has volunteered their help in placing and removing the flags.

The Veteran's Overlook was discussed. Mr. Krajnyak spoke with Ms. Gagin about the tourism grant. The grant requires a partner, so Mr. Krajnyak will look into it. Mr. Rodgers suggested that the Elks might be willing to help.

Mr. Duncan said he spoke with the Chamber of Commerce about the trees and they were concerned about the Memorial plaques. They wanted to make sure they were included somewhere.

Code: A Code Committee Meeting was held after the Cemetery/PR Meeting. Changes in the 2015 Property Maintenance Code were discussed. Rental Property registration is being researched with plans to have it in place by the end of the year.

Mr. Bennett asked if a Service Mtg. could be scheduled. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday February 10 at 5:30 pm.

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street congratulated everyone involved in the paving grant for Zane Highway.

Mr. Hord said the wall on the 900 block of S. 10th Street is cracking more.

Mr. Hord asked for a progress report on land banking. Mayor Riethmiller said everything is going well. An attorney has been hired for the paperwork. Lists of houses have been submitted.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR ANTHONY SARRATORE was given a first reading. Mr. Krajnyak moved to suspend the rules. 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 declared passed. Mr. Krajnyak moved to pass the resolution as read. Mr. Armstrong 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 declared passed.

Mr. Regis moved to suspend the 72 hour rule to allow legislation to be read. Mr. Duncan 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 declared passed.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN was given a first reading. Mr. Shrodes moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Armstrong 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 declared passed. Mr. Krajnyak moved to pass the resolution 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 motion was declared passed.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Regis made a motion to accept the reports of Supervisors and Management. The motion was seconded by Mr. Armstrong 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. Rodgers and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the meeting was adjourned with a salute to the flag.

