

Minutes of January 21, 2015 Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday January 21, 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.

Mr. Krajnyak requested a Finance Committee Meeting as soon as possible to discuss projects. A Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for Thursday January 22 at 3:30 pm.

Auditor: 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.

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

Mr. Suto added that he is working with Ms. Gagin to try and get the Hillendale Water Project included in the County Road 4 Project grant.

Mr. Rodgers asked if there are still ten properties that do not have water meters. Mr. Suto said there are less than ten and all businesses are metered. Mr. Suto said they just received a shipment of meters that they have waited on for two months. They will be installed as time permits.

Police Department: No report

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: A Finance meeting will be held tomorrow January 22 at 3:30 pm. The City Garage, Cruiser engine, and furnace at the Vigilant's will be discussed.

Street: A Street Committee mtg. was held last week. A Press Conference will be held tomorrow.

Ordinance: No report

Sewer/Sidewalk: No report

Safety: The Service Committee recommends the repairs to the heating system at the Vigilant's. The Committee also recommends the new engine for the police cruiser.

Service: No report

Cemetery/PR: A meeting will be held on Tuesday January 27 at 5:30 pm. Cemetery projects will be discussed.

Code: A Code Committee Meeting will be held after the Cemetery/PR Meeting on January 27.

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street said he asked the County Commissioners about funding for the Belmont County Drug Task Force. They answered that they help with funding where they can.

Mr. Hord also asked about a presentation about the Belmont County Museum. A presentation about the museum was given today at the Commissioner's Meeting.

Mr. Hord announced the Hall of Honor Inductees. The ceremony will be held on Sunday April 12 at 2:00 pm.

Mr. Hord asked about the financial outlook for 2015. President Davis said it is too early to tell. Ms. Randall said that the City is receiving approximately \$20,000 more a month in City Income Tax.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

There was no legislation to be read.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Rodgers moved to accept the bid by A.E. Pelley for the replacement of the furnace at the Vigilant's Fire Station and appropriate up to \$22,237 from Permanent Improvement for this project. 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 motion was declared passed.

Mr. Cleary moved to retain Mr. Jeff Vaughn and Vaughn, Coast, and Vaughn for 2015 at a cost of \$200 per month. 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 appropriate up to \$6000 from Permanent Improvement line item Capital Asset for the City Mechanics to replace the engine in Police Cruiser Unit #2. 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. Regis suggested cutting back on paperwork and using digital sources instead of paper. Mayor Riethmiller said he used over 100 sheets of paper for the reports tonight. Mr. Shrodes said tablets could be used at home. Ms. Gagin will look into grants.

Mayor Riethmiller thanked Mr. Suto for the great work on the two breaks in Hillendale. He added that a second system has been installed to fill trucks at the water plant. Some days up to 40 trucks are buying water from the City. If a fracking tank were added, 4 trucks could be filled at once.

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.

Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Council President, Kristine Davis