

Minutes of July 15, 2015 Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday July 15, 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 press conference announcing a new business will be held on Wednesday July 22 at 2:00 pm off of Alumni Rd. In case of storms, the event will be held in the Council Chambers.

Service Director:

Mr. Bennett thanked the volunteers that helped with the Community Clean Up Day.

The sinkhole should be fixed tomorrow. Pothole patching will resume soon. Catch basin tops are being rebuilt.

Mr. Leper of Citizens Bank asked for permission to pave the section of rd. nead Locust Street, where the bank employees park.

Mr. Regis asked that dumpsters placed on Zane Hwy be placed on something to not tear up the pavement.

Safety Director:

Mr. Riethmiller said a Safety Mtg. was held last night and that it went well.

Auditor:

Financial and budget reports distributed as well as an ordinance.

Mr. Armstrong said he had submitted names to be reported to RITA. Ms. Randall said they had been reported and she believed they had already been contacted.

Law Director: No report

Development Director:

Ms. Gagin said she is follwing up on grants and renewing state registrations.

Park District: No report

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: A Finance Meeting will be scheduled after the exit conference.

Street: Mr. Armstrong said he met with the homeowners on Fox, 9th, at 10th as well as Wilson's regarding paving. Mr. Armstrong asked Mr. Bennett about the collapsed drain. Mr. Bennett said it is on the list of projects.

Ordinance: No report

Sewer/Sidewalk: No report

Code: No report. Mr. Cleary said that Mrs. Suto has not received any calls from landlords wanting to serve on the committee. The project will move forward regardless.

Safety: Fire station projects were discussed at the Safety Mtg. Heating at the Alerts will cost approximately \$24,000. The roof at the Vigilents will be approximately \$38,000. Mr. Regis recommended proceeding with the heating project. The three doors at the Vigilents and the three at the Ladder Co. will be approximately \$16,000 total.

Service: Mr. Shrodes has received complaints about bushes and trees that need trimmed as well as junk cars. He asked Ms. Gagin how many tires were collected at the Clean Up Day. She said 15 tons. Mr. Shrodes said it is illegal to leave tires laying around and that citizens will be cited if they are not removed.

Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Shrodes about two large mobile trailers in a fenced area on N. Zane and Ellett. Mr. Rodgers said he doesn't believe they have moved in three years. Mr. Shrodes will speak with Chief McFarland about the issue.

Mr. Cleary reminded Council that the pre construction meeting for County Rd 4 will be held on July 27 at 2:00 pm

Cemetery/PR: No report

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street said the First Responder Service at Tree of Life Apostolic Church was very nice and that the recognition was very deserving.

Mr. Hord asked how many youth workers the City had this summer. Mr. Bennett said there are currently four, but that there had been six earlier in the summer.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a first reading. Mr. Regis 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 motion was declared passed. Mr. Shrodes moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. A roll

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Mr. Regis moved to waive the 72 hour rule. 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 declared passed.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-13 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$276,000 VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION BONDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 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 ordinance 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.

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A RESOLUTION PLDGING THE FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) AS A PERMANENT FUND FOR THE PERPETUAL CARE OF TWO (2) GRAVES LOCATED AT SECTION Z, LOT 6, ROW 41, GRAVES 1 AND 2, IN RIVERVIEW CEMETERY, NOW STANDING IN THE NAME OF JIM AND VIOLA MCGEE was given a first reading. Mr. Shrodes moved to suspend the rules. 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 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 motion was declared passed.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Duncan asked about a new vehicle in the Police Dept. and how many vehicles are waiting for parts. Mayor Riethmiller said that the Dodge is hard on brakes, but that he was unaware of other issues. Mr. Duncan suggested that two mechanics may not be enough. Mr. Shrodes said the mechanics keep preventative maintenance records. If anyone feels a vehicle is not safe they should report it and not drive it. Mr. Duncan asked about land banking. Mayor Riethmiller said bids were posted and received. All but one on the list in Martins Ferry have asbestos. The houses were bid in groups to keep costs low. Mr. Duncan asked if the City is ready for an increased demand for water.

Mr. Regis moved to appropriate up to \$24,000 from Permanent Improvement and enter into contract for the heating system project at the Alerts Fire Station with any money from the sale of the boiler to be returned to Permanent Improvement. 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 declared passed.

Mr. Shrodes moved to have the Law Director draft a letter to Citizen's Bank granting permission to pave the gravel area near Locust Street under the supervision of the Service Director and including a liability clause. 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 commended the Police and Fire Departments for the tremendous job they did at the recent fire on Indiana Street.

Mr. Shrodes moved to cancel the August 5 Council Meeting. Mr. Regis seconded the motion and after an affirmative voice vote, the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Regis moved to accept the reports of supervisors and management. Mr. Krajnyak seconded the motion 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.

Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Council President, Kristine Davis