

## **Minutes of June 17, 2015 Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday June 17, 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:**

Mayor Riethmiller distributed information to Council regarding the paving project press conference. Paving is scheduled to begin Monday June 29.

A thank you note was received and read from a citizen on Seabrights Lane regarding the culvert project.

Mr. Cleary asked if signs could be made to publicize the amount of the Zane Hwy. project. Mr. Bennett will get with Mr. Cleary about the details.

### **Service Director:**

Mr. Bennett said that a second person has been hired at the cemetery. Six CAC workers started on Monday as well.

Fifteen tons of asphalt were put down last week.

The catch basin project continues.

The brushhog is having mechanical issues and will cost approximately \$7500 to repair.

A price estimate was distributed for a truck for the Sewer Dept./Street Sign Dept. The price includes the cost of a plow attachment.

The Soap Box Derby Committee thanked Council and Administration for use of Hanover and 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Auditor:**

The Budget Hearing will be held Wednesday July 1 at 5:30 pm.

The auditor exit conference will be held July 13 at 4:30. This will be in Executive Session with the Mayor, Service Director, and Current and Future Council.

The loan resolution from the USDA needs to be passed.

**Law Director:** No report

**Development Director:** No report

**Code Administrator:** 616 Crawford Street has been torn down as part of the land banking project. Others are under asbestos abatement.

**Fire Department:**

The Fire Dept. received a grant from the American Heart Association Community Health Project and received six AED's with wall cabinets. These will be placed in the City Building, Recreation Center, Water Plant, and City Garage.

**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:** No report

**Street:** A Street Committee Mtg. was held last week. Last year's paving project has been completed. There is \$20,000 left from last year. The committee recommends paving Fox Addition with the savings from the Zane Hwy Project. Because the project came in under budget, the City saved money in matching funds that were to come from Permanent Improvement. Since that money was already going to be spent for paving, it will now be used to pave Fox Addition.

After the water line project on N. Ridge is completed, N. Ridge will be the first priority for paving with this year's funds. The project is estimated to cost \$75,000-\$80,000.

**Ordinance:** No report

**Sewer/Sidewalk:** No report

**Code:** A mtg. was held on Monday June 8. The committee discussed developing an ordinance requiring property owners to register vacant buildings. Mr. Stecker is looking into a bond so that property could be torn down if needed. A graduated fine system was discussed for repeat offenders. Mr. Cleary said that the ordinances of other cities were looked at for rental properties. Mr. Cleary invited land owners who do not have violations to participate. Mr. Cleary also thanked Mrs. Suto for all of her hard work. Mr. Cleary added that he would like to have all of this in place by the end of the year. Suggested date for registration deadline would be April 15.

**Safety:** No report. There are two levies for a second reading. Mr. Regis also asked that the furnace at the Alerts as well as the doors at the Vigilents be discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting.

**Service:** No report.

**Cemetery/PR:** Mr. Krajnyak said that Mr. Rodgers told him the Elks are donated three gross of flags. Mr. Krajnyak said flags will be placed at 6pm on Tuesday June 30. Mr. Krajnyak congratulated the Shadyside Girl's Softball Team on their State Championship.

**Citizens to be Heard:**

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street said a Town Hall Meeting with State Representative Jack Cera will be held on Monday September 21 at 5:30 pm at the library. Alternative locations were discussed. It was decided that Council Chambers will be used if needed. Mr. Hord complimented the City on the handling of the highway project. Mr. Hord said the Hall of Honor sign has been updated. Mr. Hord asked permission to move forward with planning the Town Hall Meeting with State Senator Lou Gentile.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESSS OF THE 10 MILL LIMITATION AND TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX OF 5.0 MILL FOR POLICE SERVICES FOR A CONTINUING PERIOD OF TIME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was given a second reading. No action was taken and the resolution will go on to a third reading.

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESSS OF THE 10 MILL LIMITATION AND AND TO RENEW A 1.0 MILL FIRE TRUCK LEVY FOR FIVE YEARS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was given a second reading. No action was taken and the resolution will go on to a third reading.

Mr. Krajnyak moved to suspend the 72 hour rule. 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.

**A CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION FOR CITY OF MARTINS FERRY SECTION 125 PREMIUM ONLY PLAN PLAN YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016** was given a first reading. Mr. Regis 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. Armstrong moved to pass the resolution 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 motion was declared passed.

### **Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Duncan moved to appropriate up to \$26,000 from Permanent Improvement for the paving of Fox Ave. and adjoining 10 st. awarding the bid to Wilson Paving. 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. Regis asked Mr. Bennett if he had the money for the needed culvert repair before the paving project. It was decided the motion would be amended later if needed.

Mr. Regis said he liked the idea of signs for the paving project. He added that a lot of work went into the project and it will be nice to see credit given. Mayor Riethmiller agreed the signs are a great idea. Mr. Cleary added advertising never hurts.

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.

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Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Council President, Kristine Davis