

Minutes of November 4, 2015 Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday November 4, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the Ladder Company Fire Station. 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, Rick Rodgers, Fourth Ward, Jack Regis Sr., Chris Cleary, and Rob Duncan, Council at Large.

President Davis congratulated the newly elected officials and encouraged others to run for office in the future.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as received.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor: A copy of the Mayor's report was received and will be made a part of these minutes.

Service Director:

Mr. Bennett said that a contract had been entered into with Job and Family Services for workers.

20 tons of hot mix was used to patch potholes.

The sink hole on N. 7th Street was discussed.

Flags will be put out at the cemeteries Saturday morning at 9:00 am.

Two quotes were received for lining Aetna Street.

A stop sign was requested at Hickory and Zane Hwy.

The catch basin installed because of the lot paving on Locust is working as it should.

Mr. Regis said he has received complaints about water bills. Mr. Bennett said a lot were returned after getting caught in the machinery at the Post Office. Those effected will not be charged a late fee.

Auditor:

Financial reports were distributed.

Law Director: No report

Development Director: A copy of the Development Director's report was distributed and will be made a part of these minutes.

Paul Collini addressed Council representing Green Ray Solutions regarding the lighting retro fit.

Code Administrator: No report

Water Superintendent:

Mr. Suto said the lighting retro fit at the water plant has made a dramatic difference. The water line project in Hillendale is expected to last at least another two weeks.

Police Department:

Chief McFarland thanked Council for approving the purchase of firearms. The Police Dept. will take part in ‘No Shave November’.

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: a Finance Meeting was held on Monday October 26 at 3:00 pm. A five year, and possible a ten year, plan needs to be developed.

An increase in salary for Council and the Mayor has been recommended because of PERS,

A meeting is scheduled for November 17 at 3:00 pm.

Street: No report.

Ordinance: No report

Sewer/Sidewalk: Mr. Regis is looking into the policies of other cities.

Code: No report

Safety: Legislation for false alarms will be brought in for the next meeting.

Service: No report

Cemetery/PR: Mr. Krajnyak said flags will be put out Saturday at 9:00 am.

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Hord of 915 Viginia Street said that Dr. Krammer will be out of town for the Christmas Parade. He thanked those involved for the offer.

A Town Hall Mtg. with State Senator Lou Gentile will be held on Monday November 9 at 5:30 pm at the library.

Mr. Hord asked about lining Broadway

Mr. Hord reminded that the Twisted Cone opened on October 27.

Scott Myers of American Graphics and Apparel introduced himself to Council. His grand opening will be held next week.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A VACANT PROPERTY CODE FOR THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY was given a third reading. Mr. Regis moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with

council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Rodgers, Regis, Cleary, and Duncan voting yea and the ordinance was passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 193 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY REGARDING THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX was given a third reading. Mr. Krajnyak moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Rodgers, Regis, Cleary, and Duncan voting yea and the ordinance was passed as read.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SURVEY OF PARCEL ID #24-01237.000 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, Rodgers, Regis, Cleary, and Duncan voting yea and the rules were suspended. Mr. Krajnyak said that he thought fewer lots would be better for the area. Ms. Gagin said there could be 6 or 8 lots and that even with eight they would be larger than average. Mr. Cleary asked how this would be paid for. It was discussed that this could come out of permanent improvement and replaced when the lots are sold. Mr. Regis moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Rodgers, Regis, Cleary, and Duncan voting yea and the ordinance was passed as read.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$276,000 VEHICLE 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, Rodgers, Regis, Cleary, and Duncan voting yea and the rules were suspended. Mr. Regis moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Rodgers, Regis, Cleary, and Duncan voting yea and the ordinance was passed as read.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Cleary moved to appropriate up to \$3800 from permanent improvement for the Crawford Heights survey. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard

with council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Rodgers, Regis, Cleary, and Duncan voting yea and the motion was 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. Rodgers moved to allow the Lion's Club to construct a Veteran's Memorial Wall in the City Park. Mr. Krajnyak seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with council members Krajnyak, Shrodes, Rodgers, Regis, Cleary, and Duncan voting yea and the motion was passed.

Mr. Regis moved to excuse Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Cleary seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Shrodes moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Regis 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