

## **Minutes of June 1, 2016 Regular Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday June 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Donald Myers Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Rick Rodgers with the Pledge of Allegiance and was followed by a prayer by the Clerk.

Answering roll call were Robert Hunker, First Ward, John Davies, Rick Rodgers, Fourth Ward, Ben Neiman, Jim Schramm, and Jack Regis, Council at Large. Mr. Rodgers retains his voting privilege.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence was received.

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved as received.

### **Reports of Officers of the City:**

#### **Mayor:**

Mayor Krajnyak thanked Council for approval of the AFSCME contract.

Mayor Krajnyak said that he has contacted the Ohio State University Extension Office as well as the Belmont County Health Board concerning the abundance of dead birds around town.

Mayor Krajnyak is going to contact John Callarik for an estimate to tear down the burned out house on Broadway St. Mayor Krajnyak will present the estimate to Council when it is received.

#### **Service Director:**

Mr. Cleary said that ODOT will be cutting the grass along Rt. 7 very soon. He added that the City's brush hog is in need of approximately \$8,000 in repairs. Mr. Cleary asked that the money be appropriated from permanent improvement for this repair.

Mr. Cleary thanked Mr. Suto and the Water Dept. for their work on the fountain in the City Park. He is looking into a Crowd Fund account to raise money to have the fountain preserved. The last estimate for the preservation was approximately \$10,000.

**Auditor:** The books were closed today so there are no end of the month financials to distribute at this time. The cash position report for the end of May was distributed.

**Law Director:** no report

**Police Dept:** no report

**Fire Dept:** no report

Mr. Rodgers asked Mr. Cooper for copies of recent levies.

**Code Administrator:** no report

**Park District:** The pool opened today and saw a nice crowd. The price of admission has been lowered. 4 or 5 free swims have already been scheduled. Mayor Krajnyak thanked Mr. Deaton for his hard work.

**Committees of Council:**

**Finance/Audit:** Mr. Regis said a meeting was held last week. The upgrade to the computer in the Auditor's Office was discussed. The cost would be \$59,000. It was installed in 2003 and can no longer be upgraded. Also, Chief McFarland has asked for \$2500 for data storage for the footage from the body cameras. The current K9 unit was a retrofit on an older vehicle and will need replaced. Mayor Krajnyak is looking into using a percentage of the money collected in fines to cover the cost. Mr. Hunker asked how the EMS is dealing with the budget. Mr. Regis said they have eliminated one full time position. Mayor Krajnyak spoke with Mr. Snyder today and will be meeting with the hospital and ending some programs that are costing a lot of money. Mr. Regis asked for a meeting with EMS. Mayor Krajnyak will set it up.

**Street:** Mr. Rodgers said that North and South Ridge Rd. were discussed at the Street Committee Meeting that was held after the Finance Mtg. Mr. Callarik is preparing an estimate to fix the problems.

**Ordinance:** no report

**Sewer/Sidewalk:** no report

**Safety:** no report

**Cemetery/PR:** Mr. Neiman thanked Mayor Krajnyak for putting up the flags at the cemetery.

**Citizens to be Heard:**

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street spoke with the Chamber of Commerce and the Times Leader about a Meet the Candidates Night. He said both were receptive. Mr. Hord suggested a date in September, before absentee ballots are sent out.

Mr. Hord said according to a U.S. Census Bureau Report, Martins Ferry has lost 129 people. Mr. Hord asked how this could be explained. Mayor Krajnyak had not received the report and was unsure.

Mr. Hord asked about the plaques for past Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs. Mayor Krajnyak is working on it and will ask Mr. Hord for help.

Lois Suriano of 35 S. Ridge Dr. said the road across from Yoder's is crumbling and weeds are blocking the view of traffic on Overhill and S. Ridge. Mr. Cleary said Mr. Callarik looked into the crumbling road. Mr. Rodgers added that everyone is trying to get the problems fixed.

Steve George of N. Ridge asked about the funding for road paving that the citizen's were told was included in the grant for the waterline project. Mayor Krajnyak said the paving included in the grant was to pave the three foot wide section where the waterline was installed, not the entire road as was believed. Mayor Krajnyak said the City is looking into funding. He added that there is a problem with the tractor but the weed issue will be addressed.

Alan Marangoni of South Ridge Dr. discussed water run-off issues because of the catch basins. Mr. Cleary said the catch basins are higher than the road right now, so they aren't working.

Bill Hicks of 45 S. Ridge Dr. said the grass needs cut more regularly at the pump station. He added that the asphalt at the end of his driveway is gone from the packer turning. He added that the sanitation workers are wonderful.

Ed Lewis of N. Ridge Dr. asked for something to be done about the potholes.

#### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$677,000 BUILDING ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT BOND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was given a third reading. Mr. Regis moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yes and Mr. Hunker voting no and the ordinance was declared passed.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS WITH THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was given a second reading. No action was taken and the resolution will go on to a third reading.

**A CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION FOR CITY OF MARTINS FERRY SECTION 125 PREMIUM ONLY PLAN YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017** was given a second reading. No action was taken and the resolution will go on to a third reading.

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY A FIVE (5.0) MILL LEVY 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 AN INTENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH OME-RESA ITC FOR COOPERATIVE SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 (JULY 1,**

**2016-JUNE 30, 2017)** was given a second reading. No action was taken and the resolution will go on to a third reading.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Regis made a motion to accept the reports of Supervisors and Management. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schramm and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Hunker moved to excuse Mr. Wallace and Mr. Davies. Mr. Regis seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Schramm moved to appropriate up to \$8,000 from Permanent Improvement to repair the brush hog. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Neiman moved to purchase a server for the Police Dept. for up to \$2500 from the General Fund. Mr. Regis seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Hunker motioned that the meeting 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.

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Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

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Rick Rodgers, President Pro Tem