

Minutes of December 27, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Tuesday December 27, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Donald Myers 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. A moment of silence was observed for Anthony Sarratore.

Answering roll call were Bob Hunker, First Ward, Bruce Shrodes, Second Ward, John Davies, Third Ward, Rick Rodgers, Fourth Ward, Ben Neiman, Jim Schramm, and Jack Regis, Council at Large.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as received.

President Davis asked for a change of order so that Ordinances and Resolutions could be read before any Council members needed to leave.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a second reading. Mr. Davies moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Regis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Hunker moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a second reading. Mr. Regis moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Schramm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Davies moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 307, GOLF CARTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, OHIO was

given a second reading. Mr. Shrodes moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Shrodes moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COST SHARING CHARGE OF \$5.00 PER TRUCK FOR WATER TANKER TRUCKS FILLING UP AT THE CITY WATER PLANT was given a second reading. Mr. Davies moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Regis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Schramm moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING REIMBURSEMENT BY THE POLICE FUND TO THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE VEHICLE was given a second reading. Mr. Regis moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Schramm moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Hunker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS LICENSE FEES, BOND COSTS AND OTHER EXPENSES SET BY CITY COUNCIL was given a second reading. Mr. Rodgers moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Regis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Rodgers moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak said that the house at the corner of Hanover and S. 10th Streets was now the property of the City. Also, the house has partially collapsed. Several demolition

companies and contractors have seen the property and said that it is in eminent danger of collapse. Mayor Krajnyak ordered the house to be torn down today. He asked that up to \$14,000 be appropriated from Permanent Improvement for the demolition. Mayor Krajnyak said the culvert could then be fixed and the property sold.

Mayor Krajnyak said that a meeting was held on Dec. 22 with local business leaders, Sue Douglas from CIC and Sherry Stratton from the Chamber of Commerce to discuss forming a business advisory committee. Mayor Krajnyak said it was a very positive meeting.

The American Legion has requested permission to make a parking space in front of the Legion on Zane Hwy designated parking for Purple Heart recipients or wounded veterans.

Mayor Krajnyak asked for an Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 for contracts and leases.

Service Director:

Mr. Cleary said the sanitary sewer issue on Cemetery Rd. been repaired. The area is still experiencing run off, but Cleary believes it to be ground water.

Auditor:

Ms. Randall said the cost allocation plan needs to be passed.

Law Director: No report

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: Mr. Regis said plans are being made for Department Head Meetings.

Street: No report

Ordinance: No report

Sewer/Sidewalk: No report

Code: No report

Safety: No report

Service: No report

Cemetery: No report

Public Relations: No report

Mr. Hunker moved to accept the cost allocation plan. Mr. Schramm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Citizens to be Heard:

Mr. Hord of 915 Virginia Street asked for a follow up from the Times Leader story regarding lots. Mayor Krajnyak said this is being discussed with the business leaders. Mr. HORD said Wheeling and Steubenville have both used professionals for marketing. He asked if Lou Gentile had been contacted. Mayor Krajnyak said he had already spoken

with him. Mr. Hord asked if a strategic plan was being considered. Mayor Krajnyak said this was also discussed at the business meeting.

Mr. HOrd asked for an outlook for the City in 2017. Mayor Krajnyak said there will always be concerns and things that need done but he feels the City is working in the right direction and 2017 will be a turn around year.

Mr. Hord recognized the passing of Mr. Sarratore.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Regis moved to appropriate up to \$14,000 from permanent improvement for the demolition of the house on Hanover and S. 10th Street. Mr. Roders seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

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. Regis moved to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 for contracts and leases. Mr. Hunker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed and Council went into Executive Session.

Mr. Hunker moved to go out of Executive Session. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed and Council went out of Executive Session.

Mr. Rodgers asked if the City had heard anything from Misty Tolzda regarding funding. Mr. Cleary said no, but expected to hear from her soon.

Mr. Rodgers asked how the vacant building ordinance was going. Mr. Cleary said that the banks are doing well. Things are not going as well for private citizens. He said it is hard to keep a handle on inventory. Council was asked to notify Administration of vacant property in their wards. Mr. Rodgers brought up a property on Zane and Cemetery Rd. Mr. Cleary said the Property Maintenance Board would like to meet to discuss some issues. Rental property conditions were discussed.

Mr. Davies moved to pass the amendment to the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Police Dept. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Trash and housing conditions were discussed. Mr. Hunker said there are new laws going into effect in 2017 regarding foreclosures. Mayor Krajnyak asked Mr. Stecker about

properties without utilities. Mr. Stecker said that this is already covered in the property maintenance code.

Mr. Hunker motioned that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shrodes and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the meeting was adjourned with a salute to the flag.

Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Kristine Davis, Council President