

Minutes of December 7, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday December 7, 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.

Answering roll call were John Davies, Third Ward, Rick Rodgers, Fourth Ward, Ben Neiman, Jim Schramm, and Jack Regis, Council at Large.

President Davis asked for a change of order for a presentation. Mayor Krajnyak presented Wilbur Heslop a proclamation.

Rick Healy from Belomar addressed Council regarding the CHIP program. Mr. Healy discussed the home repair and rehab project program. Applications are available through Belomar.

Misty Tolza from OMEGA addressed Council regarding the N. 8th Street Project. The \$309,750 grant through the OPWC Emergency Program has been secured. Mr. Cleary said it is important that citizens know the importance of Belomar and OMEGA.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as received.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak said the Cemetery Rd. culvert project is finished. The 1st Street Project is officially finished.

ODOT has been contacted about the lights on Rt. 7 at Hanover St. again. The message was passed along to the traffic control manager for the region.

Mayor Krajnyak met with Dick Stobbs. Mr. Stobbs was able to secure some funding for Mr. Burch through VFW Charities and the VFW of Colerain.

Service Director:

Mr. Cleary said holes were being filled with grindings. He added that the work would continue while grindings were available.

Mr. Cleary, Mr. Suto, and Mr. Vaughn met with James White Construction for the final drive through of the County Rd. 4 Project.

Mr. Cleary will meet soon with Sue Douglas of CIC to discuss the downtown.

Mr. Davies asked Mr. Cleary about Hillendale. Mr. Cleary said he met with Mr.

Callarick. He explained that Mr. Callarick wants to wait to do the project because asphalt is no longer available. He doesn't want to tear up the area and not be able to fix it. Mr. Cleary said the two catch basins at Cuddihy's are finished.

There are two sanitary sewer issues to be completed.

Auditor:

The appropriation ordinance and end of the month financials were distributed as well as the temporary appropriations ordinance.

The cost allocation needs to be accepted. Also the transfers and repayments to Permanent Improvement need approved.

Committees of Council:**Finance/Audit:**

Mr. Regis said the two ordinances need passed and the transfers and cost allocation need accepted.

Street:

Mr. Rodgers said that Mr. Waugh asked to wait until March to meet about future projects. Mr. Rodgers added that he is very happy with the 1st Street and Cemetery Rd. Projects.

Ordinance: No report

Sewer/Sidewalk: No report

Code: No report

Safety: The Fire Dept. Annual Meeting will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Vigilant's. Chief Reese resigned. Mr. Regis requested resolutions of appreciation for Mr. Reese and Mr. Regis.

Service: No report

Cemetery: No report

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia St. asked for achievements that Council and Administration were most proud of in 2016. Mayor Krajnyak listed the 1st Street Project, the Cemetery Rd. Project, and securing some funding for the N. 8th St project. He added that he was proud of the way everyone came together during the 4th Street Fire. He praised the work of our Fire Dept as well as the neighboring departments that responded. Mr. Hord asked about the building demolition on 4th St. Mayor Krajnyak said the traffic pattern will be restored once the buildings are down. He said that as demolition moves to the front of the buildings all traffic may need to be prohibited.

Mr. Hord thanked the Mayor for the proclamation for Mr. Heslop. He suggested proclamations for Mr. Tolbert and Mr. Douglas. Mayor Krajnyak said that the Shulter's would be receiving a proclamation.

Mr. Rodgers thanked Mr. Hord for the thoughtful letter to the editor regarding Chief McFarland and the Police Dept.

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 first reading. No action was taken and the ordinance will go on to a second reading.

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 first reading. No action was taken and the ordinance will go on to a second reading.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 307, GOLF CARTS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, OHIO was given a first reading. No action was taken and the ordinance will go on to a second reading.

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 first reading. No action was taken and the ordinance will go on to a second reading.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING REIMBURSEMENT BY THE POLICE FUND TO THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE VEHICLE was given a first reading. No action was taken and the ordinance will go on to a second reading.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS LICENSE FEES, BOND COSTS AND OTHER EXPENSES SET BY CITY COUNCIL was given a first reading. No action was taken and the ordinance will go on to a second reading.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Regis moved to approve the transfers from the General Fund to the safety Service Fund and the Division of Development and the repayments to Permanent Improvement from the water fund, sewer, EMS, and sanitation. The detailed report will be a part of these minutes. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members 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. Rodgers moved to excuse Mr. Hunker and Mr. Shrodes. Mr. Regis seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

President Davis asked if Council wanted to change the date of the next meeting. Mr. Regis moved to reschedule the December 21 regular scheduled meeting to Tuesday December 27 at 6 p.m. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Regis thanked Mr. Cleary and Mayor Krajnyak for their hard work to secure funding for the N. 8th St. project.

Mr. Davies asked Mr. Cleary about the real estate issue on Carlisle St. Mr. Cleary said he had been unable to get in touch with the person. Mr. Cleary added that Jaycee Manor wants to purchase a piece of property near their playground. Mr. Regis said he has been approached about the property above Roosevelt in Crawford Heights. Mr. Davies asked if a sewer line is on that property. Mr. Cleary said it is close.

Mr. Neiman asked about the office building next to the new City Garage. Mr. Cleary said nothing has been done but the space could be used as a business incubator. Mr. Neiman said it could be rented as office space.

Mr. Regis asked about the house on Hanover and N. 9th St. Mr. Cleary said it has been officially deeded to the City. Mr. Cleary asked if anyone wanted to go through the house. Wood trim was removed and damage was done before the owners moved out. Mayor Krajnyak said it is still in litigation. Mr. Cleary said there is now access to the culvert that needs repaired.

Mr. Schramm asked about the vehicle list. Mr. Cleary said he added EMS equipment today. It should be ready after the first of the year.

Mr. Regis asked if anyone had expressed interest in the old garage. Mr. Cleary said yes.

Mr. Regis motioned that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neiman 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

