

Minutes of October 19, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday October 19, 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 Robert Hunker, First Ward, Bruce Shrodes, Second Ward, Rick Rodgers, Fourth Ward, Ben Neiman, Jim Schramm, and Jack Regis, Council at Large.

President Davis welcomed Boy Scout Troop #62 and Pack #62

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as received.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak said that Wilbur Heslop will receive a proclamation at the November 2 meeting.

Callarick's have submitted an estimate of \$12,000 to repair the largest slip on N. Ridge. Core drilling is finished on N. 8th St. Administration is working with agencies for funding.

Rev. Webster has asked for use of the City Park on Saturday Oct. 22 for a concert to benefit fire victims.

Nov. 5 from 1-4 will be Bowling with the Police at the American Legion.

Business After Hours will be held on Dec. 13 from 5-7. Everyone is asked to donate a new toy.

With three weeks until Election Day, Mayor Krajnyak asked for support of the Police Levy. He explained that he met with Bryan Minder about the 911 system and what effects would be felt if the City had to lay-off it's dispatchers. He explained that a part time dispatcher could be used during business hours. For any after-hour walk-ins, a telephone outside the City Building would need to be used. An officer would then need to come in from patrol to take the call. There would be no non-emergency calls.

Service Director:

Mr. Cleary reminded everyone that 4th St is one way going north until further notice. He asked that everyone be cautious in this area due to the fire and change of traffic pattern. The concrete has been poured at 1st and Hanover. It should open tomorrow. A change order was issued to use medium curing concrete to speed up the project. The project is currently a week ahead of schedule. The intersection of Center and 1st will be done next, then 1st will be milled and paved.

Hydrant flushing will continue this week.

The tentative start date for the Cemetery Rd. Project is Nov. 2.

Mr. Cleary reminded citizens that garbage cans need to have lids and there is a three can limit. It is not the sanitation Workers responsibility to clean up garbage. Citizens in violation will be cited and brought into Mayor's Court.

Mr. Regis asked how long 4th St would remain one way and how long before the structures are torn down. Mr. Cleary said the business owners would like the process to be done quickly. They are waiting for the structures to be tested for asbestos.

Mr. Regis also asked about the water tanks and whether they can be rented. Mr. Cleary said they will be used when the need increases.

Mr. Rodgers asked when the Center St. paving would begin. He said the Yacht Club inquired. Mr. Cleary said Monday and that one side will be open and accessible.

Mr. Neiman said the old water plant needs boarded up. Mr. Cleary said he was there with Mr. Suto and he would take care of it.

Mr. Cleary said he was contacted by Norfolk Southern Railroad about the secured area in the well field. He said the railroad and National Lime and Stone have access to the gate.

Mr. Shrodes asked about the traffic lights. Mr. Cleary said he contacted ODOT. There are issues changing the timing of the lights because the area is still considered to be a construction site.

Auditor:

Ms. Randall said the resolution was distributed for the levy rates. It needs to be turned in to the County by Nov. 2.

Mr. Neiman asked about the reimbursement regarding the lights on St. Rt. 7. Ms. Randall said she believes three months were reimbursed. Mayor Krajnyak will contact State Rep. Cera and State Senator Gentile about the issue.

Mr. Regis asked if we are seeing savings since the lights were changed. Ms. Randall said yes. Mr. Cleary added that the price of electric increased.

Law Director: no report

Police Dept: no report

Park District: no report

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: Mr. Regis said Street Dept. is in the red and the Sanitation Dept. is not doing well. Mr. Regis discussed the impact the Police Levy would have on the City. Mr. Regis said he would like to have a Saturday workshop Finance Mtg. to take a look at next year's budget. He said funds need to be set aside for emergencies. Mr. Neiman asked Mr. Cleary if the Sanitation Dept. is saving money on pulling fees. Mr. Cleary said they are saving \$2500 a week. He added that the City is under contract through 2017.

Street: Mr. Rodgers spoke with Richard Waugh from ADR and he is waiting for the drilling report.

Ordinance: A meeting will be needed soon to discuss golf cart legislation. Mr. Shrodes asked that Safety meet to discuss. He said he spoke with Chief McFarland and he is looking into the matter.

Sewer/Sidewalk: no report

Code: no report

Safety: A meeting needs to be rescheduled. The meeting was set for Wednesday October 26 at 5:30.

Service: no report

Cemetery/PR: No report

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia St. complimented Chief Reese and the Fire Department for there work on the fire. The fire was discussed at the Commissioner's Mtg. Mr. HOrd asked which building would be torn down. Mayor Krajnyak said Subway and Z's will re-open. Mr. Zilai wants to rebuilt the restaurant and make it a single story structure. Mayor Krajnyak said the tearing down of the other structures is a matter for the insurance companies and will have to wait until the structures are tested for asbestos. Mr. Hord asked about services for those who are now unemployed. Mayor Krajnyak said it will be discussed when the business owners meet. Mayor Krajnyak added that there isn't a lot of money available for demolition, but there is money available for rebuilding.

Mr. Hord asked about progress on the Police Chief plaque. Mayor Krajnyak said it is moving along.

Mr.Hord asked if the City has considered naming a street after John Laslo. Mayor Krajnyak said is not sure that has been discussed.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mr. Regis moved that the 72 hour rule be suspended. Mr. Hunker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the 72 hour rule was suspended.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

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

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. Schramm moved to allow the Grace Presbyterian Church to use the City Park on Saturday October 22. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Hunker moved to excuse Mr. Davis. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote, the motion was declared passed.

Mayor Krajnyak gave his heartfelt thanks to the Fire Dept, all neighboring departments that responded, the Police Dept, and all others that helped. He said everyone did a tremendous job and worked well together. He also thanked everyone in the community who brought food and helped. President Davis said that is one of the strengths of the Ohio Valley.

Mr. Shrodes announced the Veteran's Day Parade will be held on Sunday Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

Mr. Regis thanked everyone for their help in making the flag football final games under the lights at the football field. He said this will be held on November 4 at 6 p.m.

Mr. Shrodes asked about Halloween. Officer Scales said Halloween in the Park will be held on Saturday October 29 from 12-2.
Trick or Treat will be on October 31 from 6-7.

President Davis explained the Council Meeting and Council seats to the visiting Troop and Pack #62. The leader thanked Council for allowing the members to attend and said they are always looking for service projects. Mayor Krajnyak said flags will be placed for Veteran's Day on Saturday Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. Mr. Schramm added that he was a member of Troop #62 .

Mr. Rodgers reminded everyone that the Nov. 2 Council Meeting will be held at the Recreation Center.

Mr. Hunker motioned that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schramm 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