

Minutes of October 4, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Tuesday October 4, 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, 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.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak said core drilling has begun on N. 8th St and the surrounding area. ODOT has also completed the core drilling on St. Rt. 647. Mayor Krajnyak spoke with Mr. Burch yesterday. He is packing. Mayor Krajnyak said the Veteran's Affairs Office in Marietta will be out until the 5th. State Senator Lou Gentile is also working to help with Mr. Burch's housing issue.

Service Director:

The Co. Rd. 4 Waterline Project is finished. They are currently working on completing the punch list. Mr. Cleary toured the project with EPA representatives. They were very impressed. Three more hydrants need to be installed. A new service line was completed today.

Mr. Cleary has contacted OMEGA looking for funding for the N. 8th St. project. It is possible that some funding is available through CBDG.

The 1st St. paving project will start soon. Detour signs will be up this week or next. Hanover St. will be the biggest inconvenience. Mr. Cleary spoke with Chief McFarland regarding the detour. Officers will be uptown during rush hour to help with traffic issues. Mr. Cleary is researching whether officers directing traffic can be paid for out of the project. Mr. Shrodes asked Mr. Cleary about the traffic light issues on Rt. 7. Mr. Cleary has spoken with ODOT. Mr. Cleary said the contractor is in the area. The lights didn't get coordinated. He expects the contractor to be in soon. Mr. Rodgers asked about Cemetery Rd. Mr. Cleary said he spoke with Mr. Vaughn. Border Patrol is waiting for supplies to be delivered. The project should begin any day.

Auditor:

End of the month financials were distributed.

Law Director: No report

Police Dept.: Council and Administration were invited to the range from 3-9 to watch the officers qualify.

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: A Finance Mtg will be held on Wednesday October 12 at 6 p.m.

Street: no report.

Ordinance: A meeting will be needed soon to discuss golf cart legislation. Mr. Shrodes asked that Safety meet to discuss.

Sewer/Sidewalk: no report

Code: no report

Safety: A meeting will be held on Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. in Crawford Heights to discuss the intersection and the need for a stop sign. Mr. Neiman asked that the committee review the request for a handicapped spot while they are in the neighborhood.

Service: no report

Cemetery/PR: No report

Real Estate: Mr. Davies asked if Council wanted to discuss the railroad property and if it should be put on for bid if the City wants to sell. Mr. Regis said several people are interested in the upper lot in Crawford Heights. Mr. Cleary said he will get a list of properties. He said he has received a call about Floral Valley as well. Mr. Cleary is trying to get back with the person interested in the lot on Carlisle St.

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia St. thanked Council and Administration for their help with the Meet the Candidates. He said the Chamber of Commerce did a good job. Mr. Hord thanked the media, especially the Times Leader.

Mr. Hord asked for an update on the City's financial situation. Mr. Krajnyak said some things being tried are working and other are not. He said the state auditor would be in tomorrow and the City will plan from there.

Mr. Hord announced that he has resigned from the Hall of Honor Committee. Mr. Hord thanked everyone for their support.

Mr. Hord said the sanitation workers do a great job. Mr. Cleary will pass along the praise to the employees.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Shrodes announced that Larry Deaton will be inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. Mr. Regis said he will be inducted on October 16 in Columbus. Mayor Krajnyak will get the information for a proclamation.

Mr. Schramm thanked the Fire Department for the steak fry.

Mr. Regis announced the Christmas Parade will be held Nov. 25.

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

Mr. Davies asked to be excused from the next meeting.

Mr. Regis announced that Leon Zambori will be the Grand Marshall for the parade.

Mr. Schramm asked when the meeting with the state auditor would be held. Ms. Randall said only the administration would attend or it would need to be publicized.

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