

## **Minutes of January 18, 2017 Regular Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday January 18, 2017 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 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

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

#### **Mayor:**

Mayor Krajnyak said the Business Advisory Committee has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow January 19. Mayor Krajnyak spoke with President Davis regarding the formation of a Council Committee comprised of Street, PR, and Safety who can meet to discuss any ideas that come from the Business Advisory Committee that would involve these areas.

Mayor Krajnyak announced that a new flower shop will open on Feb 1. Ferry Flowers and Gifts will be located on Walnut Street.

Mr. Regis asked Mayor Krajnyak how much longer 4<sup>th</sup> St. will remain one way. Mayor Krajnyak said that there is still some concern with filling in the foundation next to Subway. Mr. Regis asked if keeping the block one way was being discussed. Mayor Krajnyak confirmed that it is being discussed.

Mr. Shrodes asked for an update on the traffic lights. Mayor Krajnyak said ODOT says it will be in before the end of the month. Mr. Cleary said work was supposed to start this week.

#### **Service Director:**

Mr. Cleary said the Business Advisory Committee would meet tomorrow at 11 am in the Mayor's Office. If there are too many people, the meeting will move to Council Chambers.

Mr. Cleary distributed information provided by the Ohio Municipal League regarding the budget. Goals were listed that they are promoting. They are working to get local funding restored. Mr. Cleary said listed the phone number for the Governor's Office. He asked that people call to complain to the state.

Training on the new billing system started this week. The system will go live in a few weeks. They are working on credit card capabilities in the Utility Office and Mayor's Court Office.

Mr. Cleary said a meeting was held with Sewer and Sanitation to discuss rates. Rates have not been raised in 5 years. \$1.50 is being recommended.

Julie Ward from RCAP has returned to work. A meeting will be scheduled the week of Feb. 20.

Mr. Neiman asked if the sewer truck is broke down. Mr. Cleary said the motor on the auger is not working.

Mr. Rodgers asked how much has been spent on Christmas tree pick-up. Mr. Cleary was unsure. Mr. Rodges suggested designating a few days for tree pick-up to save time and money.

Mr. Rodgers stated that he felt it would be a good idea for supervisors to attend Council Meetings. President Davis said Council can request that they attend.

Mr. Hunker asked if any cold patching was being done. Mr. Cleary said no, there is no money. Grindings are being used but they don't last.

**Auditor:** No report

**Law Director:** No report

### **Committees of Council:**

**Finance/Audit:** Mr. Regis said a meeting was held to look at sewer and sanitation. HE said the Finance Committees recommends an increase of \$1.50. After that increase one year would be skipped then an annual increase of 2% or 3% would take place to keep up.

**Street:** Mr. Rodgers said he spoke with Mr. Waugh and the geological reports were sent to the engineer in December. They are currently working on the plans. No cost estimate has been received.

Richard Waugh of ADR discussed 8<sup>th</sup> St. He said a preliminary will be done by Jan 31. Mr. Waugh also reported that 1<sup>st</sup> St. is 98% completed. Mr. Hunker asked about a RUMA agreement. Mr. Cleary asked for Mr. Stecker to explain. Mr. Stecker said now that the project is finished the businesses could be approached to sign a RUMA agreement, however they are not required to sign. The Oil and Gas companies are required by state statute to sign RUMA agreements, but it does not require others to sign.

**Ordinance:** No report

**Sewer/Sidewalk:** Mr. Schramm said several sewers are clogged with leaves. Tomorrow, crews will start cleaning them out.

**Code:** A meeting was held with the Property Maintenance Appeals Board and needed legislation was discussed.

**Safety:** No report

**Service:** No report

**Cemetery:** No report

**PR:** Mr. Shrodes thanked crews for picking up the discarded mattress and tires.

Mayor Krajnyak said that the Fire Chiefs met with Chief McFarland and the dispatchers to discuss policies within the City. Brian Minder from the Belmont Co. 911 Center will be providing dispatcher training in person and online. 911 will pay for the training.

Mr. Regis suggested considering upgrading the radio equipment.

### **Citizens to be Heard:**

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia St. requested an update on budget issues. Mayor Krajnyak said he sent the needed reports to the State Auditors. Meetings are being held with Dept. Heads to discuss their department budgets.

Mr. Hord asked if a resolution had been considered for the owners of Fashion Manor. Mr. Hord asked for a timetable for the opening of Subway. Mr. Cleary said they need 6 weeks after power is restored.

Mr. Hord thanked the City for filling the pothole on Indiana and Adams Streets.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY TO ACT AS THE SIGNATURE DESIGNEE AND TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER TITLE 1 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 (PL 93-383) TO THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was given a first 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 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, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the resolution was passed as read.

**A RESOLUTION DECLARINGN THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (BORROWER), TO REIMBURSE ITS GENERAL FUND FOR THE FIRST STREET AKA INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY PAVING PROJECT( LOAN NUMBER CR17T/CR18T) WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was given a first reading. No action was taken and the resolution will go on to a second reading.

### **Miscellaneous Business:**

The committee to consult with the Business Advisory Committee will be comprised of Chairman Schramm, Mr. Hunker, and Mr. Shrodes.

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

Mr. Regis asked if anything was being done regarding S. Ridge. Mr. Cleary said not until spring.

Mr. Rodgers motioned that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hunker 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, Council President Pro Tem