

Minutes of January 4, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday January 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Donald Myers Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Council President Pro Tem Rick Rodgers 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

President Pro Tem Rodgers will be voting as Fourth Ward Council.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor: No report

Service Director:

Mr. Cleary received word that the City had been approved to apply for funding for the 8th Street project. Misty Tolzda of OMEGA is searching for additional funding.

Auditor: End of the year financials were distributed.

Police Dept: No report

Mr. Rodgers discussed a program instituted by the Toronto PD that provided rides to drivers on New Year's Eve who had drank too much.

Fire Dept:

Chief Regis said that at the Dec. 10 annual mtg. Mike Cooper was named Fire Chief to complete Mike Reese's term. Jack Regis Jr. was elected Chief 2.

Chief Regis asked permission to use the City Park July 30-Aug 5 for Betty Zane Days. He added that the Fire Dept. will bring back the basketball tournament for the festival. Also, the Fire Dept. asked permission to block streets for the annual steak fry-date to be determined.

Mr. Regis added that the Property Maintenance Appeals Board met with the Mayor and Service Director. They would like to set a meeting with Council to discuss stiffer fines for repeat offenders. The Appeals Board has a mtg. scheduled for Monday at 4:30, they could meet with Council at 5:30.

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: Meetings will start with Dept. Heads. January 11 at 3 p.m. will be a mtg. with Sewer and Sanitation in the Mayor's Office. All are invited to attend.

Street: No report

Ordinance: No report

Sewer/Sidewalk: No report

Code: No report

Safety: No report

Service: No report

Cemetery: No report

Mr. Regis announced the Code Mt. with the Property Maintenance Appeals Board at 5:30 on January 9.

PR: Mr. Shrodes said demo on the property at S. 10th and Hanover should conclude by mid January. He apologized for the congestion in the area.

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia St. wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Hord said that Mark Thomas announced development plans for an indoor sports complex. Mr. Hord said that Martins Ferry would be the perfect site for that type of development.

Mr. Hord asked if layoffs were still a possibility. Mayor Krajnyak said that everyone just received the financials, so no one has had time yet to study them. He added that nothing is off the table at this point. Mr. Regis added that meetings are being held with Department Heads to keep an eye on the budget.

Mr. Hord asked for a landbanking update. Mr. Cleary said several seats need to be filled on the committee. He said there were issues with reimbursements.

Tom Regis of 1315 Kennedy Ave discussed the Civics and the needs of various ball fields in the City. Mr. Regis asked for funds for a mound at Floto Field. He said that the concession stand has been vandalized. Also, a tractor is needed for Hillendale. Mr. Davies asked if they could use the unused funds from the other two mound purchases. Ms. Randall will check. Mr. Davies asked for an idea of what is needed. Mr. Shrodes asked where the league plays. Mr. Regis said they used Floto last year.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Shrodes moved to allow the Fire Dept. to use the City Park July 30-Aug 5 for Betty Zane Days and to block 4th and Grant for a steak fry-date to be determined. 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. Regis made a motion to accept the reports of Supervisors and Management. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hunker and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Rodgers wished everyone a Merry 11th day of Christmas and a Merry Orthodox Christmas.

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

Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Rick Rodgers, Council President Pro Tem