

## **Minutes of April 5, 2017 Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday April 5, 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 Robert Hunker, First Ward, Bruce Shrodes, Second Ward, John Davies, Third Ward, Rick Rodgers, Fourth Ward, Ben Neiman, Jim Schramm, and Jack Regis Sr. Council at Large

**Correspondence:** No correspondence was received.

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved as received.

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

#### **Mayor:**

Mayor Krajnyak informed Council of a request by Butch Miller for their support of a cruise in to support the FOPA. He asked for permission to block certain streets. No date has been set at this point, only a request for support. Mr. Neiman asked about the FOPA. Mayor Krajnyak said they are a Belmont Co. organization that supports local FOP's. Officer Scales said they are an associate of the FOP and are chartered through the FOP but are still separate.

Mayor Krajnyak asked Council to appropriate up to \$5,600 for the completion of the culvert on Hanover and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets. Ms. Randall said it would be best if the money came from the General Fund. Mr. Shrodes asked if the lot would be brought up to level. Mayor Krajnyak said several parties are interested in purchasing the lot. There will be strict stipulations on what could be built. Mr. Hunker said there would need to be very limited building.

#### **Service Director:**

Mr. Cleary said construction began today on Suriano Alley. There can be no vehicles parked on Wilson Ave or in Suriano Alley. Residents have been asked to park elsewhere. Residents are also asked to put their trash on the street. Belmont Co. 911 has also been notified.

Mr. Cleary said around \$200,000 is needed to complete the 8<sup>th</sup> Street slip project. Misty Tolzda is now back at work and is looking for grants and loans. The final design is expected to be completed by ADR in the coming weeks.

The striping of Aetna Street is estimated at \$779. This would include the center line and stencils. Ms. Randall said this can come from Street or Permissive City. Mr. Hunker asked if Aetna would be patched first. Mr. Cleary said he turned in the PO's. Mr. Cleary clarified for Mr. Shrodes that the project would include redoing the center lane and stenciling the turning lane.

Mr. Regis asked for an update on the sewer truck. Mr. Cleary said it was back. The pump is still acting up. Mr. Cleary said he received lease info for a new, smaller truck. Cost would run \$30,000 to \$35,000 a year for 5 years with a guaranteed buy-back.

Mr. Rodgers asked when work would begin on N. and S. Ridge. Mr. Cleary said Mr. Vaughn is working on the specs now. Mr. Rodgers also asked about land banking. Mr. Cleary said he should know more on Monday after his meeting. Mr. Rodgers asked about curb paint. Mr. Cleary said he has purchased. Mr. Rodgers said there are indentation marks in the fill dirt from the fire on the alley side. Mr. Cleary will check on it. Mr. Rodgers asked if there is an ordinance regarding furniture on porches. He stated that he has seen several homes with interior furniture being stored and or used on the front porch. He contacted Steubenville about their ordinance to use as a guideline. President Davis asked Mr. Shrodes, who chairs the Ordinance Committee, to look into it. Mr. Regis mentioned the renters and the previously discussed idea of registering properties. Mr. Cleary said he has been contacted by several communities regarding the Property Maintenance Code.

**Auditor:**

Ms. Randall said month by month reports have been distributed. The projected budget is not completely finished.

**Law Director:** No report

**Code Administrator:** No report

**Water Superintendent:**

The week of April 23 will start the first hydrant flushing of 2017. Mr. Suto hopes to flush hydrants two or three more times this year.

**Police Dept:**

Officer Scales asked Council to consider purchasing seven trauma kits, one for each vehicle. Cost is \$170 each from North American Rescue. A sample was passed around for Council to examine.

**Reports of Committees of Council:**

**Finance/Audit:**

Mr. Regis asked to schedule a combination Finance/Safety Mtg.

**Street:** No report

**Ordinance:** No report

**Sewer/Sidewalk:** No report

**Code:** A Code Mtg. was scheduled for Tuesday at 5:30.

**Safety:** A mtg. was scheduled for after the Code mtg. on Tuesday.

**Service:** No report

**Cemetery:** A mtg. was held on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Shrodes discussed the need for a capital improvement fund. He said a new ordinance is needed. Mr. Davies said \$5475 is in Cemetery. An Ordinance mtg. was scheduled for April 17 at 5:30.

**Public Relations:** No report

**Citizens to be Heard:**

Larry Deaton of the Park Board distributed a report concerning the Recreation Center. He clarified that the water break mentioned in the report has already been fixed. Mayor Krajnyak said he spoke with CAC and that younger students will be able to work this year.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street asked for addition land bank information and if the properties have been identified. Mr. Cleary said yes, there are six houses from Martins Ferry.

Mr. Hord said that violators had been listed in the newspaper and wondered if this would continue. Mayor Krajnyak said yes.

Mr. Hord asked if Fourth St. was going to stay two-way. Mayor Krajnyak said yes, for the time being until further information can be gathered.

Mr. Hord asked for an update on the Past Chiefs plaque. Mayor Krajnyak said Officer Scales has given him the needed information.

Mr. Hord said he had been told that with new County Commissioners in office it would be best to wait to schedule a Town Hall, but he wondered if it would be alright to contact State Rep. Cera to schedule a Town Hall. Mr. Hord was given the go ahead to proceed with arrangements.

Mr. Hord thanked everyone for the plans to line Aetna St.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY TO THE BELMONT COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** was given a first reading. Mr. Regis moved to suspend the rules. 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 motion was declared passed. Mr. Shrodes moved to pass the ordinance as read. 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 motion was declared passed.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH A SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND** was given a first reading. Mr. Regis moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Hunker 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. Rodgers moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members

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**Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Rodgers moved to appropriate up to \$5,600 from the General Fund to complete the culvert work on Hanover and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets. 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 motion was declared passed.

Mr. Shrodes moved to appropriate up to \$1200 from the General Fund to purchase 7 trauma kits for the Police Dept. 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. Hunker asked the shelf life of the kit. Officer Scales said there isn't anything in the kit that would expire. Mr. Regis said he would like to see the kit come with an epi-pen and a glucose.

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. Regis asked Mr. Cleary to price i-pads for Council.

Mr. Regis said the inside of the Recreation Center looks great.

Mr. Regis moved to appropriate up to \$5,000 from the General Fund to purchase chairs and tables. Mr. Schramm seconded the motion. . A roll call vote was heard with Council members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Schramm, and Regis voting yea Neiman voting no and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Shrodes asked that a sign be placed designating no thru truck traffic on St. Rt 647 and Alumni Rd. Mr. Davies suggested 10 ton limit signs.

Mr. Rodgers said that the Elks had purchased 2 gross of flags to be placed at the cemeteries.

Mr. Cleary said Mr. Wildman has asked permission to put up flag poles by the monuments in the City Park.

Mr. Rodgers 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.

