

## **Minutes of April 19, 2017 Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday April 19, 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 of March 22, 2017 were approved as received.

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

#### **Mayor:**

Mayor Krajnyak reported that the Easter rains caused 2-2 ½ inches of rain in a 20-25 minute time period. Several catch basin and drainage issues have been addressed since the downpour. Mayor Krajnyak thanked Cody Engleman for going out and cleaning up catch basins.

A sinkhole has been discovered on S. 1<sup>st</sup> St.

Mayor Krajnyak said that the FOPA will hold a Cruise-In in June. The exact date has not been decided. Some streets will be blocked for this event.

#### **Service Director:**

Mr. Cleary said crews are out patching potholes. Alumni Rd. will be the first one done.

ODOT has been contacted about grant money to correct the issues on this road. Mr.

Cleary said the road is not wide enough and additional funds will be needed.

Curbs are being replaced on Colerain Pike and S. Ridge to address water run-off issues.

Mr. Suto said hydrant flushing will begin Sunday evening.

Specs are being prepared by Mr. Vaughn for N. and S. Ridge and Cemetery Rd.

The Martins Ferry Hall of Honor Inductions will be held on Sunday May 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the high school cafetorium.

Mr. Neiman asked about the sink hole at Jaycee Manor. Mr. Cleary said Border Patrol was contacted. The issue was from a cracked sewer line and has been repaired.

Mr. Rodgers asked about the 8<sup>th</sup> Street project and how much money is still needed. Mr.

Cleary said the final grant loan application package has been submitted to the State Development Office. A decision should be known in two weeks.

The sewer vac truck was discussed. A repair person is looking into the issue. Mr. Rodgers asked the price of a new sewer truck and street sweeper. Mr. Cleary said \$500,000-\$600,000 for both.

Mr. Shrodes asked about signs on the school roads prohibiting truck traffic. Mr. Cleary will look at.

Mr. Regis asked about curbing on State Rt. 647. Mr. Cleary said a section had been knocked out over winter, it was replaced to stop water. Mr. Regis also asked about the

sewer project on Suriano Alley. Mr. Cleary said the last two laterals were being hooked up today. The existing manhole at the end will be filled.

**Auditor:** No report

**Code Administrator:** No report

**Water Superintendent:**

Mr. Suto said hydrant flushing will begin next week. Three water breaks and four service lines were done last week. Mr. Schramm thanked Mr. Suto for the work on Woods Lane. Mr. Davies asked about expanding for sales to water tankers. Mr. Suto said three tanks are ready and a price is needed on a pump and line.

**Police Dept:** No report

**Fire Department:**

Specs are being completed on the new fire truck. Cost is \$485,000-\$490,000 through Ohio State Purchasing. There is a 10-12 month bill time. The contract needs to be completed by June or there will be a 3% increase.

**Committees of Council:**

**Finance/Audit:** no report

**Street:** A meeting is scheduled for April 26 at 6 p.m.

**Ordinance:** A meeting was held. Mr. Stecker is looking into an ordinance. He will work with Ms. Randall. Example ordinances have been collected regarding upholstered furniture. They were given to Mr. Rodgers to review. Mr. Rodgers will distribute to Council.

**Sewer/Sidewalk:** no report

**Code:** a meeting was held on April 11. Renter's restrictions and guidelines were discussed. Information was given to Mr. Stecker.

**Safety:** A meeting was held on April 11. An EMS Advisory Board was discussed.

**Service:** No report.

**Cemetery:** Zero turning radius mowers were discussed. Mayor Krajnyak will look into it. Mr. Regis said the County may be able to do a demo.

**Real Estate:** No report

**Income Tax:** no report

### **Citizens to Be Heard:**

Steve Hancock of Colerain Pike thanked the Council Member who voted to give money to the Civics for a mower and pitching mounds. Mr. Shrodes thanked Mr. Hancock for the job they do and for providing activities for the kids. Mr. Regis agreed and said that without the Civics as well as those who run flag football and basketball program there wouldn't be anything for kids to do.

Tom Regis of Kennedy Ave thanked Council for the money they voted to give the Civics. Mr. Davies said that coaches are often the only mentor kids have and the City should support the children all they can.

George Haggerty of Cemetery Rd. asked what portion of the road is being fixed. Mr. Cleary said the upper end where the storm drains were that is currently just dirt. Mr. Haggerty asked about golf carts in the city. Mayor Krajnyak explained that the ordinance was passed last year.

Mr. Haggerty asked about the Regional Income Tax Authority and why the taxes are handed locally. Mayor Krajnyak explained that there was a public hearing years ago and people did not want someone local seeing their information. Ms. Randall said tax forms are available at the Utility Office or Auditor's Office.

Francis Green of 519 S. Zane Hwy added that there is a local chapter of the Boy Scouts to add to activities for kids.

She asked about a clogged storm sewer and a visible sewer. Mr. Cleary will stop tomorrow to look at these issues. Mrs. Green expressed concern over bedbugs. Mr. Shrodes said mattresses put out for sanitation pick-up must be wrapped.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street said a Town Hall Meeting will be held with State Rep. Cera on Monday May 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Elks. Mr. Hord thanked Mr. Rodgers for getting permission to use the Elks.

Mr. Hord asked who is working to attract businesses to Martins Ferry. Mayor Krajnyak said the duties are being shared.

Mr. Hord asked if someone was moving into the former First Ward. Mayor Krajnyak said he was not aware.

Mr. Hord asked when the street sweeper would be fixed. Mr. Cleary said not for awhile.

Mr. Hord asked for a timetable on S. 10<sup>th</sup> and Hanover. None was available but workers are on schedule.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

The received ordinance needed the 72 hour rule to be waived for reading. No motion was heard, so the legislation will be read at the May 3 meeting.

### **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.

Mayor Krajnyak asked that Council go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Cofr 121.22 regarding personnel and compensation.

Mr. Hunker moved to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Cofr 121.22 regarding personnel and compensation. 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 moved to go out of Executive Session. 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. Davies moved to amend the Operator of Records pay rate as proposed by the Mayor to \$350 bi-weekly (from \$8450 annually to \$9100). Mr. Neiman 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. Davies asked about people dumping in the Cemetery. Mr. Cleary said permission was reduced to a few people dumping brush. Mr. Suto said Mr. Sells has been taking care of it. Mr. Cleary said Mr. Sells called him about turning someone away.

Mr. Rodgers said he called the Police Dept. on Saturday about a light on at 430 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St. He said the Police arrived within 5 minutes and were very professional and prompt.

Mr. Schramm asked if the City has sign poles. Mr. Cleary said he had already dicussed the matter with the President of Council and that plans have been made for the sign.

Mr. Shrodes 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.

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Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

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Kristine Davis, Council President