

## **Minutes of May 3, 2017 Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday May 3, 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 April 19, 2017 were approved as received.

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

#### **Mayor:**

Mayor Krajnyak announced that a National Day of Prayer service would be held tomorrow at noon at the Grace Presbyterian Church.

Guardrail repairs are being scheduled for the hill going into Crawford Heights. 242 feet of guardrail is needed. The county has been contacted, but has not replied.

County Rd 4 Floral Valley is closed due to bridge work. The bridge deck is being replaced at a cost of \$1.8 million. Completion is set for September.

Mayor Krajnyak thanked the Fire Dept. with their work on the Eastern Division Court Building.

A developer has been in contact with the City about the lot that was previously Bauer Ford.

Mayor Krajnyak asked that the Council vote to amend the salary of the Operator of Records.

Mayor Krajnyak said the City is waiting for the specs for the N. Ridge and S. Ridge Dr. projects. Once the specs are received, work can begin.

Flags will be placed at the cemeteries on Saturday May 20 at 10:00 a.m. This is Armed Forces Day.

#### **Service Director:**

Mr. Cleary said street crews have been patching potholes. They are scheduled to patch in the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward next.

Due to the recent storms, two new catch basins are being constructed on S. Ridge. Also, a new catch basin will be installed on Elm Street. A catch basin was also repaired on Colerain Pike.

The Belmont Corrections workers are cutting grass in the cemetery this week. They are doing a great job. Mr. Cleary said the City provides lunch for the workers. This is the only cost for the program. There is still a lot to do before Memorial Day, including a topsoil project. The Cemetery currently has one employee. Mr. Cleary asked that Council increase the salary for Cemetery workers from minimum wage to \$10 per hour. Mr. Cleary said he would like to have two employees in the Cemetery.

Mr. Cleary said the Salt Purchase Resolution needs to be passed so it can be sent to the state. The resolution would purchase 250 tons. Mr. Cleary said the City has 75 tons left from last year. Last year, 100 tons was used.

The Business Revitalization Group has changed their name to “Project Forward”. Saturday May 13 the Lion’s Club will be planting flowers. Businesses have been asked to clean up their storefronts on this day. There will also be a Farmer’s Market on the first and third Saturday of the month July through October. Project Forward is always looking for new members.

Mr. Rodgers asked about the Floral Valley exit being closed until September. Mr. Cleary said that is the information he has been given. Mr. Rodgers voiced his concern due to the elderly in the area. Mr. Davies asked if this is being done by the State. Mr. Cleary said yes. Mayor Krajnyak said he would speak to ODOT.

**Auditor:**

End of the month financial reports were distributed for April. Ms. Randall requested a Finance Committee Meeting. She said the budget needs to be to the county by July 15. A Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for May 22 at 6:00 p.m.

**Police Dept:** no report

**Law Director:** no report

**Committees of Council:**

**Finance/Audit:** A pre-Audit meeting was held. The 2018 budget was discussed.

**Street:** A meeting was held on April 26. Sheets were distributed to Council members to look at alleys. A meeting will be held after May 16.

**Ordinance:** no report

**Sewer/Sidewalk:** no report

**Code:** no report

**Safety:** no report

**Service:** no report.

**Cemetery:** no report

**PR:** no report

**Real Estate:** A citizen inquired about a lot in Crawford Heights. The citizen has been cutting the lot for years. Who would cover survey costs was discussed.

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

Ed Lewis of N. Ridge Drive asked for an update. Mayor Krajnyak said the engineer is working on the project specs and when the specs have been received, work will begin. Mr. Lewis also said the potholes on Darrah Rd. need patched. He also said the pothole on Carlisle and Zane needs patched.

Francis Green of 519 S. Zane Hwy asked about the slip past the Hillendale Ballfield. Mr. Cleary said that is an ODOT project. Mrs. Green also asked about the street sweeper. Mr. Cleary said demo models will be brought in soon. Citizens do not need to move cars.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia St. said he saw an ad on t.v. about shopping local in Martins Ferry and wondered who was responsible. Mayor Krajnyak said he hadn't seen the ad, but the City was not involved.

Mr. Hord asked about a timetable for the land bank. Mr. Cleary said he has a meeting on Monday. The houses should be going out to bid. There was a tie up with the asbestos paperwork. Hopefully, 4-6 weeks for a start date.

Mr. Hord discussed Steubenville's revitalization. He asked if the City was open to sharing ideas. Mayor Krajnyak said he serves on a board with the individual and that they often discuss ideas.

Mr. Hord asked if there is a date set for Subway's reopening. Mr. Cleary said no. Mr. Hord asked about a drive-thru. Mayor Krajnyak said they would like to look into one in the future.

Mr. Hord reminded everyone of the Town Hall Meeting with State Rep. Jack Cera on Monday May 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Elks.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF THE TEMPORARY OPERATOR OF RECORD** was given a first reading. Mr. Davies moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Rodgers 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 pass the ordinance 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 motion was declared passed.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH A CEMETERY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND** was given a first reading. Mr. Shrodes 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. Shrodes moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Davies 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.

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was given a first reading. Mr. Schramm 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. Hunker 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.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Rodgers asked about the increase in pay for cemetery workers and if a voice vote was enough. Ms. Randall said to be specific and an ordinance would be needed. Mr. Davies suggested waiting until an ordinance could be brought in.

Mr. Neiman asked about an asphalt grinder. Mr. Cleary discussed. Mr. Davies said the City had one when he was Service Director. Mr. Cleary said he would look into it.

Mr. Shrodes asked about Fanhouse Rd. Mr. Cleary said portions of the road will vbe paved as part of the drainage issue. He said the best option for Fanhouse would be to grind it then shoot and chip. Alumni Rd was discussed. Mr. Shrodes suggested a Service Committee Mtg. to discuss. Mr. Cleary said Mr. Lively from the County would need to approve any proposed signage.

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

Mr. Davies asked Mr. Cleary about the land on Roosevelt. Mr. Cleary will take care of it.

Mayor Krajnyak announced the Hall of Honor Inductions on Sunday May 7 at 2 p.m. and the rerception on Saturday at the Liberty Fire Station at 5:00. All are welcomed.

The pay schedule effecting the Operator of Records was discussed.

Mr. Rodgers thanked Mr. Deaton for cutting a portion of Rt. 7.

Mr. Regis commended the Fire Dept on the good job at the fire at Eastern Court. Mr. Regis added that Chief Cooper had rotator cuff surgery. Also the Fire Dept. Memorial Service will be held Sunday May 7. Church service at the Baptist Church then service at the Park.

Mr. Shrodes 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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Kristine Davis, Council President