

## **Minutes of July 12, 2017 Martins Ferry City Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday July 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Donald Meyers 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 and Jim Schramm, Council at Large.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the June 21, 2017 Council Meeting were approved as received.

President Davis requested a change in order and allowed Mayor Krajnyak to make a presentation.

Mayor Krajnyak announced that Leo Zambori and Domenic Alexander had been appointed Special Officers with the MFPD. Both were sworn in and presented badges by the MFPD and Mayor Krajnyak.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence was received.

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

#### **Mayor:**

Mayor Krajnyak thanked President Davis for the change in order.

Council was asked to approve the EORWA Service Agreement. Mr. Schramm said this is a five year contract at \$5,000 per month. The rate did not go up this year.

Mayor Krajnyak said the S. 10<sup>th</sup> and Hanover Project has been completed. There was a secondary collapse that needed to be fixed. This has increased the price of the project by \$5220.

JB Green has released dates of clean ups around the area. A battery disposal bin will be put in place at the City Building soon.

Bid openings for the N. Ridge Dr. project are tomorrow at 11:00 am. Cemetery Rd Project Bid Opening is August 2.

Colerain Pike will be closed for slip repairs starting Aug. 15. Detours will take travelers on Alumni and Ayers Limestone Rd.

A Street, Finance, and Service Mtg. will be held on July 15.

Mayor Krajnyak asked Council to voice vote permission for the Administration to proceed with the paperwork to turn the building used as the City Garage and Floto Field over to the Port Authority for sale. Mr. Neiman asked about selling off unused equipment. Mayor Krajnyak said one is being planned.

Mr. Sutak asked about the Colerain Pike project and asked if the slip repair would be in his area. Mayor Krajnyak said the areas have been spray painted. Mr. Sutak said he spoke with the State and they didn't think his area was on the agenda to fix. Mr. Cleary said the catch basins will be fixed and should change the flow of water down the Pike, which should help his issues. A video of the water issue was discussed. Mr. Cleary asked that a copy be sent to him.

**Service Director:**

Mr. Cleary said it has been a rough week for the sanitation Dept. Service is behind by two days because there have been three mechanical failures. Mr. Cleary hopes they will be caught up by the end of the week. He asked for a transfer of \$4,000 from the General Fund for repairs.

There are new storm water issues and the old issues are getting worse. There is a culvert collapse on Carlisle St. A camera needs to be run through the line. The line is rotted in sections. Mr. Vaughn will be in to look at it.

A meeting was held with EORWA regarding a pilot program to separate storm and sanitary sewers. The project area will be the Hillcrest, Sunset, and Circle Drive areas of Hillendale. A company will do home inspections. Residents will be notified of these inspections. Reductions at the pump station will be evaluated. If the pilot program is successful, the program could expand. Mr. Shrodes asked about a study on surrounding streets. Mr. Cleary said the company will give ideas on what can be done and the results will be examined by the City, Mr. Vaughn, and EORWA.

Mr. Davies asked if the City still has four packers. Mr. Cleary said there are three. Mr. Davies asked about the camera for the sewer line. Mr. Cleary said the one owned by the City can only go 50 ft. and can't see if in water. Another company will need to be called in.

**Auditor:**

Ms. Randall said that the County Budget Hearing will be held on Aug. 11 at 3 pm. Monthly financial reports are now available on the website. Citizens may come to the Auditor's Office if they have questions.

**Law Director:** No report

**Police Dept:** Chief McFarland said he has been meeting with a group of citizens at Jaycee Manor about creating a neighborhood watch. They meet on Wednesdays at 2 pm. A picnic will be held on Aug. 11 from 6-9 pm.

Softite Federal Credit Union thanked the Police Dept. for their work apprehending the fugitive.

Chief McFarland requested an ordinance be brought in to increase the number of part-time officers from 10 to 12.

**Fire Dept:** Chief Regis asked for permission to advertise the sale of two squad trucks. Also, a meeting was requested with Mr. Sutak, the Mayor, Mr. Stecker, and the Safety Committee regarding options for Fire Dept. funding. The meeting will be held Tuesday July 18 at 5:30.

Mr. Shrodes asked the procedure to sell the squads. Mr. Regis said they are put out for bid.

**Committees of Council:**

**Finance/Audit:** No report

**Street:** A meeting will be held on July 18 at 5 pm.

**Ordinance:** Mr. Shrodes said there are several ordinances pending.

**Sewer/Sidewalk:** No report

**Code:** No report

**Safety:** No report

**Service:** No report. A meeting will be held with Finance and Street on July 18.

**Cemetery:** No report. Mr. Neiman said the cemetery looks good.

**PR:** No report

**Citizens to be Heard:**

Tom Regis of 1315 Kennedy Ave. thanked Council for the money given to the Civics. Mr. Regis thanked the City for the patching of potholes in Crawford Heights. He asked when the area torn up from a water break would be addressed. Mr. Regis said that his car was damaged by driving through the area. He asked if the City would pay for the needed repairs. Mr. Stecker said no. Mr. Shrodes suggested cones be placed around the area to alert drivers until it can be taken care of.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia St. updated Council on the progress in planning several Town Hall Meetings. A meeting with the Commissioners was scheduled for August 1 at 6:00 pm. It was decided that this was not the best time, since it would interfere with the Betty Zane Days Festival. August 8 will be looked at as an alternative. Mr. Hoagland's office seems receptive, but no plans have been finalized.

Mr. Hord asked about potential development of the previous Bauer Ford lot. Mayor Krajnyak said an environmental study needs to be completed. He is working with State Rep. Cera on this matter.

Mr. Hord asked about the striping of Aetna and Broadway Streets. Mr. Cleary said we are waiting for the company to schedule the job.

Mr. Hord asked if 911 Indiana is on the land bank list for demolition. Mr. Cleary said yes, but not in this round. He will check to confirm.

Mr. Hord asked about concerns for the City's finances. Mayor Krajnyak said that Governor Kasich has signed a budget that would cut \$35million from small cities and villages. Mr. Cleary added that the good news is this will be his last budget.

Pat Jackson of Crawford Heights updated Council on her recovery from falling in a pothole. She asked if the City would help pay for her medical bills. Mayor Krajnyak will discuss this with Mr. Stecker.

Alan Marangoni thanked Council for the progress on the N. Ridge Dr. Project. He added that the potholes on S. Ridge are bad. He also said that Suriano Shortcut is nearly impassable. Mayor Krajnyak said Suriano Shortcut is being discussed and if bids come in low, more money would be available to help with S. Ridge.

Andy Sutak of 1 S. 12<sup>th</sup> Street asked Mr. Cleary when the company could be called in to run the camera through the sewer line at his house. Mr. Cleary said he will discuss it when he meets with Mr. Vaughn next week.

Mr. Sutak asked about his water pressure issues. Mr. Cleary said Mr. Suto thinks he has found a solution. He will look into in next week.

Mike Poluga of N. Ridge Dr asked about the catch basins being installed on N. Ridge. Mr. Cleary said the City will be installing them, hopefully next week.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** was given a third reading. 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, and Schramm voting yea and the resolution was passed as read.

### **Miscellaneous Business:**

Mr. Davies asked about potholes. Mayor Krajnyak said low man power has affected being able to get potholes filled. As other problems occur, workers are pulled from filling. Two crews went out to fill as many as possible. Mr. Davies suggested looking at outside sources to see if they have crews that do potholes.

Mr. Neiman asked Mr. Cleary about using community service workers. Mr. Cleary said college and high school help used to do those jobs in the summer. Now, not many community service workers are available. Mayor Krajnyak tries to use some from Mayor's Court, but people would rather pay the fine. Mr. Davies said judges allow workers to select where they want to work, usually non-profits. Mr. Hunker said something has to be done before hot patch is no longer available.

Mr. Rodgers moved to appropriate an additional \$5220 from Permanent Improvement for the completion of the S. 10<sup>th</sup> and Hanover St. Property. Mr. Davies asked if the secondary slip was caused by them not completing the job. Mayor Krajnyak said no, it was an issue further on the line that needed addressed. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, and Schramm voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Neiman moved to renew the EORWA service agreement at \$5,000 per month. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, and Schramm voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Schramm moved to allow the Fire Dept. to advertise for bids for the sale of unused equipment. Mr. Hunker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, and Schramm voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Hunker moved to excuse Mr. Regis. Mr. Davies seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote, the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Davies moved to accept the reports of supervisors and management. Mr. Schramm seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote, the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Shrodes moved to give permission to administration to continue gathering details for the Port Authority for the sale of the previous City Garage property and Floto Field. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, and Schramm voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Shrodes moved to appropriate up to \$4,000 from the General Fund for the packer repair. Mr. Hunker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, and Schramm voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Rodgers moved to show support of National Lime and Stone's proposed EPA approved fuel tanks and other ventures. No second was received and the motion died.

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday July 19.

Mr. Hunker moved to adjourn. Mr. Davies seconded the motion 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