

## **Minutes of July 19, 2017 Martins Ferry City Council Meeting**

The Martins Ferry City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday July 19, 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, Jim Schramm, and Jack Regis Council at Large.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the July 12, 2017 Council Meeting were approved as received.

**Correspondence:** None

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

#### **Mayor:**

Mayor Krajnyak reported that the bid opening had been held for the N. Ridge Drive Project. Lash Paving came in under the estimate. Hopefully, this will allow the project to expand. Estimated start time is August.

#### **Service Director:**

Mr. Cleary reported on a sink hole on S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. There is a hole in the 8ft brick structure. Mr. Vaughn saw the area and recommended the area be covered to keep out as much rain water as possible. The State and other funding sources have been contacted. An exploratory inspection will be done to check stability. This should occur in the coming weeks. Traffic will be blocked.

Mr. Cleary thanked everyone who attended the recent Service Meeting. A \$3 increase to the sewer rate is recommended by RCAP. This would bring the City under the EPA regulation. This would also allow for the purchase of a new sewer vac. truck. Mr. Cleary asked for Council's approval. Mr. Davies asked if it needed to be brought in as an ordinance. Mr. Stecker said yes. Mr. Davies asked if the ordinance would include the 3% increase to sanitation and water. Mr. Cleary will discuss with Mr. Stecker.

Mr. Hunker asked about the sinkhole by the storm sewer at Broadway Gardens. Mr. Hunker asked about concrete barricades for 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Mr. Cleary will ask Lash Paving.

**Auditor:** No report

**Police Dept:** No report

#### **Committees of Council:**

**Finance/Audit:** A meeting was held with Street and Service. Mr. Regis said they are looking at ways to get things done. Funds are tight.

**Street:** A meeting was held last night. The proposed 5<sup>th</sup> St. paving project has been postponed until more funds are available through license plate money. A grant will be submitted for 2019 to possibly redo Center to Hickory. No matching funds are available.

**Ordinance:** No report

**Sewer/Sidewalk:** No report

**Code:** No report

**Safety:** A meeting was held last night. Jack Regis Jr. updated everyone regarding the tax levy. This is proposed for next year.

**Service:** No report. Information was already reported by Mr. Cleary.

**Cemetery:** Mr. Neiman said the cemetery looks good.

**PR:** No report

### **Citizens to be Heard:**

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia St. updated Council on the Town Hall Meeting with the Commissioners on Tuesday August 15 at 6pm at the Martins Ferry District Library. No word from State Senator Hoagland's Office regarding a Town Hall.

Mr. Hord asked about the financial impact of the OVAC All Star Game. Mayor Krajnyak said the businesses in Martins Ferry should see an increase in business.

Mr. Hord inquired about the future of the Soap Box Derby. Mayor Krajnyak said the race has been run by the Chamber of Commerce. There are considerable expenses and licensing fees to be associated with the Soap Box Derby in Akron. There has been consideration by other groups, but this is the preliminary stage.

Mr. Hord asked if a decision had been made regarding making 4<sup>th</sup> Street one way. Mayor Krajnyak said no decision has been made at this time.

Pat Jackson of Crawford Heights asked for help with her medical bills since her fall in a pothole. Mayor Krajnyak said Mr. Stecker was not at the meeting. No decision has been made, but he will contact her with an answer.

Mrs. Jackson thanked the City and the workers for filling in the holes.

Ed Lewis of Hillendale said he was glad to hear progress was being made. Mr. Lewis asked if the blacktop could be made thicker. Mayor Krajnyak said that would require new plans and rebidding of the project. Mr. Lewis asked if there would be a hold up with S. Ridge. The Mayor said that the City will have to apply to the county for S. Ridge. Mr. Lewis asked if they will need to move cars. Mayor Krajnyak said no. Mr. Lewis said there are large holes in the alley by Cook Insurance. Mayor Krajnyak will look at the alley.

Cliff Neubauer of 736 Broadway asked what he needs to do to get his building up to code. Mayor Krajnyak will send him another copy of the letter. The building has been condemned because of the condition.

### **Miscellaneous Business:**

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

Mr. Davies moved to cancel the August 2 meeting due to Betty Zane Days. 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.

The August 16 meeting will be held at the Liberty Fire Station.

Mr. Hunker moved to adjourn. Mr. Schramm 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