

Minutes of June 21, 2017 Martins Ferry City Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday June 21, 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.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Minutes: Minutes from the June 7, 2017 Council Meeting were approved as received.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak announced that the FOPA Cruise-In would be held on July 22 from 4-9 pm.

The Chamber of Commerce requested use of certain City streets for Friday June 30 for Sky Show 2017. Saturday July 1 will be the rain date.

Mayor Krajnyak asked Council to approve the EMS Contract.

A voice vote is needed to proceed with the bid process for N. Ridge Dr.

Mayor Krajnyak said the cemetery is coming along. CAC workers started on Monday. With the addition of the CAC workers and seasonal workers they are catching up.

There was a Project Forward meeting last week. Subcommittees are needed. A representative from Heritage Ohio was in town for a meeting.

A meeting will be held with hospital officials on Friday.

A Central Station Committee research meeting will be held on Monday June 26 at 6 pm in the City Council Chambers. The Mayor requested that the EMS Director, Fire Chiefs, Fire Captains, Service Director, and the Safety Committee attend this meeting.

Service Director:

Mr. Cleary discussed Glenhurst and the infrastructure needs including replaced sanitary and storm sewers and road repair. He said funding is being sought.

Mr. Vaughn has finalized the specs for N. Ridge. Council permission is need for the bid process to take place. Also new catch basin installation is needed.

Permission is also needed to advertise for bids on the N. 8th St project.

Mr. Cleary said Julie Ward from RCAP met with the Sewer Committee to discuss the Sewer Dept. and plans to move forward with sewer infrastructure over the next 20-30 years. She suggested a \$3 increase in sewer rates with an additional 3% increase every year. There will be a meeting tomorrow with RCAP on public education on the removal of downspouts from the sanitary sewer system.

Mr. Cleary said the street sweeper continues to be a daily frustration. A model was tested and pricing and payment options were distributed. A sewer/vac truck combo will be tested on Friday.

The price to survey the Crawford Heights property would be \$2200. This price does not include descriptions. Several letters of interest have been received. Mr. Neiman asked about a citizen who is interested in a piece of property in Crawford Heights but doesn't want to build on it. Mr. Cleary suggested the matter go to the Real Estate Committee. Mr. Cleary said Mr. Stecker is on vacation and should give his input. Mr. Rodgers said he thought the property was surveyed years ago. Mr. Cleary explained that the playground was surveyed. This is property across from each house. Mr. Rodgers asked if there would be other estimates on sweepers. Mr. Cleary said others are coming in.

Auditor:

The Section 125 Premium Only Plan needs passed tonight as well as the Fire Truck Bond Levy.

Police Dept: no report

Fire Dept: no report

EMS: no report

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: No report

Street: No report. A meeting was scheduled with the Street and Finances Committees for Tuesday July 18 at 5 pm.

Sewer/Sidewalk: No report

Code: No report

Safety: No report

Service: No report

Cemetery: No report

PR: Mr. Shrodes said that recently AEP sprayed for weeds on Rt.7 under the powerlines. Now, he is receiving calls about dead trees. Mayor Krajnyak has contacted AEP but hasn't heard anything.

Mr. Shrodes asked how many people are interested in the property on Kennedy Ave. Two letters have been received, four has expressed interest verbally. Of the 15-16 lots half have had interest.

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Louella of 614 Monroe St. discussed water issues in his basement after the recent storms. He said he had raw sewage and now has foundation problems. He stated that this has never been an issue before. Mayor Krajnyak said the City will check the sewer line, running a camera through the line. Mr. Louella said it has happened to the neighbors as well. Mr. Rodgers asked if he has a backflow valve on his line. Mr. Cleary said the sanitary sewer was dyed after every event and it flows right through. Mr. Cleary said there is no break. He added that several of the neighboring homes have sump pumps. Mr. Cleary said the line is overwhelmed by the storm water. Mr. Cleary thanked the fire dept.

for their help. Mr. Cleary said the downspouts need to be pulled out of the ground. The lines will be checked again.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia St. updated Council on the Town Hall Meetings that he is organizing. A meeting with the Belmont Co Commissioners may happen in August. Mr. Hord said the meeting with State Senator Hoagland is a work in progress.

Mr. Hord asked if vehicles need to be moved for the street sweeper. Mr. Cleary said warnings will be issued until the end of the month.

Mr. Hord asked for a land banking update. Three houses have been torn down so far on N. Zane and N. 7th Streets.

Mr. Hord asked about the property on S. 10th and Hanover. The contractor is finishing a job in Wheeling, then will be here to complete the property.

Mr. Hord asked that the city consider installing a mirror at the 900 block of S. 10th and Monroe Streets and Adams and Monroe Streets.

Alan Marangoni of S. Ridge Dr. asked about the bid process and why permission is needed if the money is available. It was explained that Council needs to approve the advertisement of bids. Advertisement for bids must run in the newspaper 3 times-5 days apart. After that, the bid opening takes place and the process can begin.

Lois Suriano of S. Ridge asked about the slip on N. Ridge. Mr. Vaughn feels the issue on N. Ridge was not a slip, but was caused by water running over the catch basin. There are two catch basins in the area. Mrs. Suriano asked if S. Ridge would be paved. Mr. Cleary said no, paving will go as far as possible.

Bill Hicks of S. Ridge Dr. said the bottom of his driveway is a mess from the garbage truck turning around. Mr. Cleary will get a work order to get it done.

Susan Sutak of S. 10th St. discussed the problem with water run-off from Colerain Pike and 20 years of low water pressure. Mr. Cleary said they have tried to put in a curb on Colerain Pike, but it gets runover. Mr. Cleary said ODOT will be fixing the slips on the Pike. Also, the catch basin further up will be fixed, which should help with the water. Mr. Cleary will contact the project engineer and see if they will seal off the cracks. Mr. Cleary is going to speak with Mr. Suto about the water pressure issue.

Ed Lewis of N. Ridge Dr. asked what happens if the bids are high. Mr. Cleary said it can be re-bid, or the engineer can look at the plan and make changes. Mr. Lewis suggested money from the State. Mr. Cleary said there have been cuts to infrastructure at the State and Federal level. Mr. Cleary said catch basins will be installed by the City workers. Mr. Cleary added that they did an amazing job on Broadway St.

Mike Eikey S. Ridge Dr. said it was great news that the N. Ridge Project is progressing. Mr. Eikey asked about the rock baskets and the ends of driveways.

Robert George of Washington St. said he was trying to get a group of volunteers together to help out. The group will meet Saturday in the City Park at 7 am to pick up trash. He

would also like to help paint curbs and parking meters. Mr. Cleary suggested an “adopt a street” program. Mr. Cleary announced that Project Forward meets on the 3rd Thursday at 11 am. The Farmer’s Market starts next week. Mr. George suggested a “yard sale in the park”. Mr. Cleary suggested creating a calendar so groups can coordinate their efforts. Mr. Rodgers said there are two dead trees in front of Economy Auto.

Pat Jackson of Crawford Heights asked about the pothole patching schedule. Mayor Krajnyak said the water dept will patch the area where the water break occurred. The other holes will be patched next.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INTENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH OMERESA ITC FOR COOPERATIVE SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 (JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018) was given a second reading. Mr. Regis 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 rules were suspended. Mr. Hunker moved to pass the resolution 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 resolution was passed as read.

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 second reading. No action was taken and the resolution will go on to a third reading.

CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION (2017) FOR CITY OF MARTINS FERRY SECTION 125 PREMIUM ONLY PLAN PLAN YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 was given a second reading. Mr. Rodgers moved to suspend the rules. 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 rules were suspended. Mr. Regis moved to pass the resolution as read. 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 resolution was passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$488,616 FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION BOND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a second reading. Mr. Regis moved to suspend the rules. 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 rules were suspended. Mr. Shrodes moved to pass the resolution as read. 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 ordinance was passed as read.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Regis moved to allow the City administration to advertise for bids for the N. Ridge Drive Project. 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.

Mr. Rodgers moved to allow the City administration to advertise for bids for the N. 8th Street Project. 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.

Mr. Rodgers moved to approve the EMS contract. 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. 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.

Mr. Regis moved to allow Chase Watts of Books with Badges to use the City Park and Fodor Field for their fundraiser Kick Ball Tournament on Saturday Aug. 19. 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. Regis moved to accept the reports of supervisors and management. Mr. Hunker seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote, the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Hunker discussed the storm sewer issues in town. He said that when the water is taken out of the sanitary sewer the streets flood. Mr. Shrodes mentioned the flooding issues around the hospital and dairy.

Mr. Shrodes asked about the cameras in the City Park that are not working correctly. He also discussed issues with trucks on Colerain Pike. He would like a sign on Alumni Rd. to keep truck traffic off the road. Mr. Davies said a 10 ton limit was discussed.

Mr. Rodgers moved to hold the Aug. 16 meeting at the Liberty Fire Station. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Shrodes moved to go into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 for use of City Owned Property. 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.

Mr. Hunker moved to go out of Executive Session. 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. Rodgers moved to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use Ayers Limestone Rd and Alumni Rd for the June 30 fireworks. 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.

Mr. Davies said potholes need patched on Colerain Pike, Dehlia, and Seabrights.

Mr. Regis commended the hard work of the employees on the 24 hour water break.

President Davis reminded that there would be no meeting on July 5. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday July 12 at 6 pm. The budget hearing will be held on the same day at 5:30.

Mr. Hunker moved to adjourn. Mr. Regis seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the meeting was adjourned with a salute to the flag.

Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Kristine Davis, Council President