

Minutes of May 17, 2017 Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday May 17, 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 May 3, 2017 were approved as received.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak said seventeen signs were hung on unsafe houses in the City. The Mayor thanked everyone who helped with the Business District clean up. The Mayor also thanked everyone who attended the Hall of Honor Meet and Greet and the Induction Ceremony. Mayor Krajnyak said the Town Hall Meeting with State Rep. Jack Cera was a success and very informative. He said Representative Cera discussed the State Budget. Bids have been awarded for the demolition of the six houses on the list for land banking. Work will begin when the contractors are ready. The tentative EMS contract was distributed. It has been approved by the EMS. The Mayor reviewed the changes made to the contract.

Service Director:

Mr. Cleary met with AEP regarding the temporary line that needed on N. 8th St. Mr. Cleary said to expect bids on the project in the next 60 days or so. Hopefully the project will get started late summer. A pre bid meeting will be held soon. Mr. Cleary and Mayor Krajnyak, met with Mr. Vaughn concerning N. Ridge Dr. They discussed paving and the use of county permissive funds. Mr. Vaughn agreed that the slip area is not a slip. He felt it was caused by water going over the curb. Savings could go to additional paving. A catch basin is to be installed in that spot. That will be done next week. S. Ridge Dr. is seeing additional flooding of catch basins. Another drain was installed to supplement the other catch basins. Additional curbing will be added as well. Mr. Cleary said the road at Glenhurst Terrace is awful and the drainage is bad. The culverts are bad and have never been taken care of. The storm sewers need replaced. Mr. Cleary is searching for funding. Mr. Vaughn is coming in to look at it. Fanhouse Rd. needs to be looked at. Mr. Cleary suggested shooting and chipping and checking to see if it can be added to the Cemetery Rd project. Julie Ward with RCAP requested a sewer committee mtg for June 6 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Regis asked about Mackey Ave. Mr. Cleary said it is the next area on the list, but he can't give a date.

Mr. Regis also asked when the property on Hanover and 10th will be finished. Mrs. Suto spoke with the company. They are currently working on a project in Wheeling. They will be here when it is finished. Mr. Regis asked Mr. Stecker about liability. Mr. Stecker said yes, the City would be responsible.

Mr. Shrodes asked about the culvert installation on Hanover and 10th and whether Mr. Vaughn had looked at it. Mr. Cleary said the project would be connecting a 40 inch pipe. Mr. Vaughn will be asked to look at it.

Mr. Cleary was asked about ODOT cleaning up grass clippings on St. Rt. 7. Mr. Cleary said they usually do. He added that this cutting was not on ODOT's schedule.

Auditor:

Ms. Randall said there will be a Finance Committee Mtg. on Monday at 5:30 The budget for the new year will be looked at as well as issues.

Law Director: no report

Police Dept: Officer Scales asked that money be appropriated for air conditioning in the Police Dept. The air conditioning has been broken since last summer. Mr. Davies asked if she had an estimate. Ms. Randall said to get estimates.

Fire Dept: The Fire Truck ordinance needs passed.

Also, the route taken by the fire trucks with the Co Rd. 4 project was discussed.

Mayor Krajnyak said he had a call in to ODOT but he hasn't heard back. He suggested having the Police Dept. block traffic to allow the Fire Dept. to use the lane.

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: A Finance committee Mtg. will be held Monday at 5:30. Mr. Regis added that the price of the Fire Truck will change soon. The truck will be shorter than the Liberty truck with a better turning radius.

Street: Eight sheets o paving suggestions were returned. Mr. Davies asked how much is available for paving. Ms. Randall said \$115,000.

Ordinance: no report

Sewer/Sidewalk: no report

Code: no report

Safety: no report

Service: no report.

Cemetery: Mr. Neiman said the Cemetery needs workers to cut grass.

PR: no report

Real Estate: An ordinance for the sale of property on Carlisle St. is to be read tonight.

Citizens to be Heard:

Lois Summers asked about sanitation rates being increased by \$5. Mr. Cleary explained that the \$5 increase is divided into \$3 for Sewer and \$2 for Sanitation. She said she called to get extra trash picked up and it would cost \$10. She said she would get a dumpster but there are limits to what can be put in them. She said there used to be clean up days where things would be picked up, then days when you could take stuff and now you have to pay extra. Mayor Krajnyak explained that with the \$250,000 that has been cut in local government funds things that used to be done can't anymore. The only way the City can have money is through fees. Overall, \$1.2 million has been lost. There are also regulations with mattresses and furniture to stop the spread of bed bugs. Landfills also regulate what they will accept, which limits what can be put in dumpsters. Mr. Cleary said roll offs from other companies are allowed. Mayor Krajnyak added that JB Green has clean up days for some materials.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street thanked everyone for their help and attendance of the Town Hall.

Mr. Hord asked how many signs will be placed on unsafe properties. Mayor Krajnyak said seventeen have been put up so far and more need to be ordered.

Mr. Hord asked about the striping on Broadway and Aetna. Mr. Cleary said he spoke with the contractor and it will be done soon.

Mr. Hord said it was good news to see Subway re-open. He added that there are new businesses in town.

Mr. Hord asked about the street sweeper. Mr. Cleary said a new driver is training. A new sweeper will be tested on Friday. Citizens do not need to move cars.

Larry Deaton said the pool is filled and will open on Memorial Day. Hiring is complete and gutters are patched.

Mr. Deaton said tractor issues prevented Crawford Heights from being cut. Walnut Grove Cemetery was cut and needs to be trimmed.

Mr. Deaton mulched around the trees in the Park.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE HOURLY WAGE FOR THE POSITION OF PART-TIME SEASONAL WORKERS IN THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

was given a first 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 motion was declared passed. Mr. Rodgers moved to pass the ordinance as read. 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.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.03 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was

given a first reading. Selling the property to the highest bidder was discussed. Mr. Stecker said this is following the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Huncker moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Schramm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Huncker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Regis moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Huncker seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Huncker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A NEW FIRE TRUCK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a first reading. Mr.

Shrodes moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Regis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Huncker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Mr. Schramm moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Regis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Huncker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was declared passed. Ms. Randall asked where the money will come from. Mr. Stecker said the ordinance authorizes the Mayor to apply for the bond. Ms. Randall said she contacted the bond council. She said it must go through the standard procedure of applying then it comes from the fire truck fund. The truck won't be in until spring and no payment is due until delivery.

Miscellaneous Business:

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

Mr. Rodgers scheduled an Annexation Committee Mtg for Wednesday May 24 at 5:30.

Mr. Neiman asked about the Crawford Heights property. Mr. Cleary said there is a sewer line on it. The citizen was notified.

Mr. Neiman commended Chief McFarland on the terrific job he does with the kids.

Mr. Rodgers motioned that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Regis and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the meeting was adjourned with a salute to the flag.

