

Minutes of November 1, 2017 Martins Ferry City Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday November 1, 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 Council at Large.

Minutes: Minutes from the October 18, 2017 Council Meeting were approved as received.

Correspondence: no correspondence was received.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak thanked the Police Dept, Fire Dept, and EMS as well as the volunteers and citizens for all of their help with Trick or Treat night.

The scope of work for the former Bauer Ford lot was approved by the EPA. The contractor has been hired and work should start soon.

Mayor Krajnyak asked that Council approve \$500 from the General Fund to purchase banners for the holiday season.

Mayor Krajnyak said he spoke with a young man who would like to refurbish the cannon at Walnut Grove Cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. Mayor Krajnyak distributed a description of the proposed project.

JB Green will hold an electronics and tire recycling day on Saturday from 9-1 at the old City garage.

Service Director:

The new street sweeper has arrived and is in service. The sweeper is being used to clean catch basins. The Operator is very impressed so far.

The pre-construction meeting will be held in the coming weeks for the N. 8th St project. A meeting was held with the Advisory Board for Alecto and EORH. Mr. Reddy, CEO Alecto, was in attendance. They are working on several projects, including student debt pay-off for Belmont College students. Everything looks promising. The next Advisory Board Mtg. will be held in January.

Mr. Cleary asked that Council vote to allow him to advertise for bids for the sewer vac truck. It has a trade in value of \$12,000. Mr. Cleary would like to make that amount the minimum bid.

Mr. Regis asked if the EMS was discussed in the Advisory Board Mtg. Mr. Cleary said he will meet with them to discuss.

Mr. Rodgers asked if pothole patching is complete. Mr. Cleary said it will continue as long as Lash is producing.

Auditor: No report

Law Director: No report

Police Dept: No report

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: No report

Street: Midwest Pavement Analysis and Design will be at the November 14 Street Committee Mtg. The meeting will be held at 5:30.

Ordinance: No report.

Sewer/Sidewalk: Mr. Schramm said that the new rate change for EORWA will go into effect in Feb.

Code: No report

Safety: No report.

Service: No report

Code: No report

Cemetery: No report.

PR: Mr. Shrodes gave additional information about the banners. He asked that \$750 be given to purchase 6 banners.

Real Estate: No report.

Citizens to be Heard:

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street said that a sports complex is being discussed at the County level. He asked if Martins Ferry was one of the locations being considered.

Mayor Krajnyak said it has not been discussed, but he will speak with them.

Mr. Hord asked for a progress update on the area affected by the fire last year. Mayor Krajnyak said two lots have been sold. He added that he would like to see development.

Mayor Krajnyak added that a lot of good has happened, including Project Forward.

Mr. Hord asked if information could be given in regards to the Bauer Ford lot. Mayor Krajnyak said not at this time.

Mr. Hord asked if vehicles need to be moved for the sweeper. They do not, the City was resume that in the spring.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was given a second reading. No action was taken and the ordinance will go on to a third reading.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Regis discussed the Martins Ferry Football Team and their achievement of 700 victories. He suggested they be honored. Mayor Krajnyak will take care of this.

Mr. Shrodes asked if Comcast could be asked to cut the hanging cables from poles. Mr. Cleary said he doesn't think that is covered by any ordinance, but he will contact them. It is a safety hazard.

Mr. Davies moved to appropriate up to \$750 from the General Fund for the purchase of banners for the holidays. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea, Council Rodgers abstained and the motion was passed.

Mr. Regis moved to allow the Service Director to advertise for bids for the sewer vac truck and setting the minimum bid at \$12,000. 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 passed.

Mr. Regis 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. Davies asked for thoughts on the new cruiser. Mr. Cleary said that he attended a meeting with Chief McFarland with Enterprise to discuss leasing options.

Mr. Davies asked if Mayor Krajnyak needed a vote for the cannon project. Mayor Krajnyak said he just wanted to keep Council informed at this point. He will update as needed and approval will be needed at the removal stage.

Mr. Rodgers discussed the mileage of the cruisers currently in the fleet. Mr. Cleary said Mr. Deaton is getting information together.

Mr. Rodgers said three people stopped him to tell him how nice it was to see the Police Dept out for Halloween.

Mr. Hunker moved to adjourn. Mr. Shrodes 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

