

Minutes of October 18, 2017 Martins Ferry City Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday October 18, 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 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 4, 2017 Council Meeting were approved as received.

Correspondence: no correspondence was received.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak said JB Green will hold a tire and electronic recycling day on Nov 4 from 9-1 at the site of the old City Garage.

The work on State Rt 647 is proceeding on the two remaining slips. The project is set to end on Nov. 30.

The EPA has approved the phase 1 environmental study for the former Bauer Ford property.

Mayor Krajnyak thanked everyone for their help with the Rubberneck Tour. He added that it was very successful.

Service Director:

The Water Dept will be flushing hydrants Sunday through Friday next week. Expect water discoloration.

The amount of the sweeper has changed due to the five year warranty and the interest %. The new price is \$161,197.48 which is an annual payment of \$25,307.27. Also there is an eight year option on the vac truck . The price is \$341,486.05 and an annual payment of \$46,026.96. This also includes a five year warranty. Mr. Cleary asked the vac truck be voted on tonight to lock in the price.

Winterfest will be held Nov 24-25. Mr. Cleary asked for Council's permission to block 5th Street from Hanover to Carlisle and Hanover from 4th-5th.

Mr. Davies asked about the work on N and S Ridge. He said water is running over the drain and down the hill. Mr. Cleary said he spoke to Mr. Vaughn about the problem. He said there is also a puddle issue on S. Ridge.

Auditor:

Ms. Randall said the amounts are incorrect in the ordinance for the sweeper payback. It will need to be amended. The amount is \$25,307.27 for the street sweeper. It needs to be

appropriated from PI and an ordinance for payback needs to be brought in. For the sewer vac truck a motion is needed to loan the money from PI and an ordinance needs to be brought in for payback.

Mr. Shrodes asked about the computer program. Ms. Randall said it can be paid out of PI. The amount is \$64,000. Ms. Randall said the reports will not need to be rewritten, but if there is an issue she can check on it. Ms. Randall said that system wasn't used for reports, she uses Excel.

Law Director: no report

Mr. Davies asked about the Cemetery outlay. Ms. Randall said its in the hands of the State.

Police Dept.:

Chief McFarland said the Police Dept. will need a new patrol vehicle. Estimated cost is \$45,000.

Gun training has been taking place this week. This is open to the public and will conclude on Friday.

Mr. Shrodes asked if the department has gotten the specs on a new vehicle. Chief McFarland said he and Mr. Cleary are looking into the cheapest way possible. Mr. Davies asked if it is in the budget. He said there is \$12,000 in the budget. Ms. Randall said that is payback. Mr. Cleary said there will be a safety grant available at the beginning of the year. The amount is state purchasing and includes everything but graphics. Mr. Schramm asked the price. Mr. Cleary said approximately \$42,000 out of Delaware Ohio.

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: A Finance Committee meeting was held on Oct 11. A Safety Committee meeting was held on the same day. The ordinance for the EMS salary was reviewed. Mr. Regis apologized to Ms. Randall and the Finance Committee. Mr. Regis said he was supposed to bring up the transfer of \$80,000 to EMS and forgot.

Street: No report. Mr. Rodgers said he would like to look into a company that does evaluations of road systems. Mr. Rodgers explained that old paving lists are still being used. This good be a good tool when funds are available. A Street Committee Mtg will be held on Nov. 14 at 5:30.

Ordinance: No report.

Sewer/Sidewalk: No report. Mr. Schramm asked about the water at the bottom of 6th St hill. Mr. Cleary said the water has dried up. He said there was a service line leak at a house on the 700 block of 7th St. The City shut off the water until the leak is fixed.

Code: No report

Safety: No report.

Service: A mtg was held on the 11th. The Fire Chief could not attend so the levies were not discussed.

Code: No report

Cemetery: No report.

PR: No report

Real Estate: No report.

Citizens to be Heard:

Anastasia Kotelas of 1023 Colerain Pike discussed broken sewer issues at her home. Mrs. Kotelas has had several companies come in to address the problem. The sewer is full of gravel and mud. Mr. Davies asked Mr. Cleary about the issue. Mr. Cleary said the city line only goes as far as the pump station. Mr. Cleary said he thinks neighboring lines were piggy backed. Two neighbors are on the new school line. Mrs. Kotelas and Mr. Hancock, who has also had issues, are on the old line. Mr. Cleary said \$2,000 is needed to get a company to run a camera down the line from the school to see where the issue is. Mr. Davies said James White put in the school line and should have tied it in. Mr. Cleary said Mr. Hancock was told the line was too low to tie in. Mr. Regis asked if this is related to problems that Mr. Preslin had several years ago. Mr. Davies said no.

Chuck Schorr of Hot Rod Tattooing of 20 S. 4th St. asked for permission to block 4th St from the drive through to Hanover on Saturday Oct. 20 from 6-10 for their Halloween special. He also asked to bag two meters for the event. He is expecting 200-300 people and will have live music Saturday evening.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR TRANSFER STATION SERVICES was given a first reading. Mr. Regis moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the rules were suspended. Mr. Davies moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the ordinance was passed as read.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING REIMBURSEMENT BY THE SEWER FUND TO THE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SCHWARZE A400 STREET SWEEPER was given a first reading. Mr. Regis moved to amend the ordinance to read \$25,307.27. Mr. Schramm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the ordinance was amended. Mr. Shrodes moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the rules were suspended. Mr. Davies moved to pass the amended ordinance. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the ordinance was passed as suspended.

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE HOURLY WAGE FOR CERTAIN PART TIME POSITIONS IN THE EMS DEPARTMENT was given a first reading. Mr. Rodgers moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and

Regis voting yea and the rules were suspended. Mr. Regis moved to pass the ordinance as read. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the ordinance was passed as read.

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

Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Shrodes moved to appropriate \$64,125 from permanent improvement for software program payment. Mr. Scramm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was passed.

Mr. Regis moved to allow Administration of the City of Martins Ferry permission to close N 5th St from Hanover to Carlisle and Hanover from 4th to 5th for Project Forward's Winterfest on Friday and Saturday Nov. 24-25, 2017. Mr. Shrodes seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

Mr. Schramm moved to allow for the closure of 4th St from Sun Video to Hanover St on Saturday Oct 20, 2017 from 6-10 pm. Mr. Regis seconded the motion and after hearing an affirmative voice vote the motion was declared passed.

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

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

Mr. Rodgers moved to appropriate \$46,026.96 from permanent improvement for the down payment on the sewer vac truck to be paid back with 3.280% interest. Mr. Schramm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was passed.

Mr. Regis moved to amend the amount to be appropriated from permanent improvement to \$25,307.27 for the first payment on the sweeper. Mr. Schramm seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was passed.

Mr. Rodgers moved to adjourn. Mr. Neiman 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