

Minutes of November 15, 2017 Martins Ferry City Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday November 15, 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 moment of silence for former Mayor/Council President Les Douglas and former Police Chief Paul Canter and a prayer by the Clerk.

Answering Roll Call were John Davies, Third Ward, Rick Rodgers, Fourth Ward, Ben Neiman, Jim Schramm, and Jack Regis Council at Large.

President Davies congratulated newly elected Council Members Suzanne Armstrong, Third Ward and Tom Burns, Council at Large.

Minutes: Minutes from the November 1, 2017 Council Meeting were approved as received.

Correspondence: A renewal request for the liquor license owned by Hartley Co. was received and read.

Order of the Council Meeting was changed to accommodate Council Member Rodgers and Regis who will be attending a memorial service for Mr. Douglas.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CHANGES MADE TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY was given a first reading. No action was taken and the ordinance will go on to a second reading.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak reported that a geophysical scan will be done of the former Bauer Ford property on Thursday. If there are no findings, the project will proceed. If something is found, the project will move to Phase 2.

AEP will be changing out electrical meters in late December or early January. They will change over to smart meters. The project will be updated at the Dec. 6 meeting and a representative from AEP will speak.

Mayor Krajnyak wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He added that he would see everyone at Winterfest.

Service Director:

Mr. Cleary said he received bids for the transfer station. The bids would increase cost by \$30 a pull. Mr. Cleary asked to reject bids and rebid for better results.

S. Ridge Dr. paving is complete. Mr. Vaughn said that there was an additional charge for the additional paving to improve the pitch of the road. This increase was \$10,000. The money was available in County Permissive, so there will be no increase to the City. Mr. Davies asked if the curbing was fixed. Mr. Cleary said no. Catch basins in town have the priority right now. Mr. Rodgers asked about the start date for Cemetery Rd. Mr. Cleary said it should be this week. Mr. Cleary added that Bruney's Alley was completed and turned out well and Wilson Ave. was started and should be completed tomorrow. Mr. Rodgers asked how much longer hot mix would be available. Mr. Cleary said Lash Paving thinks into December. Mr. Neiman said residents are happy about Wilson Ave. Mr. Davies said there are two large holes on the Dolfi's property. Mr. Cleary will look at the issue with Mr. Vaughn on Friday. Mr. Regis said the corner of 4th and Walnut is still tore up. Mr. Cleary said he is waiting for money from United Dairy. Mr. Cleary said patching was done in Glenhurst on Victory and Bridge.

Auditor:

End of the month financials were distributed. Month by month reports are not finished. The cost allocation plan was distributed. It needs to be approved by the end of the year. Ms. Randall asked that the last December meeting be moved to the last week of December for the passage of the appropriations ordinances.

Law Director: No report

Police Dept: No report

Fire Department: The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Friday Nov. 24 at 6:30 with line up at 4:30.

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: No report

Street: A meeting was held last night. Tim Hurbst spoke to the committee. To evaluate the road conditions would cost \$5,950.

Ordinance: No report.

Sewer/Sidewalk: Mr. Schramm said he spoke to Dave Shaffer about the clogged storm drains at 5th and Hanover South.

Code: No report

Safety: No report.

Service: No report

Code: No report

Cemetery: No report.

Citizens to be Heard:

Stephanie Dolfi of 837 Hanover St. discussed the sinkholes on her property. Mr. Cleary will be there to check it out with Mr. Vaughn.

Tom Burns, Council Elect, discussed last night's Street Committee Mtg.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia Street discussed Les Douglass and his many contributions to the City of Martins Ferry,

Mr. Hord asked about the striping on Aetna and Broadway. Mr. Cleary said the two lanes will stay and that it seems to help with some of the issues.

Mr. Hord asked about development in the business district. Mayor Krajnyak said development of those properties is being worked on.

Mr. Hord asked about the street sweeper. Mr. Cleary said it is quick and efficient.

Mr. Hord wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Regis added that the Sweeper operator is doing a great job. Mr. Cleary agreed and said he takes his job very seriously.

Miscellaneous Business:

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

Mr. Schramm moved to reject the bid by American Disposal Service and allow Administration to re-advertise for bids for the transfer station. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was passed.

Mr. Schramm moved to cancel the December 20 Council Meeting and to re-schedule the meeting for December 27. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the motion was passed.

Mr. Davies asked about the cruiser. Mr. Cleary said a record of repairs was forwarded to Enterprise for cost analysis.

Mr. Rodgers moved to appropriate up to \$5,950 from the General Fund for the mapping of paving issues by Tim Hurbst. There was no second and the motion died.

Mr. Davies 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