

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014**

Mayor Phil Deckard called the Martinsville Common Council to order on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Citizen David Trout then led those in attendance in opening prayer followed by the Mayor's leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

THOSE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Phil Deckard, Mayor
Terry Buster, District 1
Bob Strader, District 2
Gary Lester, District 3
Jeff Price, District 4
Phil Deckard II, District 5
Eric Bowlen, Councilman-at-Large
Shannon Kohl, Councilwoman-at-Large
Ross Holloway, City Engineer
Roger Coffin, City Attorney
Bob Carter, Fire Chief
Roger Wiltermood, Chief of Police
Valerie Hugart, Clerk-Treasurer
Becky Tumey, 1stDeputy Clerk

A quorum was declared present.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilwoman Shannon Kohl to waive the reading of the minutes from the July 7th and July 21st meetings of the Council and to accept the Minutes as written. Councilman Eric Bowlen seconded the motion. The Motion passes 7-0. Councilman Terry Buster abstained on the July 21st Minutes, as he was on vacation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Phil Deckard complimented the Council for their decision on the 911 Inter-local Agreement with the County. A discussion then followed concerning the encroachment of the road to the 911 Center by the County. The City had previously issued a right-of-way for the County to allow the installation of the road. A motion was made by Councilman Gary Lester to table action to halt further construction of the road until certain matters can be worked out. This was seconded by Councilwoman Shannon Kohl. Motion passes 7-0.

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ENGINEERS REPORT

Ross Holloway reported changes with the Ohio Street project has resulted in about \$200,000.00 in savings. The changes concern the drainage in that area. A written report will follow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Martinsville City Parks – Park Board President Del Chafey reported the newly-installed walk track is being used daily. The department hopes to purchase six benches to place around the track. Doris Daily Park has been restored and sign replaced. The City pool is now closed during the week. It will ne open on weekends only until Labor Day. On Monday and Wednesday afternoons there will be a “slip and slide” at the bottom on the hill near the Family pavilion. This event goes from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Regarding the playground equipment that has been stored at Councilman Terry Buster’s garage – it was announced two assembly manuals have been found. The Parks Dept would like to put this equipment at the Mulberry Street Park. Between Council meetings, Del offered to email council members with updates from the Park Board meetings. City Attorney Roger Coffin requested a drinking fountain be installed at Mulberry Street Park.

Morgan County Economic Development – Councilwoman Shannon Kohl reported for Chelsea Manns that an Introduction to Rediscover Martinsville be August 28th at 5:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

POSTON ROAD – Mayor Phil Deckard announced the guardrails have been removed from Poston Road and that gravel sidewalks installed. Councilman Eric Bowlen requested the City install striping in pedestrian walkways in school areas. The Mayor will work on this request.

CITY WEBSITE – Councilman Eric Bowlen requested an update concerning the city-wide website. City Engineer Ross Holloway reported the logo has been selected. Next will be a meeting to discuss the use of credit/debit cards on the site.

FIRE HYDRANT PROJECT – Ross reported Culy Engineering will start on the replacement of selected fire hydrants next week.

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NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF GENRAL OBLIGATION BOND FOR CITY INFRASTRUCTURE-

City Engineer Ross Holloway introduced Ordinance 2014-1689. This bond will be used for the Artesian Acres drainage project and Poston Road Project and other projects as funding allow. A motion to allow the introduction of the Ordinance 2014-1689, to accept and pass on the first reading was made by Councilman Gary Lester. This was seconded by Councilman Eric Bowlen.

CLAIMS

A motion to accept the claims as reported was made by Councilman Terry Buster. Councilmen Bob Strader and Jeff Price seconded the motion. The claims were accepted with a vote of 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilman Gary Lester made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Councilman Terry Buster. The motion passes 6-0.

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ATTEST:

Becky Tumey

Becky Tumey, 1st Deputy Clerk-Treasurer