

Minutes of November 16, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

The Martins Ferry City Council met in regular session on Wednesday November 16, 2016 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.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as received.

Reports of Officers of the City:

Mayor:

Mayor Krajnyak said that Active Shooter Training would take place at the high school next week.

A financial plan was distributed. The plan needs to be approved by Council.

The City is currently negotiating oil and gas leases. There is also a possible lease for an additional 10 acres that were not included in the lease the last time.

Anyone wishing to help take down flags can meet at Riverview Cemetery Saturday morning.

Mayor Krajnyak thanked those who attended the Veteran's Day program. He added that it was a very moving program.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Police Levy.

Maps are being reviewed to make sure the guardrail on Beretta Dr. is City property. The Mayor will keep Council updated.

Service Director:

Mr. Cleary said the Cemetery Rd. project has started. The workers are almost around the corner to the playground at Jaycee Manor.

There was a major water break on First St. Thursday. Crews worked 14-15 hours. There was no shut off valve. One will be installed tomorrow. This delayed the paving project, however it will be finished this weekend.

Misty from OMEGA will attend the December 7 Council Meeting.

Sewer crews are on Overhill Dr. fixing a dilapidated catch basin and culvert.

Due to the holiday, garbage pick up will move to Wednesday for those who are usually picked up on Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Suto said the County Rd 4 project is completed except for the final inspection.

In case of snow, trucks are being checked and there is 200 tons of salt on hand. Last year 250 tons were used.

The street sweeper is finished for the season. Cars will not be ticketed, but the sweeper may still run occasionally to pick up leaves.

Mr. Regis asked Mr. Cleary about a pothole between 8th-9th. Water is running out of it. Mr. Cleary will check on it.

Mr. Neiman asked about the sign installed in Hillendale. He said it is hard to read and not in good shape. Mr. Cleary reminded of the lack of funds in the street department and explained that that was the only sign they had. Mr. Cleary added that handicapped signs need to be renewed yearly.

It was suggested that grindings could be used for road repairs. Mr. Cleary said they are useless unless they are fresh. If they are old, they wash out. Mr. Schramm agreed.

Auditor:

Ms. Randall said the tax resolution needs to be passed tonight.

Ms. Randall spoke with the State Auditors. She reiterated that the General Fund is the priority and that if there is money in the General Fund it has to be used to put departments in the black.

Mr. Hunker asked how much money is in Permanent Improvement. Ms. Randall said approximately \$94,000.

Law Director: no report

Police Dept: no report

Committees of Council:

Finance/Audit: Mr. Regis said a meeting was held last week and that the committee went over a lot of stuff. There were some ideas to help get through the year.

Mr. Regis said meetings with Department Heads to see where cuts are possible should take place.

A Finance Meeting will be held Nov. 29 at 6 p.m.

Street: Mr. Rodgers said the Cemetery Rd. Project is going well but it is a long process.

Ordinance: A golf cart ordinance will be brought in for the next meeting.

Sewer/Sidewalk: no report

Code: no report

Safety: Mr. Regis said the Christmas Parade will be held Friday Nov. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Annual Fire Department meeting will be held on Dec 10 at the Vigilant's.

Service: no report

Cemetery: no report

PR: Mr. Shrodes said that the Fire Dept, Police Dept, and City did a great job with the Veteran's Day Parade.

Real Estate: no report

Citizens to be Heard:

Bill Hicks of 45 S. Ridge Dr. brought in pictures of his crumbling driveway. Mr. Hicks said the paver turns around in his drive. He inquired about the slip and when it may get fixed. Mayor Krajnyak said it is a priority for 2017. Mr. Davies suggested a dump truck be used to pick up trash so the paver doesn't further damage the driveway.

Alan Marangoni of 31 S. Ridge Dr. discussed the holes that were dug to investigate options for fixing the slip. The holes were not filled back in.

Lois Suriano of S. Ridge Dr. said there is a sink hole in front of the fire hydrant.

Mike Poluga of N. Ridge Dr. said that the subsidence should slow down or stop now that the waterline has been replaced. He added that the catch basins need work.

Richard Hord of 915 Virginia St. asked for an update on the demolition of the businesses affected by the fire. Mayor Krajnyak said demolition should begin soon. Asbestos testing was not complete on First Ward, so demolition will start with the other businesses.

Mr. Hord said the Veteran's Day program was well done.

Mr. Hord said it was great that the Police Levy passed.

Mr. Hord asked if Council and City Administration would recognize Shulter's on their closing. Mayor Krajnyak said he would check with them.

Mr. Hord asked about the presentation of proclamations. Mayor Krajnyak said they are ready to be presented as soon as the recipients can attend a meeting.

Mr. Hord said potholes on Indiana and Adams Streets need patched.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Mr. Hunker moved to waive the 72 hour rule. Mr. Regis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the 72 hour rule was suspended.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

was given a first reading. Mr. Shrodes moved to suspend the rules. Mr. Hunker seconded the motion and a roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes, Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the rules were suspended. Mr. Rodgers moved to pass the resolution as read. Mr. Davies seconded the motion. A roll call vote was heard with Council Members Hunker, Shrodes,

Davies, Rodgers, Neiman, Schramm, and Regis voting yea and the resolution was passed as read.

Miscellaneous Business:

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

Mr. Davies asked the amount of Mr. Callarick's estimate to fix the slip on N. Ridge Dr. Mr. Cleary said \$12,500.

Mr. Davies moved to appropriate up to \$15,500 from Permanent Improvement to fix the slip on N. Ridge Dr. Mr. Shrodes asked what was included in the estimate. Mr. Cleary said patching, digging up a portion of the road, putting in concrete blocks and tying in across the road. Patching can only be done now if they can get asphalt. Mr. Shrodes asked about catch basins. Mr. Cleary said yes. 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. Rodgers asked Ms. Randall if oil and gas leasing money can be earmarked. Ms. Randall explained that the money can be put in holding for 48 hours. An ordinance would need to be ready.

Mr. Regis moved to approve the financial letter cost plan regarding expenditures from the General Fund. Mr. Schramm 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.

Mayor Krajnyak wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Hunker 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.

Lee Ann Cleary, Clerk of Council

Kristine Davis, Council President