

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on Monday, July 14, 2025. Lisa Flake the prayer for those in attendance. Mayor Costin then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Kenny Costin, Mayor - Present
Phil Deckard Sr, District 1 - Present
Ben Mahan, District 2 - Present
Josh Ferran District 3 - Present
Suzie Lipps, District 4 - Present
Phil Deckard II, District 5 - Present
Ann Miller, Councilwoman-at-Large - Present
John Badger XIV, Councilman-at-Large - Present
Dale Coffey, Attorney - Present
Ben Merida, Clerk Treasurer - Present

A quorum was declared present.

MINUTES

Mayor Costin presented the minutes of the June 23,2025 meeting to the Council. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Councilman John Badger. Councilman Phil Deckard Sr. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 7-0.

FIREFIGHTER SWEARING-IN AND RECOGNITION

Chief Kevin Greene recognized the service of Fireman Davey Skaggs. He also swore in new firefighters William Berwick, Kyle Stierwalt & Matt Dalton.

CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk Treasurer Ben Merida presented a financial update to the council that included: interest earned to date, a budget update and a DLGF update.

*****PUBLIC HEARING*****

Ordinance 2025-1901 – Amendment to Ordinance Setting Salaries– City Attorney Dale Coffey presented the ordinance for its first reading.

Permanent Pro Tempore Judge Grace Terrell requested that the ordinance be amended to increase the pay range from \$24.00 an hour to \$27.00 an hour. The public hearing was closed, and the council meeting was reconvened.

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NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 2025-1901 – Amendment to Ordinance Setting Salaries – City Attorney Dale Coffey presented the ordinance for its first reading. A discussion then ensued. Councilwoman Suzie Lipps made a motion to suspend the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Councilman Phil Deckard II seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with councilmembers Ben Mahan, Phil Deckard Sr., Phil Deckard II, Suzie Lipps and Josh Ferran voting in favor of the suspension of rules. Councilmembers Ann Miller and John Badger voted in opposition to suspending the rules. The motion to suspend the rules failed to pass unanimously. No further action was taken.

Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 2025-1902 – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance Chapter 58, Section 3 – City Attorney Dale Coffey presented the ordinance to the council for their consideration. A discussion then ensued. A motion to approve as submitted was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilwoman Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with councilmembers Phil Deckard II, Suzie Lipps, Ann Miller & John Badger voting in favor of the motion. Councilmembers Ben Mahan, Phil Deckard Sr and Josh Ferran voted in opposition to the motion. The motion passed 4-3.

Consideration of Request for Approval for the Naming of a Bridge and Fairway–Councilman Phil Deckard Sr. presented the request to the council for their consideration. The request is to request that the state rename the bridge crossing I-69 towards the Walmart Plaza the Schwab Foundation Bridge and naming the fairway leading to the bridge the Nick Guffey Fairway. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilman Phil Deckard Sr. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-2 with Councilmen Ben Mahan and Josh Ferran abstaining.

CLAIMS

A motion to approve the claim dockets as presented was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilman Phil Deckard II seconded the motion. The claims were approved 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

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Name		Signature
Phil R. Deckard II, Member, District 5, President Pro Tempore	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Phil R. Deckard Sr, Member, District 1	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ben Mahan, Member, District 2	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Josh Ferran, Member, District 3	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Suzie Lipps, Member, District 4	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ann Miller, Member-at-Large	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	
John Badger, XIV, Member-at-Large	Aye <input type="checkbox"/> Nay <input type="checkbox"/> Abstain <input type="checkbox"/>	

ATTEST

Name	Signature	Date
Benjamin K. Merida, Clerk-Treasurer		

MAYOR ACTION

Name		Signature	Date
Kenneth W. Costin, Mayor	Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Veto <input type="checkbox"/>		