

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order Monday, April 28, 2025. Pastor John Maples from First Baptist Church led 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, Councilman-at-Large - Present
Dale Coffey, City Attorney - Present
Stacey Williams, Deputy Clerk - Present

A quorum was declared present.

MINUTES

Mayor Costin presented the minutes of the April 14, 2025, meeting to the Council. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilman John Badger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 7-0.

SPECIAL PROCLAMATION

Mayor Costin declared the month of May to be Mental Health Month for the City of Martinsville and presented a certificate to Nikki Jo McCrady with the Kendrick Foundation.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Park Superintendent, Ashley Cox, presented the council with an update on the department. She spoke of the recent Easter egg hunts and a painting party. She also mentioned upcoming events that will be taking place this summer. Discussion ensued as council members had questions for her. The pool is scheduled to open May 24. Lifeguards have already been trained and hired.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of How to Move Forward Regarding Municipal Buildings

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller to move forward with renovating City Hall and adding additional square footage while using ARC Design. The motion was seconded by Ben Mahan. Much discussion ensued. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

John Badger – Nay
Phil Deckard Sr. – Abstain
Phil Deckard II – Aye
Josh Ferran – Aye
Suzie Lipps – Nay
Ben Mahan – Aye

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Ann Miller – Aye

With a count of 4 Ayes, 2 Nays, and 1 Abstention, the motion passed. Mayor Costin then vetoed the motion. To pass at the next meeting, there must be a 2/3 majority.

CLAIMS

A motion to approve the claims as presented was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II. Councilman John Badger seconded the motion. The claims were approved 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Burkhart, who resides at 90 Edgewood Street, requested the executive and legislative branches work together.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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		

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