

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on Monday, January 13, 2025.

ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was declared present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Jason Abney led the prayer for those in attendance. Mayor Costin then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Mayor Costin presented the minutes of the December 23, 2024, meeting to the Council. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II. Councilman John Badger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 5-0.

CLERK TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk Treasurer Ben Merida gave the council a financial update and reminded everyone that the latest financials were updated to the city's website as per custom.

FIRE CHIEF'S ANNUAL REPORT

Fire Chief Kevin Greene gave the council a written annual report for the council's review.

SWEARING IN OF FIREFIGHTERS

New firefighters Billy Buis and Travis Jarrett were sworn in by Mayor Costin.

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Chief Lang was celebrated for completing his 50th year in public service.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES UPDATE

Mayor's Executive Assistant Mack Porter gave the council and the public an update on parliamentary procedures and answered questions on the same.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of President Pro-Tempore - Councilwoman Suzie Lipps nominated Phil Deckard II to continue as President Pro-Tempore. Councilman John Badger seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made so the Chair declared Phil Deckard II as President Pro-Tempore.

Council Appoints to Planning Commission, Redevelopment Commission and Morgan County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors – Councilman Phil Deckard II made a motion to appoint Ann Miller to the Planning Commission, Phil Deckard Sr to the Redevelopment Commission and Ben Mahan to the Morgan County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Councilwoman Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Consideration of How to Move Forward Regarding Municipal Buildings – Councilwoman Suzie Lipps made a motion to discuss moving the Clerk Treasurer's office to City Hall and leaving the Utility Office at its current location. Councilman Phil Deckard II seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. A discussion followed reviewing the different options and some costing associated with each option.

Councilwoman Suzie Lipps then made a motion to table the discussion until the next council meeting to continue the discussion. Councilman Phil Deckard II seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0

Consideration of City Court Request – Judge Mark Peden presented to the council a request to change the court clerk position from part time to full time. A motion to discuss the city court request was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II. The motion was seconded by Phil Deckard Sr. The motion passed 5-0. A discussion followed.

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CLAIMS

A motion to approve the claim dockets as presented was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II. Councilman Phil Deckard Sr. seconded the motion. The claims were approved 6-0.

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"/>		