

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

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on Monday, July 28, 2025. Pastor Shawn Mason 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 - Absent
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 July 14,2025, meeting to the Council. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. Councilwoman Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 6-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Phil Deckard Sr. gave an update from the Redevelopment Commission and Councilwoman Ann Miller gave an update from the Planning Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 2025-1901 – Amendment to Ordinance Setting Salaries – City Attorney Dale Coffey presented the ordinance to the council for their consideration. A discussion then ensued. A motion to approve the amendment to allow the FT Clerk to make \$25 an hour was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers voting to approve the amendment to the salary ordinance.

Consideration of Resolution 2025-0713 – Pay for Permanent Pro Tempore – City Attorney Dale Coffey presented the resolution to the council for their consideration. A discussion then ensued. A motion to approve as submitted was made by Councilwoman Suzie Lipps. Councilwoman Ann Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with all councilmembers voting to approve the resolution.

CLAIMS

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A motion to approve the claim dockets as presented was made by Councilwoman Ann Miller. 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		

MAYOR ACTION

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