

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL  
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA  
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA  
AUGUST 25, 2025**

**Call to Order, Invocation., and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order Monday, August 25, 2025. Pastor John Maples led the prayer for those in attendance. Mayor Costin then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Councilor At Large John Badger XIV  
Councilor District 1 Phil Deckard Sr.  
Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II  
Councilor District 3 Josh Ferran  
Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps  
Councilor District 2 Ben Mahan  
Councilor At Large Ann Miller

A quorum was declared present.

**Consideration of the Minutes**

**A. August 11, 2025, Common Council Meeting Minutes**

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor At Large Ann Miller. John Badger XIV seconded the motion. The minutes were Passed 7-0.

**B. August 18, 2025, Common Council Executive Session Memorandum**

The memorandum was passed with unanimous consent.

**Mayor's Comments**

The mayor acknowledged Frank Lane who began his service with the city on August 25, 2000, making today his 25<sup>th</sup> year with the city.

## **Council Reports**

### **A. Morgan County Economic Development Corporation**

An update from Councilman Ben Mahan was given to those in attendance.

### **B. Planning Commission**

An update from Councilwoman Ann Miller was given to those in attendance.

### **C. Redevelopment Commission**

An update from Councilman Phil Deckard Sr was given to those in attendance.

## **New Business**

### **A. Consideration of a Request to Repeal or Revise City Code Article V, Division 1, Section 18-191 - Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants**

A request from Ben Merida was given to the council to either repeal/revise the current ordinance. Councilman Badger volunteered to serve on a committee to study the matter. Councilwoman Miller volunteered to serve on a committee to study the matter.

A motion to Table was made by Councilor At Large Ann Miller. Josh Ferran seconded the motion. The motion Passed 6-1 with John Badger voting against.

## **Consideration of Claims**

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II. Phil Deckard Sr. seconded the motion. The motion Passed 7-0.

## **Council Comments**

Councilors Lipps; Miller; Deckard, II; and Phil Deckard, Sr. made comments

## **Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

**Announcements**

Mayor Costin made announcements regarding the Election Study Public Meeting and Office Closures/Trash Pick-Up Alterations due to Labor Day Holiday.

**Next Regular Meeting**

- A. Next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 8, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers (Room 202), City Hall, 59 S. Jefferson St., Martinsville, IN

**Adjournment**

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"/>	
<b>ATTEST</b>		
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"/>		