

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

Call to Order, Invocation., and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Pastor John Maples

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

Council Reports

- A. Morgan County Economic Development Corporation

An update from Councilman Phil Deckard Sr 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 Ben Mahan 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 look into the matter. Councilwoman Miller volunteered to serve on a committee to look into 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

Public Comment

Announcements

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