

**Martinsville Common Council**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, March 9, 2026**  
**7:00 PM - City Hall, Council Chambers**

THE CITY OF  
**Martinsville**  
INDIANA



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

**Roll Call**

**Consideration of the Minutes**

- A. Consideration of the Monday, February 23, 2026, Common Council Meeting Minutes

**Consideration of Claims**

**Committee Report**

- A. Study Committee Regarding City Code Article V, Division 1, Section 18-191 – Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants

**New Business**

- A. Consideration of Resolution 2026-0721 - Transferring Monies to Rainy Day Fund
- B. Consideration of Declaring Selected Vehicles as Surplus

**Council Comments**

**Public Comment**

**Next Regular Meeting**

- A. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, March 23, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers (Room 202), City Hall, 59 S. Jefferson St., Martinsville, Indiana.

**Adjournment**

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**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL  
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA  
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA  
FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

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

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on February 23, 2026. 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 5 Phil Deckard II  
Councilor District 3 Josh Ferran  
Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps  
Councilor District 2 Ben Mahan  
Councilor At Large Ann Miller  
Councilor District 1 Jonathan Collier

A quorum was declared present.

**Consideration of the Minutes**

- A. Consideration of the February 9, 2026, Common Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor John Badger to approve the minutes as presented. Councilor Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. There was one abstention by Councilor Ann Miller. The minutes were approved 6-0-1.

**Consideration of Claims**

A motion to accept the claims was made by Councilor Phil Deckard II. Councilor Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Committee Report**

- A. Study Committee Regarding City Code Article V, Division 1, Section 18-191 –  
Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants

Councilor Ann Miller explained to the council that she and Councilor John Badger had come up with fees. This information will be sent via email to each council member and added to the agenda packets for the March 9 council meeting, at which time suggestions and changes can be made.

**Departmental Reports**

- A. Police Department Annual Report

Chief Ryan Manley presented an update of 2025 statistics. He highlighted arrests, charges, and calls. He extended a personal invite to all council members to ride along with a patrol officer.

#### B. Fire Department Annual Report

Chief Kevin Greene presented the 2025 Fire Department Annual Report and Division Statistics. He highlighted several points including the busiest shift, month and day of the week. It was a successful year for the department, and he ended his report by recognizing the retirement of 2 individuals, Steven Ely and David Skaggs.

#### C. Parks Department Annual Report

Park Superintendent, Ashley Cox, gave a report on the 2025 happenings with the parks department. She highlighted the success of additional activities on the 4th of July celebration, including a fishing contest, activities throughout the day, and additional food trucks. She mentioned a successful pickleball tournament as well as noting the numerous shelter rentals throughout the year. It was a successful year and many of the new events will continue in 2026.

### **New Business**

#### A. Consideration of Petition for Establishment of New Regulated Drain

City Attorney, Dale Coffey, presented a consideration of the petition for establishment of a new regulated drain. All costs of notice and all of the legal costs will be covered by a READI grant. The Morgan County Drainage Board will be overseeing this. A motion to accept the petition was made by Councilor Ann Miller. Councilor Jonathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

#### B. Consideration of Agreement with Teamsters Local 135

City Attorney, Dale Coffey, presented an agreement between the City of Martinsville and Teamsters Local 135, an affiliate of The International Brotherhood of Teamsters. A motion to accept the agreement was made by Councilor Phil Deckard II. Councilor Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

### **Council Comments**

### **Public Comment**

### **Next Regular Meeting**

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### **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"/>	
Jonathan Collier, 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"/>		

# **Fees, Licenses, Permits and Franchises for the City of Martinsville**

## **Introduction:**

These are the items we would like to see added to the current City of Martinsville Peddlers licenses.

## **Registration Requirements:**

1. **Name, permanent address and phone number of businesses being represented**
2. **Nature of business description of products and services**
3. **Name, address, phone number and photocopy of driver's license for each person representing the business**
4. **Make, model, color of car, and license plate number of any vehicle to be used by the person or persons representing the business.**
5. **Statement of whether the applicant has been cited for an ordinance violation related to to the applicant's business endeavors with in the last 3 years; nature of the offense and place of conviction.**
6. **State Police background check must go to in.gov to obtain background check.**

## **Regulations:**

The following regulations shall govern the conduct of registrations. It shall be unlawful for any peddler to:

1. Solicit or call at any dwelling or place after sunset and before sunrise except by appointment to call at any dwelling or other place where a sign is displayed bearing the words, "No Peddlers", "No Solicitation" or words of similar meaning.
2. To call at the rear door of any dwelling place: or
3. To remain on any premises after being asked to leave by the owner, occupant or other person having authority over the premises.

## **Registration with Police:**

Every person who desires to peddle or solicit shall register in a registration book provided for that purpose in the Police Department, his name, and address: the name and address of the person who he represents, and the goods, property, services or publications be peddles or solicited. The person shall undergo a background check that they submit to the State Police and show insurance of product or service that is to be paid by the person themselves.

### **Display of License or ID Tag**

1. Every solicitor or peddler at all times while engaged in peddling or soliciting shall wear and display the license issued to him.
2. Every solicitor or peddler licensed under this chapter shall have his photograph attached to his license and shall have his license in this immediate possession at all times. When peddling or soliciting he shall display the license upon demand by any police officer of the city upon demand of any person to whom he is peddling or soliciting.

### **License/Licenses**

Licenses issued under the provisions of this chapter shall contain the information and be in the form prescribed by the Martinsville Police Department.

### **Investigation of Applicant**

A license and a non-transferable identification card shall be issued to the vendor by the Police Department with the completion of an application and criminal background check issued by the Indiana State Police.

### **Fines**

A \$250.00 Fine will be issued by police for violation of not complying with this ordinance and police must issue the ticket. Citizens or business owners can call police if the vendor is not in complicit.

### **Exemptions:**

# RESOLUTION 2026-0721

## BEING A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONIES TO THE RAINY DAY FUND

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-1-3-1 et seq. permit any City in the State of Indiana to exercise any power or perform any function necessary to the public interest in the context of its city or internal affairs, which is not prohibited by the Constitution of the United States or of the State of Indiana, or denied or pre-empted by any other law, or is not expressly granted by any other law to another governmental entity.

WHEREAS, the Martinsville Common Council is the fiscal body of the City of Martinsville and is authorized by law to adopt ordinances and resolutions for the administration of Martinsville City fiscal matters;

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-1-8-5.1 authorized a political subdivision to transfer any unobligated cash balances from any fiscal year up to ten percent (10%) of its total annual budget adopted to its Rainy Day Fund at any time during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville City Clerk Treasurer has recommended the transfer of certain monies to the Rainy Day Fund in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Common Council of The City of Martinsville, Indiana, in Morgan County, as follows:

1. Transfer of Money. The Martinsville Common Council hereby approves, authorizes and directs the Martinsville City Clerk Treasurer to transfer and deposit One Million Dollars from these places:
  - a. \$142,000 from LOIT (2240)
  - b. \$88,000 from Stormwater (6501)
  - c. \$260,000 from Water Operations (6101)
  - d. \$365,000 from Sewer Operations (6201)
  - e. \$90,000 from EDIT (2216)
  - f. \$55,000 from MVH (2201)
2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, INDIANA THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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