

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
MARCH 9, 2026**

Call to Order, Invocation., and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on March 9, 2026. Pastor Uwe DeStJour 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 4 Suzie Lipps
Councilor District 2 Ben Mahan
Councilor District 1 Jonathan Collier

A quorum was declared present.

Consideration of the Minutes

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

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 1 Jonathan Collier. Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The minutes were Passed 5-0.

Consideration of Claims

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

Committee Report

Councilor John Badger presented an update to the council for their input and also asked if any exemptions should be added. A discussion ensued and several recommendations were given.

Councilor Badger agreed to go back to the police and come back to the council with revisions at the first meeting in April (13th).

- 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

Ben Merida presented the resolution to the council for their consideration.

The request is to transfer a total of one million dollars to the rainy day fund.

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

B. Consideration of Declaring Selected Vehicles as Surplus

Mac Dunn requested the surplus of two vehicles to the council for their consideration. A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 1 Jonathan Collier. John Badger XIV seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 5-0.

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

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"/>		