

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL  
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA  
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA  
APRIL 13, 2026**

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

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on April 13, 2026. Pastor Chris Klingenfus 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 At Large Ann Miller  
Councilor District 1 Jonathan Collier

A quorum was declared present.

**Consideration of the Minutes**

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 1 Jonathan Collier. Ann Miller seconded the motion. The minutes were Passed 5-0. Suzie Lipps Abstained.

**Consideration of Claims**

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 1 Jonathan Collier. Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.

**Special Recognition**

Chief Ryan Manley announced the promotion of Jared Pond to Sergeant.

Chief Kevin Green and Deputy Chief Aaron Fraker presented Steve Hartsock with a special recognition for his years of service and dedication to public safety.

**Public Hearing**

- A. Ordinance 2026-1912 - Amendment to Chapter 38 Fire Prevention  
Chief Greene presented the proposed ordinance to the council for their consideration.
  
- B. Ordinance 2026-1913 - Implementing Fees for Non-Emergency Responses  
Chief Greene presented the proposed ordinance to the council for their consideration.

### **New Business**

- A. First Reading - Ordinance 2026-1912 - Amendment to Chapter 38 Fire Prevention  
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A motion to suspend the rules and consider on first reading was made by Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps. Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.  
  
A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps. Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.
  
- B. First Reading - Ordinance 2026-1913 - Implementing Fees for Non-Emergency Responses  
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A motion to Approve was made by Councilor At Large Ann Miller. Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The motion Passed 6-0.
  
- C. Consideration of the Martinsville Redevelopment Commission Annual Report for 2025  
RDC President Rich Griswold and RDC Attorney Joe Gaunt presented the report to the council for their review.

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor At Large John Badger XIV. Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.

D. Consideration of Compliance with Statements of Benefits

- a. a. 38-40 North Main St.
- b. 78 N. Main St.
- c. 88-90 N. Main St.
- d. 128-142 N. Main St.
- e. 152 N. Main St.
- f. 154 N. Main St.
- g. 171 N. Main St.
- h. 10-18 E. Morgan St.
- i. 66 E. Morgan St.
- j. 72 E. Morgan St.
- k. 78 E. Morgan St.
- l. 88 E. Morgan St.
- m. 96 E. Morgan St.
- n. 23-29, 39 E. Washington St; 41-43 S. Main St.
- o. 21 N. Jefferson St.
- p. 27 N. Jefferson St.
- q. 210 N. Jefferson St.
- r. 240 N. Jefferson St.

Ben Merida presented the compliance statements to the council for their consideration

Item A. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Phil Deckard II. Councilor Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.

Item B. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Johnathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.

Item C. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Johnathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.

Item D. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Ann Miller. Councilor Johnathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.

Item E. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Johnathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.

Item F. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.

Item G. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.

Item H. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.

Item I. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Ann Miller. Councilor Johnathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.

Item J. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Ann Miller. Councilor

Johnathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.  
Item K. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Ann Miller. Councilor Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.  
Item L. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Johnathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.  
Item M. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.  
Item N. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Johnathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.  
Item O. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Johnathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.  
Item P. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.  
Item Q. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.  
Item R. A motion to approve was made by Councilor Suzie Lipps. Councilor Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.

## **Council Comments**

## **Public Comment**

## **Next Regular Meeting**

- A. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 27, 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"/>		