

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL  
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA  
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA  
MAY 11, 2026**

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

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on May 11, 2026. Pastor Nathan Crowe from Eastview Christian Church 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 April 27, 2026, Common Council Meeting Minutes  
A motion to approve was made by Councilor At Large Ann Miller. Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. Jonathan Collier abstained. The minutes passed 6-0-1.

**Consideration of Claims**

A motion to approve the claims was made by Councilor At Large John Badger XIV. Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. Jonathan Collier abstained. The motion passed 6-0-1.

**Proclamation**

Mayor Costin read a proclamation on behalf of the City of Martinsville in honor of the YMCA celebrating 175 years. After the proclamation, a check was presented to the YMCA. This was the mayor's choice of charity from the State of the City dinner held in April.

## **New Business**

- A. First Reading of Ordinance 2026-1914 - Repealing Chapter 18 - Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants

City Attorney, Dale Coffey, presented the first reading of Ordinance 2026-1914. This ordinance repeals Chapter 18, Article V, Sections 18-191 through 18-219, titled Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants. There was no action taken. This ordinance will be placed on the May 26 agenda for the second reading and vote.

- B. Consideration of Grant Anchor Easement - Duke Energy

City Superintendent, Mac Dunn, presented a request for easement on behalf of Duke Energy. This property is located on Blue Bluff Road and is an easement for guidewires. A motion was made to approve the request by Councilor At Large Ann Miller. Jonathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

## **Council Comments**

## **Public Comment**

## **Next Regular Meeting**

- A. The next regular meeting will be on **Tuesday**, May 26, 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"/>		