

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
MAY 26, 2026**

Call to Order, Invocation., and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on May 26, 2026. Pastor Rick Bailey from Liberty 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 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 May 11, 2026, Common Council Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Councilor at Large John Badger XIV. Suzie Lipps seconded the motion. The minutes passed 6-0.

Consideration of Claims

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

Special Recognition

Chief Ryan Manley presented the Martinsville Officer of the Year 2025 to Joseph Musgove. Joseph was nominated by 2 shift supervisors. He is described as extremely professional, exceptionally courteous, and relentlessly proactive. He was awarded a plaque.

Public Hearing

A. Ordinance 2026-1915 - Amendment to Chapter 78, Traffic and Vehicles

A public hearing was held for Ordinance 2026-1915. Deputy Chief Josh Brown presented the ordinance and explained the information the city had was outdated and this addition to the ordinance would ensure safety for the citizens. No one from the public came forward.

New Business

A. First Reading of Ordinance 2026-1915 - Amendment to Chapter 78, Traffic and Vehicles

City Attorney, Dale Coffey presented Ordinance 2026-1915. No action was taken as this was the first reading.

B. First Reading of Ordinance 2026-1916 - Rezoning of Property

City Attorney, Dale Coffey presented Ordinance 2026-1916 which rezoning 2009 Burton Lane from B1 to R2. The Martinsville Plan Commission recommends the rezoning. No action was taken as this was the first reading.

C. First Reading - Ordinance 2026-1917 - Rezoning of Property

City Attorney, Dale Coffey presented Ordinance 2026-1917 and introduced Kevin Buchkeit with Krieg DeVault LLP. This ordinance is rezoning 1139 S Ohio and a north parcel with no address from I-2 and R-2 to B-2. The Martinsville Plan Commission recommends the rezoning. No action was taken as this was the first reading.

D. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 2026-1914 - Repealing Chapter 18 - Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants

City Attorney presented the second reading of repealing Chapter 18 of Ordinance 2026-1914. Councilor At Large Ann Miller made the motion to repeal it. Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

E. Consideration of Compliance Statements of Benefits

- a. 110 W. Washington St.
110 N. Main St.
265 W. Harrison St.

Stacey Williams presented the consideration of Compliance of Statement of Benefits.

a. 110 W. Washington St. - Councilor Suzie Lipps made the motion to approve. Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

110 N Main St. - Councilor Suzie Lipps made the motion to approve. Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

265 W Harrison St. - Councilor Suzie Lipps made the motion to approve. Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

- F. Consideration of an Additional Appropriation - City Court Recording System
Judge Grace Terrell presented the request to purchase technology from WSI Technologies. This purchase will be paid from the court's record perpetuation fund and is in the amount of \$5134.76, which includes setup from Ferguson Sound & Lighting LLC. Much discussion ensued. Councilor Phil Deckard II made the motion to approve the purchase. Councilor Jonathan Collier seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Council Comments

Public Comment

Next Regular Meeting

- A. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 8, 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"/>		