

**MARTIN SVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE IN DIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
NOVEMBER 24, 2025**

Call to Order, Invocation., and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on November 24, 2025. Pastor John Barrett 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 *XN*
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

A quorum was declared present.

Consideration of the Minutes

- A. Consideration of the Monday, November 10, 2025, Common Council Meeting Minutes

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps. Ann Miller seconded the motion. The minutes were Passed 6-0.

Police Department Special Recognitions

Chief Lang presented awards to two patrol officers. Officer Oxendine and Officer Patterson. Also recognized were Deputies Liddell and Karr.

Mayor Costin presented Chief Lang an award for his 51 years of service to Law Enforcement.

Committee Report

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

Councilor Miller presented an update to the council. A discussion ensued. Councilors Miller and Badger will follow up with legal counsel to work on an ordinance draft.

Public Hearing

The council meeting was recessed to have a public hearing.

- A. Ordinance 2025-1905 - Additional Appropriations/ Reduction
- B. Ordinance 2025-1906 - Wheel Tax and MVLExcise Surtax.

- C. Ordinance Number 2025-1908 - Annexing Certain Territory into the City - Sun Energy Farms
- D. Ordinance 2025-1909 - Additional Appropriation

New Business

The Public Hearing was closed. The Council Meeting was reconvened.

- A. First Reading of Ordinance Number 2025-1905 - Additional Appropriations/Reduction

Clerk Treasurer Merida presented the ordinance to the council. No action was taken.

- B. First Reading of Ordinance Number 2025-1906 - When Tax and MVL Excise Surtax

Counsel Pierce presented the ordinance to the council. No action was taken.

- C. First Reading of Ordinance Number 2025-1908 - Annexing Certain Territory *into* the City - Sun Energy Farms

Chyenne Hoffa from Forestar presented the ordinance to the council. No action was taken.

- D. First Reading of Ordinance 2025-1909 - Additional Appropriation

Clerk Treasurer Merida presented the ordinance to the council. No action was taken.

- E. First Reading of Ordinance 2025-1910 - Request for Rezoning - Rooted Oaks Construction

Mike Cassa from Rooted Oaks Constl1.ictio11, LLC presented the request to the council. No action was taken.

- F. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 2025-1899 - Setting Salaries of Elected Officials

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor At Large Ann Miller. Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.

- G. Second Reading and Consideration of Ordinance 2025-1900 - Setting Salaries of Certain Appointed Officials and Employees

A motion to Table was made by Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II. Ann Miller seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.

- H. Consideration of Redevelopment Commission Annual Spending Plan

Clerk Treasurer Merida presented the information to the council for their review.

- I. Consideration of Resolution 2028-0718 - Written Fiscal Plan for Annexation of Real Estate

Cheyenne Hoffa from Forestar presented the Resolution to the Council for their consideration.
Resolution failed for lack of motion.

Consideration of Claims

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II. Ben Mahan seconded the motion.
The motion was Passed 6 - 0.

Council Comments

Public Comment

Announcements

Next Regular Meeting

- A. The next regular meeting of the Common Council will be on Monday, December 8, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers (Room 202), City Hall, 59 S. Jefferson St, Martinsville, IN

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"/>	
Phil R. Deckard Sr, Member, 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"/>		