

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
JANUARY 12, 2026**

Call to Order, Invocation., and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on January 12, 2026. Pastor Jeff Floyd 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

A quorum was declared present.

Consideration of the Minutes

- A. Consideration of the December 8, 2025, Common Council Meeting Minutes

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

- B. Consideration of the December 29, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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

Committee Report

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

Councilor Ann Miller requested the report to be tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

- A. Election of President Pro Tempore

Councilor Lipps nominated Phil Deckard II. Councilor Miller seconded the nomination.

No other nominations were presented.

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

B. Council Appointments to Commissions

a. Planning Commission

Councilor Badger nominated Councilor Miller to be the Planning Commission Representative.

No other nominations were presented.

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

b. Redevelopment Commission

Councilor Lipps nominated Councilor Badger as the council representative to the Redevelopment Commission.

No other nominations were presented.

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

c. Police Merit Board

Councilor Deckard II nominated Eric Anderson to continue as the council representative to the Police Merit Board.

No other nominations were presented.

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

d. Morgan County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

Councilor Ferran nominated Councilor Mahan to be the council representative to the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

No other nominations were presented.

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

C. Consideration of Consent to Encroach

Mr. Coffey presented the request to the council for their consideration.

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

Consideration of Claims

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

Council Comments

Public Comment

Announcements

Next Regular Meeting

- A. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers (Room 202), City Hall, 59 S. Jefferson St., Martinsville, IN

Adjournment