

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

Call to Order, Invocation., and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on February 9, 2026. Pastor Jeff Floyd led the prayer for those in attendance. Mayor Costin then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing-In Ceremony

Mayor Costin Swore in new council member Jonathan Collier into office.

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 District 1 Jonathan Collier

A quorum was declared present.

Consideration of the Minutes

- A. Consideration of the January 12, 2026, Common Council Meeting Minutes

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps. Ben Mahan seconded the motion. The minutes were 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.

Committee Report

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

No report was given.

Public Hearing

- A. Ordinance 2026-1911 – Salary Ordinance

The council meeting was recessed to have a public hearing. City Attorney Dale Coffey presented the Salary Ordinance to the council for their future

consideration. No public comments were made so the meeting was reconvened.

New Business

A. First Reading of Ordinance 2026-1911 - Salary Ordinance

City Attorney Dale Coffey presented the Salary Ordinance to the council for their consideration. A motion to waive the rules and pass on first reading was made by Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps. John Badger XIV seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.
A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps. John Badger XIV seconded the motion. The motion was Passed 6-0.

B. Consideration of Retirement of a Police K9

Deputy Police Chief Brown presented the request to the council for their consideration. The request was to retire K9 Officer Loki.
A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II. Josh Ferran 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, February 23, 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"/>		