

Martinsville Common Council
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
7:00 PM - City Hall, Council Chambers

THE CITY OF
Martinsville
INDIANA



Call to Order, Invocation., and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Consideration of the Minutes

- A. September 22, 2025, Common Council Meeting Minutes

Proclamation

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Committee Report

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

New Business

- A. Second Reading and Consideration Ordinance Number 2025-1904 - 2026 City Budget
- B. Consideration of Resolution 2025-0715 - Authorizing the Establishment of Bank Account for Martinsville City Court
- C. Consideration of Resolution 2025-0716 - Authorizing Additional Users on Account Number 9481

Consideration of Claims

Council Comments

Public Comment

Next Regular Meeting

- A. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 27, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers (Room 202), City Hall, 59 S. Jefferson St., Martinsville, Indiana

Adjournment

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**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

Call to Order, Invocation., and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Costin called the Martinsville Common Council meeting to order on September 22, 2025. Mack Porter 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 1 Phil Deckard Sr.
Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II
Councilor District 3 Josh Ferran
Councilor District 4 Suzie Lipps

A quorum was declared present.

Consideration of the Minutes

- A. September 8, 2025, Common Council Meeting Minutes

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II. John Badger XIV seconded the motion. The minutes were Passed 5-0.

Committee Report

- A. Study Committee Regarding City Code Article V, Division 1, Section 18-191 – Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants
No update at this time.

Council Reports

- A. Morgan County Economic Development Corporation
No update at this time.
B. Planning Commission
No update at this time.
C. Redevelopment Commission
No update at this time.

Without objection, the Common Council meeting was recessed for a Public Hearing

Public Hearing

Ordinance 2025-1904 - 2026 City Budget

The 2026 City Budget was presented for public comment.
Citizen Rick Durnal asked about the net assessed value.

The Public Hearing was closed and the Common Council meeting reconvened.

New Business

- A. First Reading of Ordinance 2025-1904 - 2026 City Budget The 2026 City Budget was presented to the council. No action was taken.

Consideration of Claims

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 5 Phil Deckard II. John Badger XIV seconded the motion. The claims were Passed 5-0.

Council Comments

Councilor Phil Deckard Sr. requested to pass along to the park board the following message/request from the common council:

- Recognition that the park looks good.
- Request that lights be placed around the pond.
- Request that a printed map be available for those playing disc golf.
- Request for the park to enforce the no-smoking ordinance.

A motion to Approve was made by Councilor District 1 Phil Deckard Sr.. Phil Deckard II seconded the motion. The motion Passed 5-0.

Public Comment

Announcements

- All non-emergency city office and services closed on Monday, October 13, 2025.
- Utility Office and Transfer Station also closed on Saturday, October 11, 2025.
- Monday trash pick-up will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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Adjournment

Name		Signature
Phil R. Deckard II, Member, District 5, President Pro Tempore	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Phil R. Deckard Sr, Member, District 1	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Ben Mahan, Member, District 2	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Josh Ferran, Member, District 3	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Suzie Lipps, Member, District 4	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Ann Miller, Member-at-Large	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
John Badger, XIV, Member-at-Large	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
ATTEST		
Name	Signature	Date
Benjamin K. Merida, Clerk-Treasurer		
MAYOR ACTION		
Name	Signature	Date
Kenneth W. Costin, Mayor	Approve ☐ Veto ☐	

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

State Form 55865 (7-15)
Approved by the State Board of Accounts, 2015
Prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance

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Ordinance / Resolution Number: 2025-1904

Be it ordained/resolved by the **Common Council** that for the expenses of **MARTINSVILLE CIVIL CITY** for the year ending December 31, 2026 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **MARTINSVILLE CIVIL CITY**, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **Common Council**.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
Common Council	Common Council and Mayor	10/14/2025

Funds

Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0005	CASINO/RIVERBOAT	\$0	\$0	0.0000
0101	GENERAL	\$9,210,019	\$4,457,002	0.8914
0180	DEBT SERVICE	\$0	\$0	0.0000
0183	BOND #3	\$0	\$0	0.0000
0184	BOND #4	\$803,000	\$0	0.0000
0185	BOND #5	\$403,000	\$345,000	0.0690
0283	LEASE RENTAL PAYMENT	\$451,000	\$446,126	0.0892
0341	FIRE PENSION	\$205,258	\$0	0.0000
0342	POLICE PENSION	\$241,483	\$0	0.0000
0706	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$199,500	\$0	0.0000
0708	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$2,069,298	\$925,000	0.1850
1303	PARK	\$965,839	\$612,000	0.1224
1380	PARK BOND	\$102,453	\$105,187	0.0210
2379	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMP (CIG TAX)	\$19,302	\$0	0.0000
2391	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$298,000	\$286,000	0.0440
2411	ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CEDIT	\$918,385	\$0	0.0000
		\$15,886,537	\$7,176,315	1.4220

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Home-Ruled Funds (Not Reviewed by DLGF)

Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget
9500	City Court	\$195,061
9501	Planning and Zoning	\$23,754
9502	Food and Beverage	\$536,000
9503	Unsafe Building	\$28,230
9504	LETf	\$0
9505	Judical Salary	\$5,378
9506	Public Safety LOIT	\$1,420,250
		\$2,208,673

Name		Signature
Ann Miller	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Phil Deckard Sr	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Phil Deckard II	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
John Badger	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Suzie Lipps	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Ben Mahan	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Josh Ferran	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	

ATTEST

Name	Title	Signature
Benjamin K Merida	Clerk Treasurer	

MAYOR ACTION (For City use only)

Name		Signature	Date
Kenneth W Costin	Approve ☐ Veto ☐		

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In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to issue debt after December 1 and before January 1

Yes ☐ No ☒

In accordance with IC 6-1.1-17-16(k), we state our intent to file a shortfall appeal after December 1 and before December 31

Yes ☐ No ☒

RESOLUTION # 2025-0715

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BANK ACCOUNT FOR MARTINSVILLE CITY COURT

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Martinsville, Indiana, has the legislative power for the City of Martinsville and the authority to establish bank accounts for the receipt of monies; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Martinsville has been informed that the Martinsville City Court is in need of the establishment of a new bank account as it transitions to the Odyssey Case Management Network; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Martinsville wishes to authorize the establishment of a bank account in Home Bank SB, Martinsville, Indiana, and such account shall have the authorized users of the Martinsville City Clerk Treasurer, Martinsville City Court Judge, Martinsville City Court Clerk Full-Time, and Martinsville City Court Clerk Part-Time; and, now

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Martinsville hereby authorizes the establishment of a bank account in Home Bank SB for the purposes of transacting business for Martinsville City Court monies, with authorized users being Martinsville City Clerk Treasurer, Martinsville City Court Judge, Martinsville City Court Clerk Full-Time, and Martinsville City Court Clerk Part-Time.

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Martinsville, Morgan County, Indiana this 14th day of October, 2025.

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Phil R. Deckard II, Member, District 5, President Pro Tempore	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
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Ben Mahan, Member, District 2	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Josh Ferran, Member, District 3	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Suzie Lipps, Member, District 4	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
Ann Miller, Member-at-Large	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
John Badger, XIV, Member-at-Large	Aye ☐ Nay ☐ Abstain ☐	
ATTEST		
Name	Signature	Date
Benjamin K. Merida, Clerk-Treasurer		
MAYOR ACTION		
Name	Signature	Date
Kenneth W. Costin, Mayor	Approve ☐ Veto ☐	

RESOLUTION # 2025 - 0716

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL USERS ON ACCOUNT #9481

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Martinsville, Indiana, has the legislative power for the City of Martinsville and the authority to establish and set guidelines for financial accounts for the City of Martinsville; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Martinsville recognizes that currently there exists a bank account Odyssey Court and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Martinsville wishes to add additional authorized users to that account; and now

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Martinsville that account Odyssey Court shall have as authorized users Martinsville City Clerk Treasurer, Martinsville City Court Judge, Martinsville City Court Clerk Full-Time, and Martinsville City Court Clerk Part-Time.

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Martinsville, Morgan County, Indiana this 14th day of October, 2025.

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Kenneth W. Costin, Mayor	Approve ☐ Veto ☐	