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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on November 23, 2010, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Kim Adkins, Vice Mayor Kimble Reynolds, Jr., Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, Sr., and Danny Turner. Staff present included: Clarence Monday, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Leon Towarnicki, Linda Conover, Wayne Knox, Mike Rogers, Rob Fincher, Dan Howell, Billy Akers, Kenneth Draper, Greg Reeves, Keith Hudson, Bobby Phillips, and Dale Davis.

Following the invocation by Council Member Danny Turner and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On a motion by Kimble Reynolds, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of October 19, 2010 and October 26, 2010 meetings.

Martinsville City Fire/EMS employees involved in the lifesaving rescue from a well incident were recognized by Council and were presented certificates. Those involved in the incident, Keith Hudson, Jamie Hopkins, Billy Akers, Dan Howell, Bobby Phillips, and Dale Davis were honored with certificates and words of appreciation from City Fire Chief Kenneth Draper and Henry County Public Safety Director Dale Wagoner as well as members of City Council.

Mayor Adkins recognized city employees eligible for Service Awards October 1 through December 31, 2010:

Durwin Joyce	Electric Dept	25
Stephen Chitwood	Electric Dept	25
Eddie Cassidy	Police Dept	25
Steven Puckett	Waste Water Plant	20
Jerry Ceasar	Sewer Maintenance	15
Donna Harris	Senior Citizens	15
Chris Morris	Engineering	15
Greg Johnston	Police Dept	10
Molly Shelton	Electric Dept	10
Mary Kay Washington	Accounting	5

Clarence Monday briefed Council on the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for construction and implementation of Phase II of the Landfill-Methane Project and wastewater treatment plant equipment. Additional information will be presented at the December 14 meeting and a second reading of the Bond Commitment Ordinance will be presented to Council for consideration. Mayor Adkins opened the public hearing regarding issuance of bonds. Mike Elder commented about his apprehension of going into the new year without knowing what the federal and state levels will do. There being no further comment, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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Ray Gibbs of the Phoenix Community Development Corporation updated Council on the Uptown revitalization and the status of the Henry Hotel development. He reported the environmental analysis on the Henry Hotel has been completed and a structural investigation is being done at present. He reported the Henry Hotel will have to go into private ownership to qualify for tax credits. He reported there are challenges with the former Social Services building especially with the basement. He stated the typical time frame for a redevelopment project is two to three years. Council encouraged Mr. Gibbs to get to know the Uptown business owners and Council Member Stroud reported he is very concerned with helping existing business owners.

Wayne Knox gave an update on activities of the Community Development Department and reviewed current projects and expected completion dates.

Assistant City Manager, Leon Towarnicki, reviewed the current permit process for Special Events noting that with the increase in permit requests, the process needed to be streamlined. Commissioner of Revenue, Ruth Easley, gave an overview of interactive Special Events Checklist which is available on the city website.

On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Kimble Reynolds, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the following consent agenda:

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 11/23/10				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
<u>FY11</u>				
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
01100908	482901	Miscellaneous Unclassified Revenue		30
01122028	506001	Communications - Office Supplies	30	
		Copies of Council Meetings		
01100909	490104	Advanced/Recovered Costs		14,498
01217078	501200	Sheriff/Courts - Overtime	557	
01217078	502100	Sheriff/Courts - Social Security	35	
01217078	502110	Sheriff/Courts - Medicare	8	
01331108	501200	Sheriff/Corrections - Overtime	4,488	
01331108	501300	Sheriff/Corrections - Part-time & Temporary	7,070	
01331108	502100	Sheriff/Corrections - Social Security	751	
01331108	502110	Sheriff/Corrections - Medicare	176	
01331108	506008	Sheriff/Corrections - Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	1,414	
		appropriate additional funds-security & inmate use		
01103919	443104	Private Grants - M'ville Area Community Foundation		4,000
01322105	508205	EMS - Motor Vehicles/Equipment	4,000	
		appropriate grant funds		
Total General Fund:			18,528	18,528
<u>SCHOOL FUND</u>				
18102926	418313	Categorical Federal - State Fiscal Stabilization Funds		642,364
89001000	561120	SFSF Jobs - Instructional S&W	538,121	
89001000	562100	SFSF Jobs - Social Security	33,363	
89001000	562150	SFSF Jobs - Medicare	7,803	
89001000	562210	SFSF Jobs - Retirement	48,054	
89001000	562300	SFSF Jobs - Group Medical	10,148	
89001000	562400	SFSF Jobs - State Life Insurance	1,507	
89001000	562520	SFSF Jobs - Long-term Disability Insurance	139	
89001000	562750	SFSF Jobs - Retiree Health Care Credit	3,229	
18102926	418314	Categorical Federal - Adult Basic Education		5,812
87101310	561120	Adult Basic Education - Instructional S & W	5,400	
87101310	562100	Adult Basic Education - Social Security	334	
87101310	562150	Adult Basic Education - Medicare	78	
Total School Fund:			648,176	648,176

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Mayor Adkins asked Eric Monday to give an update on internet gaming and he noted that certified letters were sent to each owner in the city notifying them of the requirements in the ordinance as well as a press release being issued today to give them ample warning that the police will be enforcing the ordinance.

Business from the floor: Mike Elder of 923 Childress Drive voiced concerns with minority treatment; Michael Howard wants city to limit gambling; Chad Martin thanked city attorney for update and encouraged the city to prosecute; Johnny Robertson offered his assistance any time the Planning Commission needs assistance; Avery Preston of 906 E. Church St. voiced concerns with gambling establishments; Steven Jones of 611 Parkview commented on internet gambling and noted it is time for Martinsville High to have a new gym; Mike Elder commented on his concerns with disrespect. The City Attorney outlined differences in criminal action and civil action regarding internet gambling and he encouraged residents to call his office when they see violations. He also encouraged citizens to contact the state legislators. Police Chief Mike Rogers pointed out the police will begin strict and fair enforcement and it will be done in a fair and courteous manner.

Comments from City Council: Turner-congratulations to Bulldogs; Stroud-encouraged people to be thankful; Adkins-asked for Council's support and allow the Mayor to send a letter to legislators regarding extension of the emergency unemployment benefits and Council agreed by consensus.

Comments by City Manager: reported days and times city offices to be closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Kimble Reynolds, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Adkins, aye; Reynolds, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Turner, aye, Council convened in Closed Session, for the purpose of discussing the following matter: (A) Appointments to Boards and Commissions as authorized by Subsection 1. (B) A personnel matter as authorized by Subsection 1. (C) A prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community as authorized by Subsection 5. (D) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants

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pertaining to actual or probable litigation, or other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, as authorized by Subsection 7.

At the conclusion of Closed Session, each returning member of Council certified that (1) only public business matters exempt from open meeting requirements were discussed in said Closed Session; and (2) only those business matters identified in the motion convening the Closed Session were heard, discussed, or considered during said Session. On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Adkins, aye; Reynolds, aye; Teague, aye; Stroud, aye; and Turner, aye, Council returned to Open Session.

The only action taken after returning to open session was regarding appointments to Boards and Commissions as follows: On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Robert Vogler, 301 Oakdale St. to a 4 year term ending 12/31/14 to Transportation Safety Commission. On a motion by Mark Stroud, seconded by Kim Adkins, with a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Lee Probst, P. O. Box 614, as MURA representative on Arts & Cultural Committee for a 4 year term ending 11/30/14. On a motion by Kim Adkins, seconded by Gene Teague, with a 5-0 vote, Council appointed Gerald Holman as FAHI representative on Arts & Cultural Committee for a 4 year term ending 11/30/14.

There being no further business, Mayor Adkins adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

Clarence C. Monday
Clerk of Council

Kim E. Adkins
Mayor