

February 10, 2014

Martinsville City Council Neighborhood Meeting for the Northside area was held on February 10, 2014, at Chatham Hts. Baptist Church, 1235 Chatham Road, Martinsville, VA at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding and Council members present including: Mark Stroud, Sr., Sharon Brooks Hodge and Danny Turner. Vice Mayor Gene Teague was absent. Staff present: Leon Towarnicki, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Coretha Gravely, Chad Rhoads, Kenneth Draper and Andy Powers.

Mayor Adkins called the meeting to order and Rev. Lewis Harris gave the invocation. Mayor Adkins asked Andy Powers to present his property maintenance report and then opened the floor for public comment.

Citizen comments: Lewis Harris-reported manhole cover is missing on Chatham Rd. in front of Mountain Drive. A resident on Grayson St. reported poor conditions at 216 Grayson Street along with excessive amounts of traffic in and out of house. City Attorney Eric Monday explained process for declaring a property as a public nuisance and then Council could take action. Pat McCain-Augusta St.-issues with peddlers selling door to door, voiced concerns about the way a call to 911 Center was handled and hearing shots fired at night from rented hunting land. Janet Mullins-Owens Rd.-concerns with animal control. Woody McCain-Augusta St.-concerns with 911 Center. Coretha Gravely-encouraged all citizens to never hesitate in calling 911 if feeling threatened. The City Manager gave an update on snow removal process in anticipation of forecasted winter weather. City staff will address specific properties and concerns as pointed out by citizens.

There being no further business, Mayor Adkins adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Brenda Prillaman
Clerk of Council

Kim E. Adkins
Mayor