

April 24, 2014

A special meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on April 24, 2014, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 6:00PM, to conduct a budget worksession with Mayor Adkins presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Adkins, Vice Mayor Gene Teague, Sharon Brooks Hodge, Danny Turner, and Mark Stroud. Staff present included: Leon Towarnicki, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Linda Conover, and Wayne Knox.

Mayor Adkins called the meeting to order for further discussion to reach consensus to move ahead with adopting the FY15 budget.

1. Council discussion on use of Housing Office occurred. No action taken.
2. Clarification on procedure was requested regarding City administration's budget preparation and involvement of elected officials in influencing items included in the proposed budget before it is brought to City Council for consideration. The City Attorney explained that the City Manager is required by the Charter to prepare the proposed budget and City Council amends the budget and approves the final budget. Mr. Monday noted that Mayor Adkins abstained from votes on two agencies requesting funding and that Mayor Adkins is allowed to vote on the whole budget.
3. Council discussion on School funding occurred. Council Member Stroud disclosed his wife works for city schools and any decision he makes will not affect his wife's pay. Mayor Adkins declared her husband coaches at Martinsville High School. Council Member Turner disclosed he travels with the MHS Band and Vice Mayor Teague advised he has served as a judge for a Martinsville Bulldog Pageant. After discussion, a motion was made by Gene Teague, seconded by Danny Turner to increase school funding \$150,000. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote. (Stroud-nay, Teague-aye, Adkins-aye, Turner-aye, Hodge-aye)
4. Budget public hearing to be held May 13, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Brenda Prillaman, Clerk of Council

Kim Adkins, Mayor