

February 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on February 10, 2015, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM, Closed Session beginning at 7:00pm, with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Turner, Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, Sharon Brooks Hodge and Mark Stroud. Staff present included: Leon Towarnicki, City Manager, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Wayne Knox, Linda Conover, and Sean Dunn.

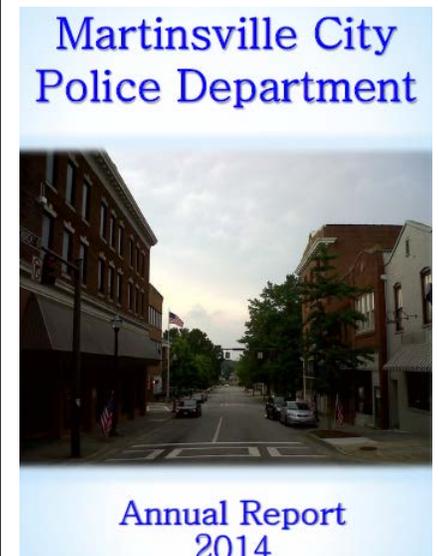
Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and advised Council will go into Closed Session. In accordance with Section 2.1-344 (A) of the Code of Virginia (1950, and as amended) and upon a motion by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Mark Stroud, with the following 5-0 recorded vote: Turner, aye; Bowles; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Stroud, aye; Council convened in Closed Session, for the purpose of discussing the following matters: (A) 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. (B) Appointments to Boards and Commissions as authorized by Subsection 1. (C) Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, attorneys or consultants 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 the Session. On a motion by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Jennifer Bowles, with the following recorded 5-0 vote: Turner, aye; Bowles, aye; Teague, aye; Hodge, aye; Stroud, aye; Council returned to Open Session.

Following the invocation by Council Member Teague and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced there will be three addendums added to the beginning of the agenda.

Addendum-Proclamation Glenwood Hankins: Mayor Turner turned the meeting over to Council Member Stroud to present the proclamation honoring Glenwood Hankins.

Addendum-Proclamation-NAACP Day: Mayor Turner turned the meeting over to Vice Mayor Bowles to make the presentation of the NAACP Day proclamation.

Addendum-Police Department Annual Report: Police Chief Sean Dunn presented the following information:

 <p>Martinsville City Police Department</p> <p>Annual Report 2014</p>	<p>2014 MPD YEAR IN REVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Power Shift ➤ Positioning for Enhanced Narcotics Investigations ➤ Investigators on Evening Shift ➤ Body Camera Upgrade ➤ Department-wide Community Policing Training ➤ Community Policing - Neighborhood Resource Officers ➤ Enhanced Citizen Communication through Social Media ➤ Planning for Major Reorganization - implemented in January 2015 ➤ Preparation for Re-Accreditation ➤ Continuous partnership building with our citizens, the true secret to our success! <p>We are a Community Policing Department!</p>	<p>A YEAR IN REVIEW</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Offenses</th> <th>Annual 2014</th> <th>Annual 2013</th> <th>CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="4">Violent crime (Select IBR GROUP A)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Homicide</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>-3 (-75%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sexual Assault</td> <td>11</td> <td>11</td> <td>0 (0%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robbery</td> <td>12</td> <td>20</td> <td>-8 (-40%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aggravated Assault</td> <td>29</td> <td>33</td> <td>-4 (-12%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>55</td> <td>65</td> <td>-10 (-15%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">Property crime (Select IBR GROUP A)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary</td> <td>55</td> <td>65</td> <td>-10 (-15%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Larceny</td> <td>311</td> <td>412</td> <td>-101 (-25%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MV Theft</td> <td>18</td> <td>27</td> <td>-9 (-33%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arson</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>0 0%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>386</td> <td>506</td> <td>-120 (-24%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL CRIME</td> <td>441</td> <td>571</td> <td>-130 (-23%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In 2014, there were two (2) victims in the single Homicide incident.</p>	Offenses	Annual 2014	Annual 2013	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	Violent crime (Select IBR GROUP A)				Homicide	1	4	-3 (-75%)	Sexual Assault	11	11	0 (0%)	Robbery	12	20	-8 (-40%)	Aggravated Assault	29	33	-4 (-12%)	Total	55	65	-10 (-15%)	Property crime (Select IBR GROUP A)				Burglary	55	65	-10 (-15%)	Larceny	311	412	-101 (-25%)	MV Theft	18	27	-9 (-33%)	Arson	2	2	0 0%	Total	386	506	-120 (-24%)	TOTAL CRIME	441	571	-130 (-23%)
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Minutes: On a motion by Sharon Brooks Hodge, seconded by Jennifer Bowles, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the minutes of the November 24, 2014 tour and November 24, 2014 neighborhood meeting.

MHC Economic Development update: Mark Heath provided the update on recent activities and programs. Council requested that the EDC make sure all events information related to small business training are distributed to all businesses and suggested hosting certification training.

West Piedmont Planning District Commission update: Dave Hoback, Executive Director, briefed Council on programs and activities of the WPPDC and support services provided throughout the region.

Finance Report: Finance Director, Linda Conover, presented the following information: Exclusive of School and Special Revenue funds, actual revenues were \$29,126,150, representing 98.9% of the anticipated \$29,452,105 through the first half of FY15, ending December 31, 2014. Having received five months receipts, Local Sales & Use Taxes collected through December 31st were less than anticipated by \$8,132, for total receipts of \$732,868. Overall Utility revenues averaged 94.6% of anticipated with Refuse, Minet/Fiber Optic, and Electric Funds not meeting expectations. Actual expenditures at mid-year were \$31,739,619, which represents 102% of the anticipated amount of \$31,058,771. The “actual” figures include all outstanding encumbrances of \$1,064,707, and the funds required to be returned to the Commonwealth of \$110,184 in December. As of December 31st, the total Combined Fund Balance and Net Position was \$16,230,887, a decrease from FY14 year-end of \$3,400,341. The available cash-on-hand for all City Funds was \$12,541,112, a slight increase over the same time period last year of \$250,645. The Projected year-end Fund Balance for FY15, based upon budgeted activities, inclusive of re-appropriations and other budget additions approved by Council, is \$15,325,401, a decrease of \$4,305,827 from FY14 year-end.

Consent Agenda: On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Mark Stroud, with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the following consent agenda:

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 2/10/15				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY15				
General Fund:				
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		27,728
01433166	506007	Public Health Center - Facility Maint	27,728	
		Reimbursement from Health Dept for flooring		
01101917	442401	Categorical Other State - Confiscated Assets - Police		6,347
01311085	506078	Police Dept - Conf Assets State	6,347	
		Asset Forfeiture Proceeds		

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01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		500
01321102	506130	Fire Dept. - Repair & Maint.-Burn Building Reimbursements for training	500	
Total General Fund:			34,575	34,575
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Minet/Fiber Optic Fund:				
11100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		38,437
11315308	508220	Physical Plant Expansion Reimbursement from NCI	38,437	
Total Minet/Fiber Optic Fund:			38,437	38,437

Landlord/tenant issues report from City Attorney: Eric Monday reported that at the most recent West End Neighborhood Council Meeting, a question was asked concerning what Council could do with regard to Landlord/Tenant disputes. These issues are governed by Virginia State law and there is very little Council can do in any regard without a rental certification program. Council agreed this is an opportunity to look at in the future.

Business from floor: Patrick Wright of Spruce Street-congratulated Mayor Turner; Chad Martin of Hammond Street-asked for Mayor's public apology-Allen of 502 E. Church St.-concerns about how things in government are going; Joseph Martin-comments on issues with the fluoride in the water; Johnnie Peters of Henry County commented businesses Uptown are proud of Council.

Council comments: Stroud-city is moving forward; Turner-asked that streets are clean for Wednesday.

City Manager comments: the City Manager reviewed upcoming budget schedule with Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Brenda Prillaman
Clerk of Council

Danny Turner
Mayor