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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on March 8, 2011, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, regular session at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding. Council Members present included: Mayor Adkins, Vice Mayor Kimble Reynolds, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, Sr., and Danny Turner. Staff present included: Clarence Monday, City Manager, Leon Towarnicki, Brenda Prillaman, Mike Rogers and Jay Stout.

Following the invocation by Mayor Kim Adkins and Pledge to the American Flag, the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

On a motion by Danny Turner, seconded by Kimble Reynolds, Council approved with a 5-0 vote, the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting.

Mayor Adkins presented a proclamation recognizing Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week to Robert and Julie Meador.

On a motion by Gene Teague, seconded by Kimble Reynolds with a 5-0 vote, Council approved the following resolution recognizing April as Fair Housing Month:

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville strives to promote principles of Equal Housing Opportunity by prohibiting discrimination practices in the sale, rental and financing of housing and in implementing its housing and community development programs in a manner to affirmatively further the purposes of the fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the basis for discrimination outlawed by the federal and state fair housing acts are race, color, sex, religion, national origin, handicap, age and familial status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville believes persons of similar income levels should have available to them a like range of housing opportunities and will work to promote equality and freedom of choice; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Martinsville City Council that, on this 8th day of March, 2011, in recognition of April as Fair Housing Month, it does hereby pledge to work with its citizens in pursuit of the shared goal and responsibility for providing equal housing opportunities for all persons.

City Manager Clarence Monday explained the process for agency funding and requirements of the semi annual reports which were supplied in Council's agenda packets and noted that any reports received after deadline will be forwarded to Council. There was no discussion.

Assistant City Manager Leon Towarnicki updated Council on the American Reinvestment & Recovery Act (of 2009/ARRA/stimulus funding) funded projects.

The following information was presented:

Grant funds were received by the City for 4 projects:

Landfill Project	\$1,000,000
Building Energy Efficiency	\$400,000
Hydro Plant Project	\$506,681
Liberty Street	\$2,389,000
Total	\$4,295,681

Landfill Project:

Award of the landfill/methane/electric project has been made to Crowder Construction Company, Apex, NC. Contract price is \$1,714,000. Contracts have been finalized; equipment will be ordered within a matter of days; preliminary site work will begin shortly; design work to begin immediately; meeting set up for last week of March to review project. Expect generator equipment to delivered around November, 2011; startup is expected in December; with system operational 24/7 by end of 2011.

Building Energy Efficiency:

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Memorandum of Understanding has been executed with Trane; personnel were on site today (March 8) inspecting lighting, HVAC, etc. to begin energy audit process; expect to get results of audit and project recommendations around June, 2011; work expected to begin immediately after receipt of detailed energy audit.

Hydro Plant Project:

Currently working on finalizing the contract with Thomas Brothers Hydro, Inc., Covington, GA; expect contract to be executed within a matter of days; Thomas Brothers will begin work immediately on rebuild of the two turbine units. Plant automation to occur later in the spring/summer months.

Liberty Street Project:

Substantial progress has occurred.

- 20 of 25 property negotiations for r/w, easements, etc. have been accepted.
- 10 of 12 entire property acquisitions have been accepted
- VDOT relocation staff are now working with residents on relocation assistance
- All relocations expected to occur by mid to late summer
- Demolition and clearance will begin this fall
- Utility work (west side of street) expected to begin this spring
- The overall project is on schedule to advertise this winter and begin construction next year.

There was discussion among Council members regarding why the city school system was not participating in the building energy efficiency project. The City Manager pointed out the schools were initially included in the project and the schools made the decision to opt out. Staff was directed to send a letter to the school superintendent and strongly urge the schools' participation in this grant project.

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

ORG	OBJECT	BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 3/08/11 DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY11				
GENERAL FUND				
	01100908	480410 Donations/Fire Department		50
	01322105	506004 EMS - Supplies appropriation of donation	50	
Total General Fund:			50	50
SCHOOL FUND				
	18102926	418292 Nasa Program		22,500
	18102926	418292 Nasa Program		28,950
	61101100	561151 Instructional Aides S&W	24,402	
	61101100	562100 Social Security	1,513	
	61101100	562150 Medicare Fica	354	
	61101100	562210 Retirement Payments	2,179	
	61101100	562400 State Life	68	
	61101100	262520 LTD	35	
	61101100	562750 RHCC	146	
	61101100	565800 Miscellaneous Expense	3,253	
	61101100	566013 Instructional Materials & Supplies	17,500	
	61101100	566040 Software & Online Content	1,000	
	61101100	568120 Technology Infrastructure Replacement	1,000	
	18103919	489904 Harvest		70,000
	81621310	563000 Purchased Services	15,000	
	81621310	563142 Professional Development	12,500	
	81621310	565503 Travel	15,000	
	81631310	563000 Purchased Services	7,500	
	81631310	563142 Professional Development	10,000	
	81631310	565503 Travel	10,000	
Total School Fund:			121,450	121,450

Business from the floor: Ural Harris, 217 Stuart St.—comments on EDC funding, why APCO wouldn't work with city on pricing, AMP contract issues, and funding police budget. Bailey Penn, 1109 Chatham Rd.—comments on affordability

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of electricity. Mike Elder, 923 Childress Dr.,--asked City Council members to resign and commented on business on Greyson St., sweepstakes, and magistrate office issues.

Comments-Council: Turner—congratulated M-HC Historical Society on courthouse renovations and encouraged citizen participation in school merger discussions this week. Teague—asked the City Manager to develop options for City’s portion of Commonwealth Crossing funding for Council’s consideration in order to meet that commitment. Stroud-comments on electric rates and thanked Chamber for fine job with Fast Track trade show. Reynolds—also encouraged citizens to participate in school talks and pointed out the need for Council to finalize the Goals & Initiatives and directed staff to follow up on that for next meeting.

Comments-City Manager: pointed out the next furlough day will be March 14 for those employees in that tier and asked for patience from the public as some city offices will not be fully staffed on Monday.

There being no further business, Mayor Adkins adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Clarence C. Monday
Clerk of Council

Kim Adkins
Mayor