

July 1, 2008

An organizational meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on July 1, 2008, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, beginning at 9:00 A. M., with Ashby Pritchett, Circuit Court Clerk, presiding. Council Members present included: Kimble Reynolds, Jr., Kathy Lawson, Gene Teague, Mark C. Stroud, Sr., and Danny Turner.

Rev. Eric Kieselbach, Pastor, Kearfott Memorial Baptist Church, delivered the invocation and Mr. Pritchett led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Pritchett issued the oath of office to newly-elected Council Members Mark C. Stroud, Sr. and Danny Turner and re-elected Council Member Kimble Reynolds, Jr.

Mr. Pritchett called for nominations for Mayor. Council Member Kimble Reynolds, Jr. nominated Council Member Kathy Lawson for Mayor. Council Member Gene Teague moved to close the nominations, seconded by Council Member Mark Stroud, and carried by the following vote, with all members voting: Vote 5-0. Yeas (5) – Reynolds, Lawson, Teague, Stroud, Turner. Council Member Lawson was elected Mayor by the following vote with all members voting: Vote 5-0. Yeas (5) – Reynolds, Lawson, Teague, Stroud, Turner. Mr. Pritchett then administered the oath of office to Mayor Lawson, who then assumed the chair.

Mayor Lawson called for nominations for Vice Mayor. Council Member Gene Teague nominated Council Member Kimble Reynolds, Jr. Council Member Danny Turner nominated Council Member Mark C. Stroud, Sr. Council Member Teague moved to close the nominations; the motion was duly seconded and carried by the following vote, with all members voting: Vote 5-0. Yeas (5) – Reynolds, Lawson, Teague, Stroud, Turner. Council Member Reynolds was elected Vice Mayor by the following vote with all members voting: Reynolds (4)–Reynolds, Teague, Lawson, Stroud; Stroud (1)-Turner. Mr. Pritchett then administered the oath of office to Vice Mayor Reynolds.

Mayor Lawson asked that Council be seated with Vice Mayor Reynolds to her right and Council Member Teague to her left. Council Member Stroud chose the seat beside Vice Mayor Reynolds with Council Member Turner taking the remaining seat beside Council Member Teague.

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Council Members Teague, Stroud, and Turner made brief remarks as well as Vice Mayor Reynolds.

Council considered the current meeting schedule and all agreed to continue with the present meeting schedule of second and fourth Tuesday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Lawson made brief remarks voicing her thanks for the confidence shown to her by Council and asked Bishop White to extend the closing prayer. There being no further business to come before Council during their organizational meeting, Mayor Lawson adjourned the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

Clarence C. Monday
Clerk of Council

Kathy C. Lawson
Mayor