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The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia was held on July 12, 2016, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present included: Danny Turner, Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud and Sharon Brooks Hodge. Staff present included: Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, City Attorney Eric Monday, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Community Planner Susan McCulloch, Police Chief Sean Dunn and Finance Director Linda Conover.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order. Following the invocation by Vice Mayor Bowles and Pledge to the American Flag, Mayor Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Consider approval of minutes from the June 28, 2016 Council Meeting – Vice Mayor Bowles corrected the name of her intern Sophia Esdaile, which was listed incorrectly on the minutes. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bowles to approve the minutes as edited, seconded by Council Member Hodge, with a 5-0 Council vote in favor to approve the minutes as presented.

Hear a presentation regarding a possible project involving changes and upgrades to the City's wastewater treatment plant – City Manager Towarnicki reminded Council of previous discussions with Johnson Controls involving sludge disposal including improvements to the lagoon aeration process and sludge handling. He said there is a possibility of receiving interest free financing to fund this project. Whit Blake of Johnson Controls detailed the project summary for phase 1, which includes bio-solids sludge handling disposal, dewatering savings summary including cost of disposal which is \$541,000, project financials for phase 1, financials with 15% reuse, and financials with 3% interest 15% reuse. Towarnicki said the first step would be to apply for the clean water revolving loan program to receive financing options. Mayor Turner asked about the run-off regulations, Blake stated that waste product fertilizer is managed more closely than synthetic fertilizer. Council Member Teague made a motion approving the City Manager to apply for the Clean Water Revolving Loan Program financing, Council Member Hodge seconded the motion and all Council Members voted in favor.

Hear an update on the City's 2016 Strategic Plan – Towarnicki detailed the Strategic Plan program that has been created by Andy Lash and Esther Artis and stated that the report had been added to the City's website for residents to view status updates. Hodge requested that the mobile application be reviewed since it varies from the desktop version. Towarnicki demonstrated how actions taken could be added to individual line items of the plan and viewed by the public. Hodge asked about adding analytics to the program to see how often the program is being updated. Mayor Turner asked if there could be some kind of notification when updates are added. Vice Mayor Bowles suggested that a notice be added to the What's Happening section to alert residents of status updates. Hodge asked if Towarnicki had noticed any specific element of the plan that has been neglected. Towarnicki replied that there are

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several elements that still need to be updated since the program was recently launched. He welcomed Council’s suggestions on the program.

Consider approval of consent agenda - A motion was made by Council Member Teague and seconded by Council Member Hodge to approve the consent agenda as presented, all Council Members voted in favor.

BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 07/12/16				
ORG	OBJECT DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	
<b>FY16</b>				
<b>General Fund:</b>				
01101917	442601			2,105
01322105	506114	2,105		
				Additional funding received over budget
01101917	442701			3,804
01321102	506110	3,804		
				Additional funding received over budget
01100909	490104			258,116
01433166	506007	258,116		
				Health Center-Maintenance of Facilities
				Renovation at Health Department Building
01100909	490801			2,095
01714212	501300	1,303		
01714212	502100	81		
01714212	502110	19		
01714212	506049	692		
				Transportation Grant - April-June
01100909	490137			805
01331108	501200	390		
01331108	502100	24		
01331108	502110	6		
01311085	501200	358		
01311085	502100	22		
01311085	502110	5		
				Off Duty Security reimbursements
<b>Total General Fund:</b>		<b>266,925</b>	<b>266,925</b>	
<b>CDBG Fund:</b>				
47100905	482905			1,708
47823521	503150	41		
47823521	503178	1,667		
				Refund of Forgivable Loan - 62-66 Fayette St
<b>Total CDBG Fund:</b>		<b>1,708</b>	<b>1,708</b>	
<b>Sewer Fund:</b>				
13103936	407700			1,931,554
13551326	508224	1,931,554		
				Wastewater Maintenance - SRI Project - Phys. F
				VRA Reimbursement #3
<b>Total Sewer Fund:</b>		<b>1,931,554</b>	<b>1,931,554</b>	
<b>Water Fund:</b>				
12103936	407701			720,000
12543313	508223	720,000		
				AMI Project - Physical Plant Expansion
				AMI Project Reimbursement Requisition #2
<b>Total Water Fund:</b>		<b>720,000</b>	<b>720,000</b>	
<b>Electric Fund:</b>				
14103936	407701			650,000
14563338	508223	650,000		
				AMI Project - Physical Plant Expansion
				AMI Project Reimbursement Requisition #2
<b>Total Electric Fund:</b>		<b>650,000</b>	<b>650,000</b>	

Comments by members of City Council – Council Member Hodge congratulated Joan Montgomery and Lawrence Mitchell for being elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the School Board. She thanked the Electric Department for providing aid to Danville after the recent storms and power outages. Council Member Stroud also thanked the Electric Department and stated they are very capable and the City should be proud of those workers. Council Member Teague was impressed with the tour of the airport and Medivac program and suggested airport personnel come to Council to make a presentation to the public of what they offer. Vice Mayor Bowles thanked Officer JC White for attending the community prayer and mentioned the National Summer Learning Day event to be held at Frank Wilson Park. Mayor Turner commented on the youth basketball tournament where local 15-18year olds will compete against a team from Roanoke on August 20. He shared that the People’s Cemetery

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was cleaned by City employees and a permanent flagpole was added with a flag provided by Congressman Morgan Griffith.

Comments by City Manager – Towarnicki identified there may have been an issue with some electric bills in the Highland Ridge area, stating that the Electric Department is already working to resolve that and has contacted those customers affected. He mentioned the Chamber’s Annual Business Appreciation luncheon and requested that Council RSVP if they plan to attend. Council was notified a few weeks ago about potential grant money available for probation and pretrial situations. This service is not currently available in the Martinsville area but he has made contact with Ms. Holliday about the program, stating that service may be brought back to Council for approval at the next meeting

Business from the Floor (not televised) – Joe Martin, 617 East Church Street regarding a Facebook conversation by a local business owner regarding a 1974 ordinance forbidding men to dress like women. He says lawyers have been contacted and are willing to take the case pro-bono. City Attorney Monday gave the background of the ordinance and said he feels the ordinance is unconstitutional and unenforceable. Hodge suggested that it is time to review other potentially outdated ordinances to see which ones need updated action.

Sophia Esdaile questioned the lack of a glass recycling program for bottles and containers. Towarnicki said originally the City did offer glass recycling but those bottles need to be separated by color and if the colors were mixed, the load would be disposed of at the landfill. He said there is no market for glass recycling in this area and it became cost prohibitive to maintain. The City continues to look at additional options. Bowles says that a household program could be costly to the citizens.

Patrick Wright, 1201 Spruce Street made a comment about the airport being in Spencer.

A motion was made by Council Member Teague to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm; motion was seconded by Council Member Hodge with all Council Members voting in favor.

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Karen Roberts  
Clerk of Council

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Danny Turner  
Mayor