

**City Of Martinsburg
Special City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 29, 2014
6:30 PM**

With a quorum present, the special session of the Martinsburg City Council was called to order by Mayor George Karos at 6:30 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Don Anderson, Dennis Etherington, Gregg Wachtel, Kevin Knowles and Jason W. Baker. Absent were Roger Lewis and Max Parkinson. Also present were: Mark S. Baldwin, City Manager, Kin Sayre, City Attorney, Gena Long, City Recorder, Police Chief Kevin Miller, Fire Chief Paul Bragg City Engineer Mike Covell, Public Works Director Jeff Wilkerson and Finance Director Mark Spickler.

3. Public Hearing to solicit comment on the City Manager Home Rule Application.

Mayor Karos opened the Public Hearing at 6:31 PM.

Mr. David Haarberg spoke in favor of the Home Rule Application and reiterated his previous comments regarding the hope that Council will use this tool to lead to a quick and drastic reduction of the B&O tax.

As no one else came forward on the issue, Mayor Karos closed the public Hearing at 6:35 PM.

City Attorney Kin Sayre explained the next steps, which is an authorization by Council to draft an Ordinance adopting the plan, readings of that Ordinance on May 8 and at a Special Meeting on May 20, 2014; and finally, submission to the Home Rule Board by the June 1, 2014 deadline.

4. Presentations

None

5. Petitions from Citizens

There were no petitions from citizens.

6. Receive and File Reports—Minutes—Correspondence Of the Following:

None

7. Reports of Chairpersons of Council Standing Committees

None

8. Report of Mayor

None

9. Report of City Attorney

There was no report of the City Attorney.

10. Report of City Manager

There was no report of the City Manager.

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

a. Authorize City Attorney to draft an Ordinance adopting the City of Martinsburg's Home Rule Application

Motion made by Councilman Wachtel, seconded by Councilman Etherington, to authorize the City Attorney to draft the ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

12 . Executive Session

Motion made by Councilman Knowles, seconded by Councilman Baker, to go into executive session for personnel matters at 6:36 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:45 PM.


Gena Long, City Recorder


George Karos, Mayor