

AGENDA--CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA

Council Chambers – Municipal Building  
**6:30pm Closed Session    7:00pm Regular Session**  
**Tuesday March 28, 2023**

**6:30 pm - Closed Session**

Items to be considered in Closed Session, in accordance with the Code of Virginia, Title 2.2, Chapter 37—Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3711(A)—Closed Meetings, the following:

- A. Appointments to boards and commissions, as authorized by Subsection 1.
- B. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, as authorized by Sub section 6

**7:00 pm - Regular Session**

Pledge to the American Flag and Invocation by Council Member Pearson

Circuit Court Clerk Jean Nunn issues Oath of Office to the newly appointed Council Member.

1. Approve minutes from the March 13, 2023 Neighborhood Meeting, March 14, 2023 Council Meeting and March 15, 2023 Closed Session. (5 mins)
2. Hear a presentation from the Police Department regarding their 2022 Annual Report. (15 mins)
3. Recognition of Martinsville City Police Department for Reaccreditation. (10 mins)
4. Read and present a proclamation recognizing the month of April, 2023 as Bee City Month. (5 mins)
5. Business from the Floor -  
The public comment portion of the Council meeting provides citizens the opportunity to discuss matters relevant to the operation of the City, which are not listed on the printed agenda.  
Citizens who wish to participate in a meeting's public comment period may do so by emailing their comments to Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council, at [kroberts@ci.martinsville.va.us](mailto: kroberts@ci.martinsville.va.us), calling in their comments to 276-403-5182, faxing comments to 276-403-5280, or mailing comments to City of Martinsville, attn.: Karen Roberts, P.O. Drawer 1112, Martinsville, VA 24114. *Comments must be received by 12:00noon Monday March 27, 2023.* Citizens may also request to speak at the Council meeting in the same manner.  
Comments, or a request to speak, must be received by noon the day before a Council meeting for consideration by Council at the meeting. Any person submitting comments or requesting to speak must identify themselves by name and address, including zip code, limit their remarks to 3 minutes or less (as read aloud), address a topic of City business, and refrain from making any personal references or accusations of a factually false and/or malicious nature. Priority for comments is given to City residents, taxpayers, and business owners. Speakers may not yield time. Groups of speakers on the same topic must designate a single representative. Comments violating these rules may not be presented at the Council meeting. Any speaker violating these rules may be removed from the podium or from the Council chamber.  
This policy does not apply to public hearings, at which any citizen of Martinsville may appear and speak on the subject of the public hearing.
6. Comments by members of City Council. (5 mins)
7. Comments by City Manager. (5 mins)



## City Council Agenda Summary

**Meeting Date:** March 28, 2023

**Item No:** 1.

**Department:** Clerk of Council

**Issue:** Consider approval of minutes

**Summary:** None

**Attachments:** March 13, 2023 Neighborhood Meeting  
March 14, 2023 Council Meeting  
March 15, 2023 Closed Session

**Recommendations:** Motion to approve minutes as presented.



## City Council Agenda Summary

**Date:** March 28, 2023

**Item No:** 2.

**Department:** Police

**Issue:** Hear a presentation from the Police Department regarding their 2022 Annual Report.

**Summary:** The Police Department has compiled information regarding departmental activities for calendar year 2022 and will present their annual report at the March 28 Council meeting.

**Attachments:** None. Information will be presented at the meeting.

**Recommendations:** This item is being presented for Council and public information purposes. No Council action is required.

## City Council Agenda Summary



**Meeting Date:** March 28, 2023  
**Item No:** 3.  
**Department:** Police Department

**Issue:** Recognition of Martinsville City Police Department for Reaccreditation.

**Summary:** Martinsville City Police Department received their initial Accreditation certificate in 1998 and has received reaccreditation certificates in 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2019.

Executive board members consisting of active Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police establish professional standards and administer the accreditation process by which Virginia agencies can be systematically measured, evaluated, and updated. DCJS manages the day-to-day operations for the Commission.

Accreditation (and reaccreditation) is beneficial for a number of reasons - it increases the law enforcement agency's ability to prevent and control crime through more effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services to the community it serves; enhances community understanding of the law enforcement agency and its role in the community as well as its goals and objectives; increases citizen confidence in the policies and practices of the agency; in conjunction with the philosophy of community policing, commits the agency to a broad range of programs (such as crime prevention) that directly benefit the public; and it creates a forum in which police and citizens work together to control and prevent crime. This partnership will help citizens to understand the challenges that confront law enforcement. Law enforcement will, in turn, receive clear direction from the community about its expectations. Thus, a common set of goals and objectives will be arrived at and implemented.

**Attachments:** None

**Recommendations:** Presentation only



## City Council Agenda Summary

**Date:** March 28, 2023

**Item No:** 4.

**Department:** City Council

**Issue:** Read and present a proclamation recognizing the month of April, 2023 as Bee City Month.

**Summary:** At City Council's meeting on March 23, 2021, Council adopted a resolution designating Martinsville as a BEE City USA affiliate. As part of that initiative, the City agreed to consider altering mowing schedules at certain locations, refraining from use of pesticides, or to provide spaces for native plantings intended to create and enhance pollinator habitat. The City was eventually approved and designated as a BEE City USA affiliate. The attached proclamation recognizes the month of April, 2023 as BEE City Month in the City of Martinsville.

A representative from the Garden Club will be in attendance to accept the proclamation and provide brief comments.

**Attachments:** Proclamation

**Recommendations:** The Mayor will read and present the proclamation.

## PROCLAMATION

### RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2023 AS MARTINSVILLE'S OBSERVANCE OF BEE CITY MONTH

**WHEREAS**, pollinators such as thousands of species of bees are essential partners in producing much of our food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinators provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems in towns and cities; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinators play a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Martinsville manages parks, public landscaping, and other public lands that may include greenways and wildlife habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Martinsville encourages all property owners, developers and residents to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection of pollinators and maintenance of their habitats;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, LC Jones, Mayor of the City of Martinsville, on this 28th day of March, 2023, hereby proclaims the month of April 2023 as Martinsville's observance of

### **Martinsville's Bee City Month**

And, as the City of Martinsville is an affiliate of **Bee City USA®**, all citizens are urged to recognize this observance.

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LC Jones, Mayor

