

MINUTES OF THE MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

May 09, 2005 5:15 PM City Hall Chambers

BE IT REMEMBERED the Regular Meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Martin, Tennessee, was held Monday, April 09, 2005, at 5:15 pm in the City Hall Chambers, when the following was held to wit:

MEMBERS PRESENT: HONORABLE RANDY BRUNDIGE, MAYOR
HONORABLE DANNY NANNEY, ALDERMAN WARD I
HONORABLE BILL HARRISON, ALDERMEN WARD I
HONORABLE DAVID BELOTE, ALDERMAN WARD II
HONORABLE JOHNNY TUCK, ALDERMAN WARD II
HONORABLE NATALIE BOYD, ALDERMAN WARD III
HONORABLE RANDY EDWARDS, ALDERMAN WARD III

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Also present: City Recorder Chris Mathis, Fire Chief Oran True, Librarian Roberta Peacock, Police Chief David Moore, MEDC Director Hollie Holt, Public Works Director Charles Vowell, Retiring Chamber of Commerce Director, Susie German, Chamber of Commerce Director Barbara Virgin and citizens.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Brundige called the May 09, 2005 meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen to order. Alderwoman Boyd gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brundige led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 11 & 28, 2005

Alderwoman Boyd made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 11 and 28, 2005, meetings as written, seconded by Alderman Nanney.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF ORAN TRUE

Fire Chief True reported the Fire Department is working on Insurance Services Organization (ISO) Ratings. The ISO rating directly affects property owners' insurance costs. We hope to reduce the city's insurance rating from 4 to 3 and the rural rating from 5 to 4 or lower. The ISO requires that we flow hydrants once a year. They must be flowed to gage pressure readings when open and when another hydrant in the same line is flowing. The department is flow testing the fire hydrants inside and outside the city limits of our fire district. There are 625 fire hydrants in the city and 100 in the rural area. The department averages testing 40 hydrants per day. We hope to be completed with the hydrant flow in thirty days. The ISO inspectors will be here between now and October 2005 to rate the city. They will include in the ratings any water improvements, the water flow, equipment and staffing. The city has made several improvements that will help city ratings; the water improvements made a couple of years ago, the ladder truck recently purchased and the increased staffing.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF DAVID MOORE

Police Chief Moore reported our department was honored as we were highlighted in a national publication because we are implementing a program Volunteers in Police Service.

We are making progress on the installation of the new diesel generator that is being provided by Homeland Security money. Public Works is helping with the installation. The generator will be installed in the parking lot behind City Hall and Police Department. This generator will power the 911 programs, both police department buildings, and city hall during a power outage. There will be an attractive screen placed around the generator.

OLD BUSINESS:

SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE O2005-05: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MARTIN TO ADOPT THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TITLE VI COMPLIANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. Published in the Weakley County Press on April 21, 2005.

Mayor Brundige introduced for consideration the second and final reading and the public hearing of Ordinance O2005-05: An ordinance for the City of Martin to adopt the Tennessee Department of Transportation Title VI Compliance and Implementation Plan. This was published in the Weakley County Press on April 21, 2005.

City Recorder Mathis read the ordinance. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE O2005-05

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MARTIN TO ADOPT THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TITLE VI COMPLIANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Martin desires to comply with federal and state statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 6-2-201, desires to ensure non-discrimination in its practices and day to day business in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martin has found the Tennessee Department of Transportation Title VI Compliance and Implementation Plan to be a valuable aid in pursuit of such compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN that:

Section 1. the Tennessee Department of Transportation Title VI Compliance and Implementation Plan is hereby adopted in its entirety; and

Section 2. the City Recorder is hereby designated as the City of Martin Title VI Officer and Coordinator.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective upon its Passage, after second and final reading, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

Date Passed First Reading: _____

Date Passed Second Reading: _____

Date of Public Hearing: _____

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, City Recorder

Randy Brundige, Mayor

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve on the second and final reading Ordinance O2005-05: An ordinance for the City of Martin to adopt the Tennessee Department of Transportation Title VI Compliance and Implementation Plan, seconded by Alderwoman Boyd.

Public Hearing:

Mayor Brundige opened the public hearing for Ordinance O2005-05 and asked if there was anyone in attendance wishing to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke.

VOTE:	FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE HARRISON HONORABLE BELOTE HONORABLE TUCK HONORABLE BOYD HONORABLE EDWARDS
	AGAINST:	NONE

Mayor Brundige declared Ordinance O2005-05 approved on the second and final reading.

SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE O2005-06: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, BY REZONING PROPERTY ALONG OAKLAND STREET. This was published in the Weakley County Press on April 21, 2005.

Mayor Brundige presented for consideration the second and final reading and public hearing of Ordinance O2005-06: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, by rezoning property along Oakland Street. This was published in the Weakley County Press on April 21, 2005.

City Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2005-06. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE O2005-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PROPERTY ALONG OAKLAND STREET.

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 13-7-201 through 13-7-211, the City of Martin has adopted a Municipal Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated* Sections 13-7-203 and 13-7-204, the Martin Municipal-Regional Planning Commission has recommended the following amendment to the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Municipal Zoning Map relative to the rezoning of territory; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Mayor and Board of Aldermen has deemed such a rezoning of this territory from R-2 (Medium-Density Residential) to R-3 (High Density Residential) to be necessary for the welfare of the residents and property owners thereof this City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen has held a public hearing pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated* Section 13-7-203 for the purpose of receiving public comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MARTIN MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Section 1. That the Municipal Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance for Martin Tennessee be amended by rezoning from R-2 (Medium-Density Residential) to R-3 (High Density Residential) property located along Oakland Street, and further described as:

Weakley County Tax Map 73-M, Group A, Parcels 00401, 00501 and 00500 and Weakley County Tax Map 73M, Group B, Parcels 02800, 02900 and 03000.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage, after second and final reading, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

Date Passed First Reading

Date Passed Second Reading

Date of Public Hearing

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

City Recorder Chris Mathis

Mayor Randy Brundige

Public Hearing:

Mayor Brundige opened the public hearing for Ordinance O2005-06 and asked if there was anyone in attendance wishing to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke.

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve on the second and final reading Ordinance O2005-06: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, by rezoning property along Oakland Street, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

VOTE:	FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE HARRISON HONORABLE BELOTE HONORABLE TUCK HONORABLE BOYD HONORABLE EDWARDS
	AGAINST:	NONE

Mayor Brundige declared Ordinance O2005-06 approved on the second and final reading.

CHANGE JUNE 2005 CITY BOARD MEETING DATE

Regular June board meeting is scheduled for June 13, the same date as the Tennessee Municipal League Conference. Several board members will be attending this conference.

Board rescheduled the meeting: June 20, 2005 at 5:15 in the City Hall Chambers.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O2005-07: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE REGARDING ESTABLISHING A BILLBOARD OVERLAY ZONE ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS 45E, 22, 431 AND BYPASS 43 (INCLUDING SKYHAWK PARKWAY) AND 45E.

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the first reading of Ordinance O2005-07: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for Martin, Tennessee regarding establishing a Billboard Overlay Zone along State Highways 45E, 22, 431 and Bypass 43 (including Skyhawk Parkway) and 45E.

City Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2005-07. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE O2005-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE REGARDING ESTABLISHING A BILLBOARD OVERLAY ZONE ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS 45E, 22, 431, AND BYPASS 43 (INCLUDING SKYHAWK PARKWAY) AND 45E.

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 13-7-201 through 13-7-211, the City of Martin has adopted a Municipal Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Sections 13-7-203 and 13-7-204, the Martin Municipal-Regional Planning Commission has recommended the following amendment to the Municipal Zoning Ordinance, Article IX. Sign Regulations, relative to billboards; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has deemed such to be necessary for the welfare of the residents and property owners thereof this City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the board of Mayor and Aldermen has held a public hearing pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 13-7-203, for the purpose of receiving public comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN that:

Section 1. Article IX. Sign Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance of Martin, Tennessee be amended by adding the following as Section J:

Section J. Billboard Overlay District

This zone shall overlay the underlying zoning district and shall be composed of an area running parallel to and 100 feet from the right-of-way of the State Highway 45E, Bypass 43 (including Skyhawk Parkway), and State Highway 431 west of Bypass 43. Within this area the following shall apply:

- a. Billboards shall be no less that 180 square feet and no greater that 300 square feet in area per side.
- b. Billboards shall have no more than two (2) sides.
- c. Billboards may not be stacked or side by side.
- d. The maximum height of billboards shall not exceed 35 feet.
- e. The bottom of the billboard must be a minimum of ten (10) feet above the ground/pavement elevation.
- f. Billboards shall be placed a minimum of 1,000 linear feet from any other billboard on the same side of the highway and a minimum of 500 linear feet from billboards on the opposite side of the highway.
- g. Billboard shall be placed a minimum of 500 linear feet from a residential structure.
- h. Billboards must be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the right-of-way of any highway, street or road and a minimum of ten (10) feet from the edge of any sidewalk.
- i. In no case shall a billboard be located on the public right-of-way or interfere with traffic or pedestrian vision of safety.

Section 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage, after second and final reading, **THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

Date Passed First Reading: _____

Date Passed Second Reading: _____

Date of Public Hearing: _____

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, City Recorder

Randy Brundige, Mayor

Mayor Brundige asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O2005-07 on the first reading.

Mayor Brundige declared Ordinance O2005-07 dead due to lack of a motion.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O2005-08: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PROPERTY ALONG COURTRIGHT ROAD.

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the first reading of Ordinance O2005-08: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning property along Courtright Road.

City Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2005-08. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE O2005-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING PROPERTY ALONG COURTRIGHT ROAD.

WHEREAS, pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated*, Section 13-7-201 through 13-7-211, the City of Martin has adopted a Municipal Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with *Tennessee Code Annotated* Sections 13-7-203 and 13-7-204, the Martin Municipal-Regional Planning Commission has recommended the following amendment to the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Municipal Zoning Map relative to the rezoning of territory; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Mayor and Board of Aldermen has deemed such a rezoning of this territory from B-2 (Intermediate Business) to R-1 (Low Density Residential) to be necessary for the welfare of the residents and property owners thereof this City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen has held a public hearing pursuant to *Tennessee Code Annotated* Section 13-7-203 for the purpose of receiving public comment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MARTIN MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Section 1. That the Municipal Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance for Martin Tennessee be amended by rezoning from B-2 (Intermediate Business) to R-1 (Low Density Residential) property located along Courtright Road, and further described as:

Weakley County Tax Map 73, Parcel 01905.

Section 2. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage, after second and final reading, **THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

Date Passed First Reading

Date Passed Second Reading

Date of Public Hearing

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, City Recorder

Randy Brundige, Mayor

Alderman Nanney made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance O2005-08: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning property along Courtright Road, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

VOTE:	FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE HARRISON HONORABLE BELOTE HONORABLE TUCK HONORABLE BOYD HONORABLE EDWARDS
	AGAINST:	NONE

Mayor Brundige declared Ordinance O2005-08 approved on the first reading and set the second and final reading for June 20, 2005 at 5:15 pm in the City Hall Chambers.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O2005-09: AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE COURT COSTS FEES FOR THE MARTIN CITY COURT

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the first reading of Ordinance O2005-09: An ordinance to increase the court costs fees for the Martin City Court.

City Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2005-09. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 02005-09

AN ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE COURT COSTS FEES FOR THE MARTIN CITY COURT

WHEREAS, the court cost associated with Martin City Court is established to offset the costs of conducting court and the maintenance of all court documents and fees paid to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, an adjustment in the amount of \$5.00 added to municipal court cost is needed to adjust for increased costs of operating municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Alderman for the City of Martin have determined that Municipal Court cost for the City of Martin shall be adjusted from \$130 to \$135 on Title 11 violations and from \$60 to \$65 on all other municipal court cases; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman:

Section 1. That the City of Martin Municipal Court cost be raised from \$130 to \$135 on title 11 violations.

Section 2. That the City of Martin Municipal Court cost be raised from \$60 to \$65 on all violations other than Title 11.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage after second and final reading, **THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

Randy Brundige, Mayor

Passed First Reading _____

Passed Second Reading _____

Date of Public Hearing _____

Alderman Tuck made the motion to approve the first reading Ordinance of O2005-09: An ordinance to increase the court costs fees for the Martin City Court, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

VOTE:	FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE HARRISON HONORABLE BELOTE HONORABLE TUCK HONORABLE BOYD HONORABLE EDWARDS
	AGAINST:	NONE

Mayor Brundige declared Ordinance O2005-09 approved on the first reading and set the second and final reading for June 20, 2005 at 5:15 pm in the City Hall Chambers.

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF ORDINANCE O2005-10: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF MARTIN CEMETERY REGULATIONS BY AMENDING ORDINANCE O2002-01

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the first reading of Ordinance O2005-10: An ordinance to amend the City of Martin Cemetery Regulation by amending Ordinance O2002-01.

City Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2005-10. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 02005-10

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF MARTIN CEMETERY REGULATIONS BY AMENDING ORDINANCE O2002-01

WHEREAS, the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen has established regulations for all city cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martin Cemetery Committee has recommended the following amendment to the Regulations for City of Martin Cemeteries.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Alderman:

The following be added:

Section 5. H. 5. Dimensions and Placement of foot markers.

- d. Maximum height two (2) inches above ground level in Eastside Cemetery, Sections Twenty (20) through Twenty-five (25) and renumber the succeeding subsections as e. and f.

SECTION 12-A There shall be a five (5) year moratorium on the sale of previously purchased lots in the Martin Memorial Gardens Cemetery

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage after second and final reading, **THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

Randy Brundige, Mayor

Passed First Reading _____

Passed Second Reading _____

Date of Public Hearing _____

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE OF APPROVAL

A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF MARTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A SAFER GRANT. THIS IS A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mayor Brundige presented a request from the City of Martin Fire Department to apply for a SAFER Grant. This grant will pay a portion of a firefighter salary and benefits for a specified amount of time. The city will have to pay the unpaid portion of the salary and benefits plus keep the staffing level up for a period of time after the grant has expired. This grant would allow the fire department to hire from one to four new firemen.

Alderman Belote made the motion to allow the City of Martin Fire Department to apply for a SAFER Grant, seconded by Alderwoman Boyd.

Alderman Tuck asked, I am in agreement with the need to hire more firemen but do we have a plan to raise the money to pay for this?

Mayor Brundige stated we would have the money before we accept the grant.

Chief True stated if we get the grant we will look at the overall cost per firefighter hired and figure what and how to pay for it.

VOICE VOTE: FOR: FIVE (5)
 AGAINST: ONE (1)

ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS CHARLES VOWELL AND CONDITIONAL RETIREMENT CONTRACT, EFFECTIVE JULY 01, 2005.

Mayor Brundige presented a request to accept the retirement of Public Works Director Charles Vowell and approve a conditional retirement contract, effective July 1, 2005. A copy of the contract follows:

Conditional Retirement Offer

- Lump sum payment for 280.12 hours (more or less) of vacation
- Sick leave of 198.51 hours (more or less) will be rolled into retirement
- Continue wife's insurance until she is 65
- Contract for 100 days per year for the next 5 years at \$25.00 per hour
- Insurance: 80% city, 20% co pay unless city plan

Alderman Edwards made the motion to accept the retirement of Charles Vowell as Public Works Director and approve the conditional retirement contract, seconded by Alderwoman Boyd.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

Director Vowell spoke I have worked for the city for 32 years and have enjoyed my tenure very much. I believe the good Lord led me in this direction and believe he will lead me in another direction. I have enjoyed working with each board and its members. Thank you all.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Mayor Brundige asked when do we want to start advertisement for a new Public Works Director?

Board agreed as soon as possible.

Advertisement for Public Works Director should include:

1. A BS degree required
2. Engineering degree, desired, not required
3. Salary: comparable to other department heads
4. Work experience: Minimum of five (5) years in public works department, assistant director or division head, required
5. Ten years experience, desired
6. Incorporate the job description written by MTAS, if applicable

Advertise in the following: Town & City, Local papers, Internet, Radio and Tennessee Gas Association.

Target date for having a new Public Works Director on board: September 2005 or sooner.

LODGING MARKET STUDY

MEDC DIRECTOR HOLLIE HOLT

Mayor Brundige explained the City has received the Lodging Market Study that was commissioned by this board and the MEDC.

Director Holt gave an overview of the Lodging Marker Study. Everyone has received a copy of the study so all I am going to do is give you a quick overview. First of all we hired an independent consultant from Birmingham, Alabama. The purpose of this study was to determine if a mid-scale lodging accommodation was financially feasible for the city and to develop conclusions and recommendations to the potential developers and investors that might be interested in constructing a hotel. Summary of the conclusions and recommendations are as follows:

1. Martin can accommodate a mid-scale hotel/motel. A mid-scale hotel/motel is one without food or beverages
2. Room count sixty (60)-seventy (70) rooms
3. Recommended room types are standard rooms with two beds, mini suites with pull out sofas, and whirlpool suites. This is noted because the University brings in groups of families, groups of ball teams and etc. The whirlpool rooms/suites were introduced because vacationers or people coming for the rodeo or other events might be pleased to have those higher scale accommodations.
4. One other recommended amenity is a 1000 square foot meeting and conference facility that would accommodate approximately 67 people.
5. An indoor swimming pool would also be an asset.
6. In this study it was determined that the City of Martin's population has grown by 22% from for 1990 to 2000.
7. Our overnight market is very balanced. The study showed we have about 50% demand due to business and 50% demand due to leisure. These demand generators include our local businesses, our industry, UTM, our government organizations, and the recreational facilities that we have.
8. There was an evident demand for even larger conference space than the 1000 square foot space noted for activities not feasible to host at the University. However, this demand was specifically done for hotel investors and most of the time they do not get into this.
9. The study indicates the total mid-scale demand in Martin is 15,770 rooms per year, which compares very closely to the surrounding market.

It is expected that a 60 room hotel at \$72.00 per night with a 72% occupancy rate would make over one point one million dollars in Martin annually which would leave a little over \$470,000 in profit after expenses. The hotel study shows there is a need for a mid-scale accommodation and there is also money to be made. I think this is a good study with a great outcome. The study compiled the 72% occupancy rate by going around and speaking with some of you, plus community and university leaders, and our recreational complex management. After we received this study I mailed or delivered it to numerous potential investors and hotel/motel franchise owners. We have had tremendous feedback not only locally but also with some of the hotels we have spoken to. Everyone has been very pleased and interested in the study. Potential development sites are being sought. So I think this study is very positive and is great for our community. In this study it also discusses the potential Wal-Mart in Martin, which has generated discussion about development of commercial/retail shopping centers. This study has benefited hotel developers and commercial developers as well. The study specifically stated the ideal hotels for Martin would be a Hampton Inn, Hampton Inn and Suites, Holiday Inn Express, and Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites. We have had interest shown from Holiday Inn Express and Hampton Inn.

SIDEWALKS REPAIR ON ELM AND MAIN STREETS

Alderman Nanney, Chairman of the Public Works Committee, presented a recommendation from this committee to repair the sidewalks on both sides of Main Street and Elm Street. These are main corridors into the city and they are in disrepair.

The section on Elm Street is from University Street to Lee Street and is approximately 2500 feet, estimated cost:

Materials:

180 Yards	Concrete @ \$80/yard	\$14,400.00	
100 Tons	57 Stone @ \$10.85/ton	<u>1,085.00</u>	
	Total cost of materials		\$15,485.00

Labor:

70 days=560 Hours x \$15.00/hr. x 4 Men	\$33,600.00	
Total cost of labor		\$33,600.00

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROJECT \$49,085.00

Note: Approximately 30 driveways will have to be redone.

The Section of Main Street is from N. McCombs Street to Woodland Street. The cost estimate is as follows:

Materials:

70 Yards	Concrete @ \$80.00/yard	\$5,600.00	
20 Tons	57 Stone @\$10.80/ton	<u>217.00</u>	
	Total cost of materials		\$5,817.00

Labor:

5 Days=40 Hours x \$15.00/hr x 4 Men	\$2,400.00	
Total cost of labor		\$2,400.00

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROJECT \$8,217.00

Because we will be using city labor we can remove the labor costs from the project totals. This will make the total cost of both projects \$21,302.00.

City Recorder Mathis stated State Street Aid Funds could be used to pay for these repairs. There is no gray area; in fact, the state lists sidewalks as one of the projects this fund will pay for. As of end of April approximately \$375,000 is in the State Street Aid Account. Around the 25th of each month the city receives approximately \$25,000 in state shared revenues that go into this fund.

Alderman Nanney stated there are other sidewalks in town that need attention but lets get these out of the way then proceed to repair others.

Mayor Brundige stated I feel we need to start a program of repairing sidewalks in the city. I would suggest the Public Works Committee take this as a project.

Alderman Nanney made the motion to repair the sidewalks on Elm Street and Main Street, seconded Alderman Belote.

VOTE:	FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE HARRISON HONORABLE BELOTE HONORABLE TUCK HONORABLE BOYD HONORABLE EDWARDS
	AGAINST:	NONE

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR

Mayor Brundige introduced Ms. Susie German, retiring Chamber of Commerce Director.

Ms. German then introduced Ms. Barbara Virgin as the new Chamber of Commerce Director.

Ms. Virgin spoke stating she was looking forward to working with the Weakley County and the City of Martin and if we had any ideas or concerns please pass them along to her.

ADJOURN

Alderman Nanney made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL.

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

Randy Brundige
Mayor

RB: CM/bh

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