

MINUTES OF THE MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

November 14, 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, November 14, 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, ALDERMAN WARD I
HONORABLE DAVID BELOTE, ALDERMAN WARD II
HONORABLE JOHNNY TUCK, ALDERMAN WARD II
HONORABLE NATALIE BOYD, ALDERWOMAN WARD III
HONORABLE RANDY EDWARDS, ALDERMAN WARD III

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Also present: City Recorder Chris Mathis, Librarian Roberta Peacock, Police Captain Don Teal, Fire Chief Oran True, Director of Parks and Recreation Dennis Suiter, Public Works Director Billy Gene Wagster, Mr. Brian Harris, Ms. Barbara Virgin Chamber of Commerce, several retailer business owners, and citizens.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Brundige called the November 14, 2005 meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen to order. Alderman Tuck gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESENTATION OF AWARD BY MS. LYNN GIBSON

Ms. Lynn Gibson, Director of the Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival Pageant, explained we are gearing up for our combined Miss Tennessee Soybean Festival and Miss UT Martin pageant to be held this Saturday night, November 19th. We will have twelve lovely young ladies competing for these titles. Our city and our university are so privileged to be able to work together in this effort to place two lovely young women in the Miss Tennessee Pageant in June of each year. We are so very fortunate to be able to give these young ladies scholarships, which are provided through our local pageant and the Miss Tennessee Organization. I would like to present a Certification of Recognition to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on behalf of the City of Martin. The Certification of Recognition is from the Miss Tennessee organization for being the second place representative for scholarship provisions through our pageants to the young ladies winning and placing for their educational needs. Our Pageant is recognized in second place for best

Scholarship Pageant over the entire State of Tennessee. Thanks to Mayor Brundige, the City of Martin and the University of Tennessee at Martin for all that they have done in making this a success and us a winner each year. Thank You.

Mayor Brundige thanked Ms. Gibson for all she does each year to make this a success.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

Alderman Edwards made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2005 meeting as written, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT CHIEF ORAN TRUE

Chief True reported Fire Prevention Month went very well. The department touched over fourteen hundred individuals with our fire prevention message. Over eleven hundred were students at the primary and elementary schools as well as the university. We had a very successful campaign this year and hope to grow larger each year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN DON TEAL

Captain Teal was present to represent the Police Department. There were no questions.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR BILLY G. WAGSTER

Director Wagster was present there were no questions.

**WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-STRATEGIC PLAN
BIANNUAL REPORT**

Ms. Barbara Virgin from the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce presented the Weakley County Chamber of Commerce-Strategic Plan Biannual Report. This report was approved by the county commissioners and requires that the chambers report on the accomplishments in actions planned. Detailed implementation information has been sent to you all and if you have any questions I will be glad to answer them.

The Chamber of Commerce is on a membership drive and we hope to contact each business in Weakley County.

CONSUMER CONNECTION REPORT **MR. BRIAN HARRIS**
AND THE CONSUMER CONNECTION COMMITTEE

Mayor Brundige introduced Mr. Brian Harris representing the Consumer Connection Committee.

Mr. Harris spoke just to give you a little background on this committee. Mayor Brundige appointed a committee representing different areas within the community to look at retail development through a pilot program initiated by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Tonight I would also like to recognize we have a number of retailers that have come out to hear the results of this report and to support continued growth and development in Martin.

Mr. Harris reported TVA sponsors The Consumer Connection Program with the purpose of linking the Valley communities with business opportunities, expansion, and retentions. It highlights the importance of economic development and the role of retailers. Now our purpose or what we were charged with doing was to develop a vision for the community. And in doing this we looked at our community strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats then reviewed and tried to understand the vast availability of demographic information from both private and governmental entities. Then we reviewed marketing and recruitment strategies. As we look through the assets of Martin we were overwhelmed with the number of assets that we found. Some of the most outstanding assets are UTM, a great public school system, a great road system, top of the line recreational complex, small town atmosphere, low crime rate, growth opportunities, a progressive development and retention effort going on within the city and the county as well, low cost of living, cultural diversity, and a lot of community pride.

Then we began to look at some of the weakness and perhaps some of the needs that we have within the area. We recognize that Martin does not have a men's clothing store or jewelry store, where in the past there have been each of these. We recognize that the people, as we talked to friends and considered our own desires, would like a little more variety in restaurants and maybe some additional ones, naturally we would like to have a hotel with convention and meeting space to locate within the City of Martin, and additional large retail outlets. We need entertainment outlets such as bowling facilities or pinball for the youth and college age. Then we see the need for boutique business, card shops, and bookshops, again some of these we have had in the past.

With this information we developed Martin's vision statement as follows: "Martin will become a retail, entertainment, and educational hub for the Northwest region fostering community pride, civic responsibility, local investment, and progressive growth."

Then we looked at a number of demographics to help give us a better understanding of retail development in the community. In 1960 there were three manufacturing jobs for every retail job. In the year 2004 total retail jobs actually exceeded the number of manufacturing jobs. So you can see job creation has changed from the manufacturing sector to the retail sector. Out of the forty million businesses currently operating in the United States only nine thousand of these are considered large corporations. The rest of jobs that are created are small businesses and these are the folks that are carrying our economy. Then we look deeper into specific demographics in the 2000 census and find that population was 10,056, number of households was 3,582, highest traffic count was on University Street with a count of 12,620, medium income was \$27,128 and average

income \$39,927. This is important because retail developers look at this information to determine where it is feasible to locate their business. The demographics within a twenty-five minutes radius of Martin are as follows: population is 106,179, households are 42,694, medium income is \$33,494, and the average income is \$43,654. This provides additional factors to lure retail businesses to our area. Then we looked at retail leakage verses retail revenue. This is the difference between effective buying incomes and incomes spent within a community and when more money is spent than earned, retail revenue is realized then when more money is earned than spent retail leakage occurs. In other words people leave the community to spend their money. We found that Martin residents leave the city to do a significant amount of their shopping in the following areas: food and beverages \$14,301,000 and general merchandise \$8,282,000 creating the potential of approximately \$17,000,000 in sales that we are now losing. We need to become aggressive in for marketing, recruitment, and retention of the retail market. Our conclusions are our community assets indicate potential growth and show that current leakage can be used to promote local commerce and recruit future development. We need to develop an aggressive plan for community growth and retention of existing businesses. A copy of the report is attached.

Several of the committee members spoke in favor of the city continuing this effort by establishing a Task Force to follow through on an aggressive plan for community growth and retention of existing businesses.

Mayor Brundige appointed a Task Force consisting of the current committee and the city board.

TENNERGY CONTRACT

Mayor Brundige explained he has received a request from Tennergy Corporation to terminate Tennergy's current contract with the City to purchase natural gas in order to enter into a new ten-year contract to provide the same services. The current contract still has three and one-half years to run. However, the IRS has informed Tennergy that a new contract cannot be executed until the current one is terminated.

Alderman Harrison made the motion to terminate the city's current contract with Tennergy to be our agent for supplying the city's natural gas and to enter into a new ten-year contract with Tennergy to be our agent for supplying the city's natural gas, upon approval by the city's attorney, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion passed.

NATURAL GAS RATES

Mayor Brundige explained I would like to see the city try to maintain natural gas rates at last year's rates for residential consumption for the months of December, January and February. We would be applying our gate fees received from Tennergy to off set the rise in natural gas charges.

Alderman Tuck made the motion to hold the natural gas rates charged to our residential customers as close to last year's rates as possible, using the gate fees to off set the cost, for the months of December, January and February, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion passed.

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION R2005-21: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF MARTIN, TENNESSEE REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF A PRIVATE ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, TENNESSEE.

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration Resolution R2005-21: A resolution of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Martin, Tennessee requesting the introduction of a Private Act to amend the Charter of the City of Martin, Tennessee.

Recorder Mathis read Resolution R2005-21. A copy follows:

RESOLUTION R2005-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF
MARTIN, TENNESSEE REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF
A PRIVATE ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, TENNESSEE.

WHEREAS, the City of Martin's basic Charter was created by Chapter 158 of the Private Acts of 1992, and which was subsequently amended in 1993, 2001, and 2003; and

WHEREAS, the City now wishes to modify Section 21 of the Charter to provide acceptance of insurance coverage in lieu of fidelity bonds or faithful performance bonds for officers of the City.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Martin, Tennessee that the entire membership of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Martin, Tennessee hereby unanimously requests that our legislators who represent the City of Martin in the Tennessee General Assembly introduce and secure passage into law of the attached draft Private Act amending the Martin City Charter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage, THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.

Date of Passage: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, City Recorder

Randy Brundige, Mayor

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve Resolution R2005-21: A resolution of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Martin, Tennessee requesting the introduction of a Private Act to amend the Charter of the City of Martin, Tennessee, seconded by Alderwoman Boyd.

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

Mayor Brundige declared the resolution passed.

AWARDING OF BID FOR ELECTRICAL WORK AT THE CITY OF MARTIN WATER PLANT: SAMMARCO ELECTRIC COMPANY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE FOR \$69,728 AND VAUGHN ELECTRIC, UNION CITY, TENNESSEE FOR \$63,414. THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED ACCEPTING THE LOW BID FROM VAUGHN ELECTRIC.

Mayor Brundige presented low bids for the electrical work at the City of Martin Water Plant:

Sammarco Electric Company, Memphis, Tennessee	\$69,728
Vaughn Electric, Union City, Tennessee	\$63,414

The Public Works Committee recommends the city accept the low bid from Vaughn Electric Company.

Alderman Nanney made the motion to accept the low bid from Vaughn Electric, Union City, Tennessee for \$63,414 to do the electrical work at the City of Martin Water Plant, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion passed.

AWARDING OF BID FOR LEAF MACHINE: HOOPER SALES & ENGINEERING, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE FOR \$27,000 WITH TRADE – IN AND CMI EQUIPMENT SALES, INC., FOR \$19,500 WITH TRADE-IN. THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS ACCEPTING THE LOW BID FROM CMI EQUIPMENT.

Mayor Brundige explained we have received two bids for the purchase of a leaf machine for the Public Works Department. The bids are:

Hooper Sales & Engineering, Nashville, Tennessee	\$27,000, with trade-in
CMI Equipment Sales, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee	\$19,500, with trade-in

The Public Works Committee recommends the low bidder CMI Equipment.

Alderman Tuck made the motion to accept the low bidder, CMI Equipment, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee for \$19,500 with trade-in, seconded by Alderman Nanney.

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion passed.

2005 CHRISTMAS PARADE

Mayor Brundige announced the 2005 Christmas Parade is November 28th at 7:00 PM.

CITY HALL CLOSED

Mayor Brundige announced city hall would be closed Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving Holidays.

ADJOURN

Alderman Harrison made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Nanney.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL.

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

Randy Brundige,
Mayor

RB: CM/bh
Saved "November 2005", dated, November 14, 2005.