

MINUTES OF THE MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

December 11, 2006 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, December 11, 2006, 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 TERRY HANKINS, ALDERMAN WARD III
HONORABLE RANDY EDWARDS, ALDERMAN WARD III

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Also present: Police Chief David Moore, Fire Chief Russell Schwahn, Public Works Director Billy Gene Wagster, Martin Community Development Director Karami Hagan, Library Director Roberta Peacock, Captain Scott Robbins, Mr. Leslie Tarver, Fireman Jimmy Brown, and Fireman, Kory Brown.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Brundige called the December 11, 2006 meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen to order. Alderman Harrison gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2006 (Regular Meeting) DECEMBER 04, 2006 (Swearing-in Ceremony)

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 13th (Regular meeting) and December 4th (Swearing-in Ceremony) meetings as written, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS

DIRECTOR BILLY GENE WAGSTER

The Public Works Department's monthly reports were included in packets. A copy is attached to minutes. Director Wagster asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SCHWAHN

The Fire Department's monthly reports were included in packets. A copy is attached to minutes. Chief Schwahn asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

C. E. WELDON LIBRARY

DIRECTOR ROBERTA PEACOCK

The Library's monthly reports were included in packets. A copy is attached to minutes. Director Peacock asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR KARAMI HAGAN

Director Hagan explained Martin Community Development is writing a newsletter and Office Products has offered to print it free of charge. I would like to publicly express my thanks to Office Products. The first printing will be this week.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF DAVID MOORE

The Police Department's monthly reports were in packets. A copy is attached to minutes. Chief Moore asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Chief Moore announced Captain Scott Robbins will be leaving Martin Police Department to take the position of Director of Public Safety at the University of Tennessee. I make this announcement with a bittersweet feeling. We will be losing an intricate part of our operation but we are pleased and excited for Captain Robbins and the University. We wish him the very best.

Also, I would like to express appreciation to the Public Works department for installing Community Watch signs in Scenic Hills. We really appreciate their work. We are hoping this will inspire other areas to start up a watch group.

Captain Robbins spoke I have enjoyed working for the city these last sixteen years. It is going to be hard to leave but I feel I have made the best decision for my family and profession. I am looking forward to working with the city in this position.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE

Mayor Brundige presented the following new appointments to City of Martin Committees, Boards and Commissions:

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board: Ms. Suezane Speight, Mr. Jackie Reese, Mr. Jerry Crosser, Mr. Nathaniel Owens, Alderman Harrison, Alderman Belote, and Mayor Brundige, Terms to expire 12/31/2007.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Mr. Bucky Harris, term to expire 12/31/2009 and Alderman Hankins.

Cemetery Committee: Alderman Harrison, Alderman Belote, Alderman Hankins, Mr. James Hadden, and Rev. Larry Kendricks.

Community Development Committee: Mr. Tracy McGhee from Service Community, Ms. Lora McDonald from the Medical Community, Alderman Belote from the University Community, Mr. Frank Cochran from Business Community, Ms. Sharon Maloan from Downtown Business District, and City Board: Alderman Nanney, Alderman Tuck, and Alderman Hankins.

Finance Committee: Alderman Nanney, Alderman Belote, Alderman Edwards, Mr. George Daniel, Mr. Sam Lewallen, Mr. Ray Stevenson, and Mr. Josh Vincent.

Grievance Committee: Alderman Nanney, Alderman Belote, Alderman Edwards, and Mr. Ruben Ransom. Alternative members: Alderman Harrison, Alderman Tuck, and Alderman Hankins.

Historic Zoning Commission: Ms. Stephanie Mueller, Ms. Dee Cannon, terms to expire 12/31/2011, Ms. Carolyn Deck, term to expire 12/31/2009, and Alderman Hankins.

Industrial Development Board: Mr. Tom Payne, Mr. Tom Seratt, and Mr. James O. Moore, terms to expire 12/31/2012.

Insurance Committee: Alderman Harrison, Alderman Tuck, Alderman Edwards, and City Employees: Mr. Brian Moore, Parks and Recreation, Mr. Justin Smith, Police Department, Mr. Ken Kirkland, Public Works, Mr. David Gingras, Fire Department, and Ms. Celeste Taylor, Administration. This committee was directed to meet once per month

Library Board of Trustees: Alderman Belote, Alderman Harrison, and Alderman Hankins.

Library Committee: Alderman Harrison, Alderman Belote, Alderman Hankins, and the Library Board.

Martin Beautiful Committee: Mr. Scott McDonald, Mr. Bob Smith, Mr. Lon May, Ms. Carolyn Deck, Ms. Joan Pritchett, and Ms. Penny Moser, terms to expire 12/31/2009. Mr. Chris Bowman as an Ex-Officio Member.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Alderman Nanney, Alderman Tuck, Alderman Hankins, and Parks and Recreation Board.

Parks and Recreation Board: Mr. Mike Gardner, term to expire 12/31/2011, and Alderman Hankins

Planning Commission (Martin Municipal-Regional Planning Commission): Ms. Gail Reese, Mr. Larry Damron, and Ms. Magdalene Hampton, terms to expire 12/31/2009.

Public Safety Committee: Alderman Harrison, Alderman Tuck, Alderman Edwards, Ms. Audrey Roberts, Mr. R. C. Nunley, Mr. Keith Pettit, and Mr. Steve Lemond as an Ex-Officio Member

Public Works Committee: Alderman Nanney, Alderman Tuck, Alderman Edwards, Mr. David Sudberry, Mr. Tommy Legins, and Mr. Bob Peeler.

Senior Citizens Committee: Alderman Harrison, Alderman Belote, Alderman Hankins, and Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

Solid Waste Committee: Alderman Harrison, Alderman Tuck, and Alderman Edwards.

Title VI Committee: City Recorder Chris Mathis, Alderman Nanney, Alderman Harrison, Alderman Belote, Alderman Tuck, Alderman Hankins, Alderman Edwards, and Mr. Ruben Ransom

Alderman Tuck made the motion to appoint the above stated persons to the City of Martin committees, boards, and commissions, seconded by Alderman Nanney.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL.

ACCEPT N. BROOKS DRIVE INTO CITY STREETS SYSTEM AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE NAME CHANGE (DUSTIN LAIRD DRIVE OR SOME VARIATION HAS BEEN SUGGESTED)

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the acceptance of the paved portion of N. Brooks Drive into the City Street System and changing the name to Dustin Laird Drive or some variation.

Director Wagster stated the paved portion of the street is 1,127 feet in length.

Alderman Edwards made the motion to accept the paved portion (1,127 feet) of N. Brooks Drive into the City Street System, seconded by Alderman Hankins.

Alderman Nanney asked are we going to rename the street?

Mayor Brundige stated it is up to the board.

Alderman Edwards stated due to future development that will happen on the street and already having a Brooks Drive in the system if might eliminate confusion if we renamed it.

Alderman Belote asked do we have any guidelines or policy set up for the process of naming streets?

Mayor Brundige stated usually it is up to the Planning Commission to do this but I have talked to the Inspector Billy Stout about this and he said it would be fine if the board wanted to rename the street. He would then take it to the Planning Commission for their stamp of approval.

Alderman Hankins stated my feelings are very strong about renaming the street in honor of Dustin Laird. Dustin served in my unit of the National Guard. I can't say enough about him and about how proud he made my unit and me. Dustin died for his country.

Alderman Tuck stated that sounds good to me.

Alderman Nanney amended the motion to be stated the city accept the paved portion (1,127 feet) of N. Brooks Drive into the City Street System and change the name from N. Brooks Drive to Dustin Laird Drive, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL.

Mayor Brundige stated I will contact his parents and make sure they approve.

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF RESOLUTION R2006-20: A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A SAFER GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$443,848.00 TO BE DISBURSED OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration Resolution R2006-20: A resolution to accept a SAFER Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$443,848.00 to be disbursed over a five-year period.

Mayor Brundige read Resolution R2006-20. A copy follows:

RESOLUTION R2006-20

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A SAFER GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$443,848.00 TO BE DISBURSED OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

WHEREAS, the City of Martin grant application submitted under the FY 2006 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants has been approved; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER program provides grants to fire departments for hiring personnel and will aid the Martin Fire Department in becoming compliant with NFPA 1710 and OSHA guidelines by providing the needed manpower to safely operate at structure fires and hazardous material incidents along with other emergency calls; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen finds the calls for emergency service for the City of Martin Fire Department have grown nearly 250% between 2003 and 2005, and will continue to grow during the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen have been advised that the City's ISO rating can possibly be affected in a positive manner by increasing the number of firefighters available to respond to emergency calls, thereby reducing fire insurance premiums to businesses, industries and residential taxpayers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Martin, Tennessee, accepts the U.S. Department of Homeland Security SAFER grant of \$443,848.00 to be disbursed over a five-year period to be distributed as follows:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Federal Share	149,452	141,082	93,644	59,670	-0-
City of Martin Share	77,809	98,886	159,812	208,105	282,973

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED THE 11th DAY OF DECEMBER 2006.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, City Recorder

Randy Brundige

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve Resolution R2006-20: A resolution to accept a SAFER Grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$443,848.00 to be disbursed over a five-year period, seconded by Alderman Belote.

JANUARY CITY BOARD MEETINGS

Mayor Brundige announced the Informal City Board Meeting is set for January 02, 2007 at 5:15 pm and the regular City Board Meeting, January 08, 2007 at 5:15 pm.

ADJOURN

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

Randy Brundige,
Mayor

RB: CM/bh
Saved "December 11, 2006"