

MINUTES OF THE MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

May 08, 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, May 08, 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 RANDY EDWARDS, ALDERMAN WARD III
MEMBERS ABSENT: HONORABLE NATALIE BOYD, ALDERWOMAN WARD III

Also present: City Recorder Chris Mathis, Police Chief David Moore, Fire Chief Oran True, Public Works Director Billy Gene Wagster and citizens.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Brundige called the May 08, 2006 meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen to order. Alderman Nanney gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS & APRIL 10, 2006

Alderman Tuck made the motion to approve the minutes of the Community Development Director interviews and the April 10th meeting as written, seconded by Alderman Nanney.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF DAVID MOORE

Chief Moore explained the department has received five new police cars, which are Chevrolet Impala vehicles, and at present we have two in service. Mr. Kory Green is installing the safety equipment in-house.

I would like to invite all of you to visit the Martin Police Department Web Site www.martindps.org either by going directly to it or using the link through the City of Martin Web Site. Check out the entire web site but in particular the “Chief’s Safety Corner” which we just added. This site will answer questions frequently asked by our citizens. If you all have questions and want me to post them along with the answers on the site I will do so.

Mark your calendars because you are invited to the Graduation Ceremony for 17th Session of the Citizen Police Academy on June 1st, 6:00 pm at the UTM Ballroom.

We have had good luck in the last few years sharing officers with Humboldt during the Strawberry Festival and Paris during the Fish Fry. We sent two officers to the Fish Fry last week and this Friday we will be sending two officers to the Strawberry Festival. Then in September we will be reciprocated for the Soybean Festival.

PUBLIC WORKS

DIRECTOR BILLY GENE WAGSTER

Director Wagster announced the K Street Bridge should be open this next week if weather permits. Ford Construction is to install the guardrails.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF ORAN TRUE

Chief True explained Insurance Services Organization has notified us they will be in town the first week of December and we are currently in preparation for this visit. Insurance companies use the ISO rating to calculate your insurance costs. The City of Martin is currently a 4 and we are striving for a 3 rating. We started today doing fire prevention inspections through the city, as this is a requirement of ISO. Each department within the city has different criteria to address and prepare for. The Police Department will have communication issues and Public Works will have water department issues. These inspections and issues are very important from an Insurance Services standpoint and from a community development standpoint. When ISO comes in December they will rate the city on several issues such as water conditions, water supply, and fire department operation and protection systems. The fire department services provided to the community are the most important to ISO because they want to know that we are actually looking at our buildings and making sure they are safe for the occupants and visitors to our city. To give you an example of the impact that ISO ratings can have, if a corporation such as MTD moved into a new spec building the difference between our current ISO rating of 4 and the proposed ISO rating of 3 could mean \$100,000 a year or more in their insurance costs. This filters all the way down to your property insurance but you may not see that great of an impact year to year. The

major businesses or manufacturing businesses will be directly affected by lowering their overhead costs and the better our rating the more likely we are to attract industry. The first things an industry looks at in a city is the police department, fire department, and the city's overall ISO rating. So you see this is a very important inspection in December. We are not only going out and inspecting the building but we are doing what is called a *Pre Plan*, we mark the exits, hydrant locations, distance of travel, and things of that nature that are specifically requested or required by ISO. This plan will make us more effective at what we do.

In closing, I just want to thank all of you for what you have done for my family and for me. I am going to miss all if you. Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FIRE CHIEF ORAN TRUE

Mayor Brundige presented a letter of resignation from Fire Chief Oran True from the City of Martin Fire Department for acceptance. A copy of the letter follows:

April 19, 2006

To: Mayor Randy Brundige
From: Chief Oran D. True
Re: Resignation

Dear Mayor Brundige,

For the past 2 years, I have had the privilege of working with the dedicated staff of the City of Martin. I have grown as a leader and as a person, and gained immeasurable experience along the way. For this, I will be forever grateful.

Having said that, the past two years have not been without personal setbacks that come from moving over 400 miles from one's personal lifelong home. The diagnosis of my Father's cancer this time last year had a profound affect on my family and me. I personally have never felt so guilty or helpless, and my family could not make the trip for the appointments, treatment, or recovery. My children long to be close to their grandparents, and with my parents being in their 80's, time is of the essence for this to happen. I have spent too many weekends with my children crying, missing their loved ones in Indiana.

With these thoughts in mind, I must resign my position of Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director. I have accepted a position in a suburban fire department just outside of Indianapolis, and will begin my duties there June 1, 2006. My final day on the job here will be May 22, 2006. We will return to Indiana following the last day of school.

On a positive note, as promised when I took over two years ago, I have a qualified officer within the ranks of the fire department that can assume my duties, providing a seamless transition upon my departure. Lieutenant Russell Schwahn has shown himself to be a qualified leader with outstanding dedication to the City of Martin, the fire service, and to the community. If you approve of Russell as Chief, he will be assigned an 8-5 schedule for the month of tenure. He will work side-by-side with me, attending meetings, learning the procedures he has not yet learned, and readying himself for the position. I also have a trained, dedicated volunteer who is equipped, outfitted, and ready for a fulltime position within the ranks. This individual, Brandon McMinn, could replace Russell in the operations side of the department. All of these issues can be satisfied prior to my departure in May, with your approval.

My vacation time will kick in following May 22, 2006, and will run approximately 8 weeks. During this time, I wish to retain coverage for medical insurance to ensure a smooth transition into the new insurance coverage in Indianapolis. I will roll over my retirement monies into a qualified plan when the time comes for that.

I cannot thank you and the board enough for the opportunities given to my family and me. I will always have a special place in my heart for Martin and for all those who made my family and I feel welcome.

Having prayed for weeks over this decision, and consulted with our closest friends and family, Cindy and I believe that this move is the right one for our family at this time. My hope is that the City of Martin has also benefited from our brief time here, and that this opening will create opportunities for others looking to advance in their career in Martin.

I offer my thanks to Mayor Brundige, and the Martin Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the opportunities that I have been blessed with over the past 2 years. I also offer my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Martin Fire Department, which give their best efforts each and every day in protecting the lives and property of those they serve. I pray that God will continue to bless and watch over the City of Martin and all the fire department personnel with safety, professionalism, and courtesy.

Sincerely,
Oran D. True
Fire Chief Emergency Management Director

Alderman Tuck made the motion to accept the resignation of Fire Chief Oran True from the City of Martin Fire Department, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

APPOINT MR. RUSSELL SCHWAHN AS INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

Mayor Brundige recommended the city appoint Mr. Russell Schwahn as interim fire chief starting May 22, 2006.

Alderman Harrison made the motion to appoint Mr. Russell Schwahn as interim fire chief starting May 22, 2006, seconded by Alderman Belote.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

Mayor Brundige spoke Oran, I just want to say thank you for the time you have given our city. You have been an asset to the community as well as the fire department. We are truly going to miss you not only as a citizen and fire chief but also as a friend.

A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MARTIN HOUSING AUTHORITY TO REAPPOINT MR. HOOVER NUNLEY TO THE MARTIN HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSION FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE 05/31/2011.

Mayor Brundige presented for consideration a recommendation from the Martin Housing Authority to reappoint Mr. Hoover Nunley to the Martin Housing Authority Commission for a five-year term to expire 05/31/2011.

Alderman Edwards made the motion to approve a recommendation from the Martin Housing Authority to reappoint Mr. Hoover Nunley to the Martin Housing Authority Commission for a five-year term to expire 05/31/2011, seconded by Alderman Belote.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

A LETTER TO THE WEAKLEY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION REQUESTING CITY OF MARTIN 2006 ELECTION BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. CITY WILL ELECT A MAYOR AND ONE ALDERMAN FROM EACH WARD FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS

Mayor Brundige presented a letter to the Weakley County Election Commission requesting City of Martin 2006 Election be placed on the November ballot. The city will elect a mayor and one alderman from each ward for four-year terms. A copy of the letter follows:

Ms. Diana Cashon
WEAKLEY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
135 Poplar Street
Dresden, TN 38237

Dear Ms. Cashon:

The City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted unanimously May 08, 2006, in their regular board meeting to “Call for Election” and we respectfully request that the Election Commission place the City’s election on the November ballot. We will need to elect a mayor for a four-year term, and one alderman from Ward I, one alderman from Ward II, and one alderman from Ward III for a four-year term.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please feel free to call this office.

Sincerely,
CITY OF MARTIN

Randy Brundige,
Mayor

Alderman Harrison made the motion to “Call for City Election” by letter to the Weakley County Election Commission asking them to place the City’s election on the November ballot to elect a mayor for a four-year term, and one alderman from Ward I, one alderman from Ward II, and one alderman from Ward III for a four-year term, seconded by Alderman Nanney.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

LOCAL RATIFICATION OF PRIVATE CHAPTER 87, HOUSE BILL NUMBER 3028 FOR PRIVATE ACTS OF 2006: AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 158 OF THE PRIVATE ACTS OF 1992; AND ANY OTHER ACTS AMENDATORY THERETO, RELATIVE TO THE CITY OF MARTIN

Mayor Brundige presented for consideration the Ratification of Private Chapter 87, House Bill number 3028 for Private Acts of 2006: An act to amend Chapter 158 of the Private Acts of 1992; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the City of Martin. This ratification will delete the need to secure individual bonds from agencies and will include adding our insurance carrier as a bonding agent. Right now TLM Insurance, our insurance carrier, bonds all employs and we have no need to secure individual bonds, as the charter requires.

Alderman Nanney made the motion to approve the Ratification of Private Chapter 87, House Bill number 3028 for Private Acts of 2006: An act to amend Chapter 158 of the Private Acts of 1992; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the City of Martin, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

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

Mayor Brundige declared the ratification approved.

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

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