

MINUTES OF THE MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

JUNE 09, 2008 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, June 09, 2008, 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: City Recorder Chris Mathis, Fire Chief Russell Schwahn, Police Chief David Moore, Weldon Public Library Director Roberta Peacock, Public Works Director Billy Wagster, Human Resources Director Celeste Taylor, Building Inspector Billy Stout, Parks & Recreation Director Dennis Suiter, Parks & Recreation Superintendent of Athletics/Maintenance Brian Moore, Parks & Recreation Foreman Brad Rickman, Senior Citizens Director Kim Kirby, Parks & Recreation Secretary Charlotte Calderaro, Community Development Director Kimberly Craddock, Community Development Intern Ms. Skyteria Dunlap, Ms. Donna Bell, Ms. Linda Sadler, Police Lt. Sammy Liles, Water Plant Operator Marty Ables, Mr. Don Jones, Mr. Russell Edwards, Mr. Marvin Flatt, Tim & Leslie Moore, Mr. Mike Garner, Dr. Elaine Harriss, Mr. Tracy McGhee, Mr. Tony Mills, Ms. Gena Berry, Mr. J. B. Suiter, Ms. Judy Suiter, Ms. Jane Parrish, Mr. Joe Lofaro, Ms. June Mathis, Mr. Bobby Peeler, Mr. Tony Prince, Ms. Linda Ramsey, Mr. Jim Moore, Mr. Don Nelson, Mr. Hollis Suiter, Ms. Elizabeth Suiter, Mr. David Hawks, Ms. Katana Hawks, Mr. Chuck Hammer, Ms. Nadine Gearin, Ms. Betty Giles, Mr. Charles Latta, Mr. Christopher Belote, other citizens, and members of the Press.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Brundige called the June 9th 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 MAY 12, 2008

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the minutes of the May 12, 2008 meeting.

Alderman Tuck made the motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2008 meeting as written seconded by Alderman Nanney.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE CHIEF DAVID MOORE

The Police Department's monthly reports were presented to the board. A copy is attached to the minutes. Chief Moore asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SCHWAHN

The Fire Department's monthly reports were included in the board packets. A copy is attached to the minutes. Chief Schwahn asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked.

Mayor Brundige explained Mr. Gardner Damron asked me to publicly thank the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance. Mr. Damron stated that these departments responded well beyond the call of duty.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BILLY WAGSTER

Public Works monthly reports were included in the board packets. Director Wagster asked if there were any questions. There were none.

RECOGNITION: WATER PLANT OPERATOR OF YEAR MARTY ABLES

Public Works Director Wagster explained Marty Ables and I attended the Tennessee Utility District Meeting in Franklin, Tennessee, last week. At this meeting The City of Martin's Water Plant Operator Marty Ables was presented with a prestigious award *Operator of the Year*. This is the second year in a row that the water plant has had a perfect score of 100 on the state reviews.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR KIMBERLY CRADDOCK

Director Craddock introduced Ms. Skyteria Dunlap, an intern for the Martin Community Development department, and explained Skyteria's major is Public Relations and she will be working for the next few weeks on the UTM Welcome Week and the Soybean Festival.

C. E. WELDON PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR ROBERTA PEACOCK

The Library's monthly reports were included in packets.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR CELESTE TAYLOR

Director Taylor was present and asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked.

BUILDING INSPECTOR DIRECTOR BILLY STOUT

Director Stout was present and asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION, PRESENTATION, AND CONSIDERATION OF THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE O2008-02: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 235 UNIVERSITY STREET FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-4 (RESIDENTIAL-PROFESSIONAL)

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration Ordinance O2008-02: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning a tract of land located at 235 University Street from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to R-4 (Residential-Professional). This is a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Ordinance O2008-02 was tabled at the May 12th meeting. I am now requesting a motion to remove the ordinance from the table.

Alderman Tuck made the motion to remove Ordinance O2008-02 from the table, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2008-02. The news media and any interested citizens were provided a copy. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE O2008-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 235 UNIVERSITY STREET FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-4 (RESIDENTIAL-PROFESSIONAL).

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-4 (Residential-Professional) 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-4 (Residential-Professional) the following tract of land located at 235 University Street and further described as:

Weakley County Tax Map 73L, Group G, Parcel 02600.

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

ATTESTED:

Chris Mathis, City Recorder

Date of Public Hearing

APPROVED:

Randy Brundige

Mayor Brundige explained you have heard the reading of Ordinance O2008-02. I will now entertain a motion.

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve on the first reading Ordinance O2008-02: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning a tract of land located at 235 University Street from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to R-4 (Residential-Professional), seconded by Alderman Edwards.

Mayor Brundige stated in your packets you have letters from Mr. Marvin Flatt and Dr. Elaine Harriss opposing the zoning change, a signed petition from area residents opposing the zoning change, and a handout of the proposed development by Leslie and Tim Moore. Copies are attached to the minutes.

Alderman Tuck asked will there be a sign in the front yard or on the building?

Mr. Moore stated our intention is to have a sign designed that is allowed under the R-4 zoning requirements. I will get with the building inspector but we would like to go with a low sign in the front yard with soft lighting on a timer that will turn off around ten pm and one on the structure if possible.

Mayor asked Mr. Stout, Building Inspector, what signs were permissible in an R-4?

Mr. Stout answered R-4 Sign Requirements in the Zoning Ordinance are a maximum of 32 square feet, maximum height of ten feet, and the maximum horizontal or vertical dimension not exceed eight feet. Also allowed is one structural sign limited to twenty square feet to the primary structure with no projection greater than six inches and with placement to the side of the building. Signs maybe illuminated by direct and steady means only and are not permitted on the roof.

Mayor Brundige asked are there any other questions from the board?

Alderman Harrison called for the question.

Mayor Brundige stated the question has been called for. I will ask for a roll call vote.

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved and set the second and final reading for the July 12th at 5:15 pm in the City Hall Chambers.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE O2008-03: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT DUSTIN LAIRD DRIVE FROM B-2 (INTERMEDIATE BUSINESS) TO R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Brundige introduced Ordinance O2008-03: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning a tract of land located at Dustin Laird Drive from B-2 (Intermediate Business) to R-3 (High Density Residential). This is a recommendation from the Planning Commission. The owner of the property has requested we table this motion until a later date.

Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2008-03. A copy has been provided for the media and any interested person. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE O2008-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED DUSTIN LAIRD DRIVE FROM B-2 (INTERMEDIATE BUSINESS) TO R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)

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-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 B-2 (Intermediate Business) to R-3 (High Density Residential) the following tract of land located Dustin Laird Drive and further described as:

Weakley County Tax Map 73, Parcel 06209.

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.**

May 12, 2008
Date Passed First Reading

Date Passed Second Reading

Date of Public Hearing

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Alderman Edwards made the motion to table the second and final reading of Ordinance O2008-03: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning a tract of land located at Dustin Laird Drive from B-2 (Intermediate Business) to R-3 (High Density Residential), seconded by Alderman Harrison.

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion tabled.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE O2008-04: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-209 OF THE BEER ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARTIN TO CREATE A CLASS OF BEER PERMITS WHICH CAN BE GRANTED TO CATERERS. THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the second and final reading and public hearing of Ordinance O2008-04: An ordinance amending section 2-209 of the beer ordinance of the City of Martin to create a class of beer permits which can be granted to caterers.

Public Hearing

Mayor Brundige open the meeting for the public hearing of Ordinance O2008-04 by asking if there was anyone present wishing to speak for or against the ordinance.

Alderman Harrison stated I think we need to adopt this ordinance, as it will give us more control over a situation such as this.

No one else spoke.

Mayor Brundige closed the public hearing and asked Recorder Mathis to read the ordinance.

Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2008-04 and explained a copy of the ordinance has been provided for the Board, media and any interested persons. A copy of the ordinance follows:

ORDINANCE 02008-04

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-209 OF THE BEER ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF MARTIN TO CREATE A CLASS OF BEER PERMITS
WHICH CAN BE GRANTED TO CATERERS**

WHEREAS, the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen is aware that numerous parties and events take place in Martin at which alcoholic beverages, including beer, are sold and served to guests. The City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen does not wish to restrict such activities, but believes there is a need for some regulation concerning the selling and serving of beer at such events; and

WHEREAS, the current Beer Ordinance of the City of Martin contains no provision for granting beer permits to caterers providing food and drink service for such events.

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

Section 1. The following provision is to be inserted into the City of Martin Beer Ordinance as new Section 2-209(4):

Section 2-209(4). Class D-On Premises Permit

To qualify for a Class D-On Premises Permit, the applicant must be a caterer meeting the following definition: "Caterer" means a business engaged in offering food and beverage service for a fee at various locations, and which:

- A. Operates a permanent catering hall on an exclusive basis;
- B. Has a complete and adequate commercial kitchen facility; and
- C. Is licensed as a caterer by the Tennessee Department of Health.

The restriction contained in Section 2-206(C)(2), which limits a beer permit to one location, shall not apply to Class D-On Premise Permits. The applicant shall give notice to the Board of locations at which catering services shall be rendered under the permit. Such locations shall be considered to be within the licensed premises for purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage on the second and final reading, **THE PUBLIC WELFARE REQUIRING IT.**

Date of First Reading _____

Date of Second Reading _____

Date of Public Hearing _____

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

Randy Brundige,
Mayor

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance O2008-04: An ordinance amending section 2-209 of the beer ordinance of the City of Martin to create a class of beer permits which can be granted to caterers, seconded by Alderman Belote.

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

Mayor declared the motion approved on the second and final reading.

ACCEPT PAVING BIDS

Mayor Brundige explained the low bidder, Ford Construction, presented the following bids for the 2008-09 Asphalt Paving Contract: Primary Bid: TDOT Spec 411-D, in place Unit price/ton \$71.75 and Alternate Bid: TDOT Spec 411-E, in place Unit price/ton \$78.00.

Alderman Nanney made the motion to approve Ford Construction’s low bids for the 2008-09 Asphalt Paving Contract: Primary Bid: TDOT Spec 411-D, in place Unit price/ton \$71.75 and Alternate Bid: TDOT Spec 411-E, in place Unit price/ton \$78.00, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

ACCEPT STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM PER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mayor Brundige presented the proposed resurfacing program as recommended by the Public Works Committee. It follows:

CITY OF MARTIN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
PROPOSED STREET RESURFACING

1.	Raven Street	20 feet x 1220 feet
2.	Harrison Road	22 feet x 4605 feet
3.	Kennedy Drive	40 feet x 1775 feet
4.	Hayes Street	16 feet x 470 feet
5.	Smith Street	16 feet x 538 feet
6.	Old Fulton Road	23 feet x 1146 feet
7.	Fulton Street & Walters Avenue (Intersection)	60 feet x 60 feet
8.	S. McComb Street	27 feet x 4383 feet
9.	Fire Department Parking lot	127 feet x 253 feet
10.	Ryan Street	21 feet x 485 feet
11.	Hyndsver Road	23 feet x 1146 feet
12.	N. College Street	21 feet x 2444 feet
13.	Hampton Street	21 feet x 368 feet

TOTAL TONS @ 1 inch surfacing	3268.10 Tons
@ \$41.75 per ton	\$234,486.18

Alderman Nanney made the motion to approve the recommended Street Resurfacing Program, seconded by Alderman Belote.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

There was no other Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION R2008-11: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008/09 FOR THE CITY OF MARTIN, TENNESSEE

Mayor Brundige introduced Resolution R2008-11: A resolution adopting a tentative budget for the fiscal year 2008/09 for the City Of Martin, Tennessee.

Recorder Mathis read Resolution R2008-11. A copy was provided for member of the Board, members of the press and any interested persons. A copy follows:

RESOLUTION R2008-11

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 FOR THE CITY OF MARTIN, TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has not adopted the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Martin, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it appears that circumstances will prevent the adoption of a budget by the beginning of the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The appropriations of the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year Budget shall become the appropriations for the tentative 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Budget.
2. No more than 1/12 of any line item may be expended per calendar month by each department without approval of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen until final 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Budget is adopted.
3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

Motion made by Alderman _____ that the foregoing resolution be approved, seconded by Alderman _____. Upon being put to a roll call vote, June 09, 2008, the motion passed.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

Randy Brundige,
Mayor

Alderman Tuck made the motion to approve Resolution R2008-11: A resolution adopting a tentative budget for City of Martin, Tennessee, seconded by Alderman Belote.

VOTE:

FOR:

HONORABLE NANNEY
HONORABLE HARRISON
HONORABLE BELOTE
HONORABLE TUCK
HONORABLE HANKINS
HONORABLE EDWARDS

AGAINST:

NONE

ABSENT:

NONE

Mayor declared the resolution approved.

REQUEST FROM SEVERAL CITY OF MARTIN FIREMEN TO BE ALLOWED TO DONATE 1,147 SICK LEAVE HOURS TO JODY HAZLEWOOD WHO NEEDS TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENT AND HAS EXPENDED ALL OF HIS ACCUMULATED SICK AND VACATION LEAVE

Mayor Brundige introduced a request from several City of Martin firemen to be allowed to donate 1,147 sick leave hours to Jody Hazlewood who needs total hip replacement and has expended all of his accumulated sick and vacation leave. The donations are as follows: Russell Schwahn – 200 hours, Jamie Summers – 300 hours, Dickie Hart – 250 hours, David Blake – 100, Freddie Winstead – 100 hours, Kory Green – 75 hours, Jason Hauhe – 72 hours, and Robert Gertsch – 50 hours. Jody is 38 years old and this surgery is needed to correct a birth defect. The Personnel Manual allows this if approved by the Board.

Alderman Harrison made the motion to grant a request from several of Martin firemen to be allowed to donate 1,147 sick leave hours to Jody Hazlewood. Donations follows: Russell Schwahn – 200 hours, Jamie Summers – 300 hours, Dickie Hart – 250 hours, David Blake – 100, Freddie Winstead – 100 hours, Kory Green – 75 hours, Jason Hauhe – 72 hours, and Robert Gertsch – 50 hours, seconded by Alderman Belote.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

A REQUEST FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW SEVERAL POLICE OFFICERS TO DONATE 248 HOURS OF SICK LEAVE TIME TO OFFICER CHRISTIE LIFSEY DURING HER MATERNITY LEAVE.

Mayor Brundige introduced a request from the Police Department to allow several police officers to donate 248 hours of sick leave time to Officer Christie Lifsey during her maternity leave. The donations are as follows: Katie Perry – 32 hours, Sammy Liles – 32 hours, Linda Sadler – 32 hours, Cathy Lawrence – 24 hours, Mark Rushing – 24 hours, Jason Arant – 24 hours, Kenny Edwards – 25 hours, Randall Walker – 25 hours, and David Moore – 30 hours. The Personnel Manual allows this if approved by the Board.

Alderman Harrison made the motion to grant a request from the Police Department to allow several police officers to donate 248 hours of sick leave time to Officer Christie Lifsey. Donations follow: Katie Perry – 32 hours, Sammy Liles – 32 hours, Linda Sadler – 32 hours, Cathy Lawrence – 24 hours, Mark Rushing – 24 hours, Jason Arant – 24 hours, Kenny Edwards – 25 hours, Randall Walker – 25 hours, and David Moore – 30 hours, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

A REQUEST FROM DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION DENNIS SUITER TO EXTEND HIS RETIREMENT DATE TO AUGUST 31, 2008, TO ALLOW HIM TO COMPLETE THE DUTIES OF THE CAL RIPKEN WORLD SERIES

Mayor Brundige explained the board accepted Director of Parks and Recreation Dennis Suiter's retirement request for June 30, 2008 at the May Board Meeting. Now, we have a request from Director Suiter to extend his retirement to August 31, 2008 to allow him to complete the duties of the Cal Ripken World Series. Do I have motion to allow this request?

No motion. Request dies from lack of a motion.

Mayor Brundige stated I should have informed you all of this before I asked for a motion. I will inform you all now and open the floor up for a motion again. I talked to the Parks and Recreation staff Friday and each one indicated that they could work with Director Suiter and pledged their full cooperation during this time period. I forgot to mention this and I apologize. Now I will open up the meeting for a motion on the request from Director Suiter to extend his retirement date till August 31st.

No motion. Request dies from lack of a motion.

Mayor Brundige introduced a proposal from Director Suiter to work twenty hours per week till the completion of the Cal Ripken World Series under TCRS rules, which will allow him to work the twenty hours a week for sixty days. The time period would be from July 1, 2008 through August 29th or 30th. I will ask for a motion on this request.

No motion. Request dies from lack of a motion.

Director Suiter spoke, "First of all in regard to my retirement date I was asked by an Alderman last week as to why I was retiring June 30th. As I have stated several times before, my intention was to retire at the end of this calendar year or the very latest June 30, 2009, which would have been in line with Judy's retirement plans. I certainly never thought I would find myself in a retirement dilemma which would have jeopardized my capacity to finish the job with the Cal Ripken World Series. It is extremely important to me that the public knows and is fully aware that my retirement decision rested solely with the recent change by this board on the policy regarding health coverage insurance. Since I meet the early retirement guidelines, failure to retire by June 30th would result in the loss of all health coverage. For all practical purposes, I had no real decision to make. The top three highlights of my career with the City of Martin will be Santa's Village, the outstanding Martin Recreational Complex, and of course the awarding of the Cal Ripken Majors Sixty World Series. I shall finish out my time through the end of this month and wish the very best for whoever takes the reigns from here. To share just a little information for you and this certainly is not 100% accurate, but I am proudly ready to turn over some ninety notebooks, twenty-four expandable binders, thirty-one media guides, twenty-six additional files, total pieces of paper that have been produced to this point is over twenty-five thousand. Of course, the bulk of this that will be turned over to whomever is in a good condition to take it and go from there. Last month during a high school district softball game a gentleman came up to me and wanted to know if I was the Martin Parks and Recreation Director. He proceeded to tell me about his son who had competed in our Regional Punt, Pass, and Kick competitions, and went on to tell me the fact that he remembered the consideration that I gave

by setting up the competition on the end of the field with the wind to the participant's back so as to give each and every contestant the very best edge they could in order to score high enough to move to the next level. Interestingly, shortly after that during Westview Regional Seven play-off game against Haywood County a gentleman approached me very similarly, the same way. He wanted me know that he remembered me helping him during a tournament three years ago when his daughter was knocked unconscious during a play. He reminded me of the fact that I went to the hospital with them and offered to do anything I could. We talked for several minutes watching his daughter play shortstop. Boy, it is the little things like this that mean the world to me. To those who are open-minded and appreciate the many improvements and great strides made in the area of Parks and Recreation and for our citizens I want to thank you for your support and confidence you have placed in me to serve this city. I simply could have never been able to do my job without the support of great folks like are here tonight and I want to thank every one of you that are here on my behalf tonight. I really appreciate it. In addition, to the ones that are here tonight there have been countless others who have approached me and Judy. They have approached me in the grocery store, church, and just about anywhere we have gone we have been addressed by folks indicating their support and I guess the most meaningful thing to me on a number of occasions that they were praying for us. My family has been and continues to be my strength in all that I have faced. And I love them beyond words. My family,just a minute..., my family, friendships, love and faith in God allows me and my family to meet any challenge and to overcome any obstacle to assure that in the end good will prevail. I can and will leave this position with the utmost of pride for the countless accomplishments during my twenty-four year tenure. I did not do this alone. Nor have I ever insinuated such. I have given credit where credit was due. It has been a team effort with staff, individuals, families, businesses, civic clubs, and others who were willing to step forward to be a part of improving the quality of life for our city and our community. I will not allow anything or anybody to dampen my sprits. I will retire relishing the friendships of those who have been willing to place pride above ego, appreciation above jealousy, and foresight above personal agendas.”

Mayor Brundige thanked Director Suiter.

ADJOURN

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

Randy Brundige,
Mayor

RB: CM/bh
Saved “June 09, 2008 Regular meeting”