

**MINUTES**  
**MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 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, November 10, 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, Police Captain Sammy Liles, Fire Chief Russell Schwahn, Weldon Public Library Director Roberta Peacock, Public Works Director Billy Wagster, Human Resources Officer Celeste Taylor, Community Development Director Kimberly Craddock, Parks and Recreation Director Brian Moore, Weakley County Chamber of Commerce Director Barbara Virgin, Weakley County E911 Director Jamison Peevyhouse, and members of the Press.

**CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Brundige called the November 10<sup>th</sup> Regular 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                      OCTOBER 13, 2008**

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the minutes of the October 13, 2008 meeting for approval as written and asks if there were any additions or deletions. There were none.

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as written, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

VOTE:                      UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

### **WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE      BARBARA VIRGIN**

Director Virgin presented The City of Martin with the Tennessee Three Star Certification Award from Governor Bredesen's office and thanked the city for all the hard work done to achieve this honor. She also gave the board a Chamber of Commerce calendar of events for November and December.

### **C. E. WELDON PUBLIC LIBRARY      DIRECTOR ROBERTA PEACOCK**

Director Peacock asked if anyone had any questions concerning the Library's monthly reports. No questions were asked. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Director Peacock explained the American Library Association has proclaimed November 15<sup>th</sup> as National Gaming Day at all libraries. We are celebrating the day by transforming the conference room into a game room. We will be setting up laptop computers to provide computer games and setting up several board games for group play. Everyone is invited to come by and play games with us. Also, in November at the library Mr. Russell Cook will be teaching a basic email computer skills class. As you all know the Friends of the Library sponsored fundraisers during the Soybean Festival and with these funds they are buying new audio books and DVDs for the Children's Department and signage for the main area of the Library. December 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> are the dates for our annual Scholastic Book Fair, which will correspond with the MBA Downtown Christmas Celebration. All books are 50% off the regular price. The Library will be open all day on the sixth.

### **PUBLIC WORKS      DIRECTOR BILLY WAGSTER**

Director Wagster asked if anyone had any questions concerning the Public Works' monthly report. No questions were asked. Copies are attached to the minutes.

Director Wagster explained we started one leaf machine today and will add the second one next Monday. This is also City Wide Clean-up week.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION      DIRECTOR BRIAN MOORE**

Director Moore asked if anyone had any questions concerning Parks and Recreation's monthly report. No questions were asked. Copies are attached to the minutes.

Director Moore reported Parks and Recreation is working on Santa's Village, which is just around the corner. We are also installing heating units in the restrooms located at the pond area of the Martin Recreation Complex in order to keep them open year around. In December and January we will be restocking the lake with 750 rainbow trout each month.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**CAPTAIN SAMMY LILES**

Captain Sammy Liles asked if anyone had any questions concerning the police department's monthly reports. No questions were asked. Copies are attached to the minutes.

Captain Liles reported that all of the new patrol cars are in service.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SCHWAHN**

Fire Chief Schwahn asked if anyone had any questions concerning the Fire Department's monthly reports. Copies are attached to the minutes. No questions were asked.

Chief Schwahn explained the fire department hosted a golf tournament for the Fallen Fire Fighter's Memorial. The tournament proceeds were \$1,437.00. I want to thank Parks & Recreation Director Moore and his staff, Ms. Celeste Taylor, Ms. Linda Sadler, and Mr. Chris Mathis for all their help.

**MARTIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**KIMBERLY CRADDOCK**

Director Craddock asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were asked.

Director Craddock reported the Christmas Downtown Open House was held this past weekend and was a great success. The Martin Business Association (MBA) has talked to all the businesses in University Plaza and they want to take part in this year's Christmas Celebration. MBA wants to get Christmas decorations out in the Plaza.

MBA will meet again this Thursday at the Volunteer Wellness Center at 7:30 am. Everyone is invited.

We had ribbon cuttings this week for The Clothesline on Broadway Street and Monograms & More on S. Lindell Street.

Hollie Holt, David Belote and I are working on the Miss UTM – Soybean Festival Pageant that will be at UTM this Saturday. The two winners will advance to the Miss Tennessee Pageant.

**HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER**

**CELESTE TAYLOR**

Ms. Taylor explained the city is sponsoring the first annual Dodge Ball Tournament with proceeds to go to the United Way. The tournament will be held November 18<sup>th</sup> at Unity Christian School on N. McComb Street, 7:00 pm. Admission is \$2.00. I would like to invite the aldermen to participate in the event. This will be your chance to hit a Martin Police Officer and not be arrested.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **CHANGE PARKING TIME LIMIT FROM 30 MINUTES TO 1 HOUR PARKING ON LOVELACE STREET IN FRONT OF THE VERANDA RESTAURANT**

Mayor Brundige presented for consideration a recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to change the parking time limit from 30 minutes to 1 hour on Lovelace Street in front of the Veranda Restaurant.

Alderman Edwards made the motion to change the parking time limit from 30 minutes to 1 hour on Lovelace Street in front of the Veranda Restaurant, seconded by Alderman Hankins.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

## **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING – ATTORNEY J. THOMAS TRENT, JR.**

Mayor Brundige introduced for consideration hiring Attorney J. Thomas Trent, Jr. from the law firm of Boulton-Cummings-Conners-Berry, Nashville, Tennessee, to implement a Tax Increment Financing Program for the City of Martin. This program will benefit two developers that are looking at projects in the City of Martin. These interested developers are a direct result of the International Shopping Center Convention we attended in Las Vegas. Both of the developers are interested in the Tax Increment Financing Program. Attorney Trent has done several Tax Increment Financing documents and is considered one of the best in the State. We need an expert to handle this and our attorneys are not familiar with the program. I need a motion to hire Attorney Trent to develop the program for us.

Alderman Nanney made the motion to hire Attorney J. Thomas Trent, Jr. from the law firm of Boulton-Cummings-Conners-Berry to implement a Tax Increment Financing Program for the City of Martin, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

Alderman Belote asked are we voting to hire the attorney that will process all the paper work? And after the paper work is done, will the proposal come back to the board for a vote?

Mayor Brundige answered yes. The paperwork will go to the Industrial Board for approval then back to the city board.

Alderman Belote asked how will we finance this program?

Mayor Brundige explained funds for this program have not been included in the budget therefore we will have to add the funds. If we can snag one of the developers it will add a retailer to our city.

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved. A copy of this proposal is attached to the minutes.

### **FEMA MITIGATION PLAN, MR. JAMISON PEEVYHOUSE**

Mayor Brundige introduced Mr. Jamison Peevyhouse who will discuss the FEMA Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Peevyhouse spoke the FEMA Mitigation Plan has been in the works for approximately five years. Chief Schwahn has been instrumental in the evolvement of the plan. The 43-page plan consists of mitigation issues for the county, which involves the City of Martin. Basically if the plan is adopted countywide it makes FEMA funds available to the county and cities if a natural or manmade disaster were to occur. Without a plan being adopted the funds are held back. This plan requires no funding or action other than plan adoption.

Alderman Edwards made the motion to adopt the FEMA Mitigation Plan as presented, seconded by Alderman Hankins.

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved. A copy of the FEMA Mitigation Plan is attached to the minutes.

**ACCEPT BIDS FOR A SEWER JETTER**

Mayor Brundige introduced for consideration bids obtained by the Public Works Department for the purchase of a Sewer Jetter (a flush unit). Bids follow:

CONTRACTOR	BID AMOUNT	
CMI EQUIPMENT SALES, INC.	\$37,767.00	DID NOT MEET (10) SPECS
ICM OF MEMPHIS	\$43,814.00	O'BRIEN UNIT MEETS SPECS
HI-VAC	\$50,295.00	DID NOT MEET SPECS
MAHONEY'S EQUIPMENT, LLC	NO BID	

Director Wagster explained Public Works is recommending the board accept the bid \$43,814.00 from ICM of Memphis because the low bid does not meet ten of the required specs. The recommended unit is an O'brien Unit with a ten-year warranty versus a five-year warranty on the low bid unit. The lesser unit has a piston pump and if you ever run the unit out of water the pump is ruined also this unit is shop created with the gas tank on the outside. The O'brien unit's pump is comparable to the units we have installed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant which have proved to be very satisfactory and if you run the unit out of water the pump is not damaged. Also, this pump has an emission control that meets the federal standard. This O'brien unit has a 750-foot reel. In fact, the O'brian unit is the only unit that meets all of our specs. Public Works uses a flush unit on a daily basis therefore we need a good machine. Delivery date will be 30/45 days from date of purchase.

Mayor Brundige asked for a motion to approve the best bid of \$43,814.00 from ICM of Memphis.

Alderman Hankins made the motion to accept the best bid of \$43,814.00 from ICM of Memphis, for the purchase of a sewer jetter unit, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved. A copy of the bids is attached to the minutes.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mayor Brundige gave the December calendar of events:

December 02	Informal City Board Meeting	5:15 pm
December 08	City Board Meeting	5:15 pm
	Christmas Parade	7:00 pm
December 09	Martin Business Association	7:30 am
December 11-14	Santa's Village	
December 18	City of Martin Christmas Party	6:30 pm
December 25-26	Christmas Holidays	

## ADJOURN

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Chris Mathis, CPA  
City Recorder

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Randy Brundige,  
Mayor

RB: CM/bh  
Saved "November 10, 2008"