

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE BATTALION CHIEF CHARLES FREEMAN

Fire Battalion Chief Charles Freeman asked if anyone had any questions concerning the Fire Department's monthly report. No questions were asked. A copy is attached to the minutes. Chief Schwahn is out of town at a conference.

C. E. WELDON PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR ROBERTA PEACOCK

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

Director Peacock further explained because of the economy more and more people are visiting the library to use our computers. They are compiling resumes, submitting resumes, or looking for jobs. A lot of them don't know how to use the computers thus we teaching basic computer classes this month at our library.

This week is *Teen Tech Week*. The Library is inviting all teens to join us this Wednesday in the Library Conference Room to celebrate *Teen Tech Week*.

C. E. Weldon Public Library has a Face Book account. We will post library events and information.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BILLY WAGSTER

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPTION SAMMY LYLES

Captain Teal asked if anyone had any questions concerning the police department's monthly report. No questions were asked. A copy is attached to the minutes. Chief Moore is out of town at a conference.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BRIAN MOORE

Director Moore asked if anyone had any questions concerning Parks and Recreation. No questions were asked.

Director Moore explained Parks and Recreation has added a web site for patrons to access information concerning Parks and Recreation sports schedules and information. In the past we

have used a hot line to inform the parents of scheduling information but during rainy weather this line stays so busy we can't get in to make needed changes. The informational web site address is www.martinparksandrecreation.com or it can be accessed by a link on the City of Martin web site.

The survey sheets for Harmon field area are in but we have not evaluated. My intern is off on spring break this week so it will be next week before she tallies this information.

HUMAN RESOURCES

OFFICER CELESTE TAYLOR

Officer Taylor asked if anyone had any questions. There were no questions.

WEAKLEY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BARBARA VIRGIN

Director Virgin addressed the board explaining she would be working with the cities in the next few weeks concerning the Governor's 3 Star Certification.

Weakley County Leadership classes will be going to Nashville for A Day on the Hill.

The Chamber, The Small Business Association, and The Reed Center will partner in a seminar *Business Survival in Tough Economic Times*. The first session will be March 12 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm and the second session will be March 26th from 12:00 to 1:30 pm at the Reed Center in Martin.

On March 21st we are asking you all to support A Taste of Obion and Weakley Counties.

On April 28th the Chamber will celebrate 50 years of service to Weakley County.

If you are in a golfing mood on May 21st we are sponsoring the 32nd Annual Chamber Golf Tournament.

I will be researching and trying to implement through the school system a Rural West Tennessee 21st Century Job Creation Program for our youth K thru 16 years. This program will train and develop skills for high paying jobs in the on-line technology field. Hopefully we can keep our youth in our communities by connecting them directly to remote employees on line.

OLD BUSINESS

SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE O2009-01: ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND NPFA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE. THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration on the second and final reading Ordinance O2009-01: Adoption of the International Fire Code and NPFA 101 Life Safety Code. This is the public hearing.

Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2009-01. A copy was provided to all interested persons and members of the press. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE O2009-01

ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND NPFA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODE

An ordinance of the City of Martin adopting the 2006 edition of the *International Fire Code and NFPA 101 Life Safety Code*, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the City of Martin; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing all other ordinances and parts of the ordinances in conflict therewith. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Martin does ordain as follows:

Section 1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of the City Recorder of the City of Martin, being marked and designated as the *International Fire Code*, 2006 edition, including all Appendix Chapters (see *International Fire Code* Section 101.2.1, 2006 edition), as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the City of Martin, in the State of Tennessee regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the City of Martin are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 2 of this ordinance.

Section 2. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

Section 3. That nothing in this ordinance or in the Fire Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 2 of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this ordinance.

Section 4. That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

Date of First Reading: _____.

Date of Public Hearings: _____.

Date of Second Reading: _____.

Date of Final Reading: _____.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Chris Mathis, CPA,
City Recorder

Randy Brundige,
Mayor

Public Hearing:

Mayor Brundige opened the public hearing for Ordinance O2009-01 by asking if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke.

Mayor Brundige closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing Closed

Mayor Brundige stated you have heard the reading and public hearing of Ordinance O2009-01. if there is no further discussion from the board I will ask for a motion to adopt this ordinance on the second and final reading.

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve on the second and final reading Ordinance O2009-01: Adoption of the International Fire Code and NPFA 101 Life Safety Code, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

Mayor Brundige asked for discussion from the Board. There was none. Roll call vote:

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

Mayor Brundige declared Ordinance O2009-01 approved on the second and final reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF MS. LYNETTE WAGSTER TO THE MARTIN HISTORIC ZONING COMMISSION, TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/2009. (THE APPOINTMENT WILL FINISH OUT THE TERM OF BRENDA OFENHEUSLE)

Mayor Brundige presented a request from the Historic Zoning Commission to appoint Ms. Lynette Wagster to the Martin Historic Zoning Commission with the term to expire 12/31/2009. This appointment will finish out the term of Brenda Ofenheusle.

Alderman Hankins made the motion to appoint Ms. Lynette Wagster to the Martin Historic Zoning Commission with the term to expire 12/31/2009, seconded by Alderman Nanney.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION R2006-07: FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration and approval Resolution R2009-07: Fair Housing Resolution.

Recorder Mathis read R2009-07. A copy of the resolution has been provided for the news media and any interested persons. A copy follows:

RESOLUTION R2009-07

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of Martin that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, sex national origin, or familial status or handicap is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act as amended (Fair Housing law). It is the policy of City of Martin to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Therefore, the City does hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources the City will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin to seek equity under Federal and State laws by filing a complaint with the Tennessee Human Rights Commission or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Atlanta Regional Office Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall publicize this resolution and through this public notice shall cause owners of real estate, developers and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing law and any applicable State or local laws or ordinances.

SAID PROGRAM will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this policy and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; (2) distribution of posters, flyers and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

BE IT RESOLVED this resolution shall take effect the 9th day of March 2009.

CITY OF MARTIN:

Randy Brundige
Mayor

ATTEST:

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

Alderman Nanney made the motion to approve Resolution R2009-07: Fair Housing Resolution, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

Alderman Belote asked I know this is written in general terms. How do we define how the city will assist people?

Mayor Brundige answered we refer them to the Tennessee Human Rights Commission or the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Alderman Belote replied it is basically a referral.

Mayor Brundige answered yes. Are there any more questions or discussion? If there is none I will ask for a roll call vote.

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

Mayor Brundige declared Resolution R2009-07 approved.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITY OF MARTIN'S AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008 AS PREPARED BY THE CPA FIRM OF ALEXANDER THOMPSON ARNOLD, PLLC

Mayor Brundige introduced the City of Martin's audit ending June 30, 2008 and Mr. Tommy Legins from the CPA Firm of Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC asking him to present the audit findings to the Board.

Mr. Legins thanked the board for the privilege of conducting the audit and for all the cooperation extended by Recorder Mathis and his staff.

I would like to point out the audit report, which is an independent auditor report with an unqualified opinion. Unqualified meaning that is the best opinion you can get. There were no major problems, no departure from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), no major findings, and no problems with any of the grant funds. This opinion is on page 1 and 2.

This was a single audit this year, which means you had more than \$500,000.00 of grant funds expended in a year. This is a really good thing for the city because the city is receiving grant funds to benefit the city and improve infrastructure. We would like you all to be able to continue to secure grant funds to provide improvements to the city.

The next thing I would like to point out is on page 10. The Statement of Net Assets, which shows the year's assets and liabilities. Your total assets citywide are \$23,819,730.00, which is a good healthy fund balance for the city and that has improved since last year.

The next thing I would like to point out is you all have had a good clean year with only one new finding. The first finding is a deficit fund balance in the Solid Waste Fund, which is a repeat from last year. Chris, the mayor and I have discussed this and tried to figure out the best way to resolve this issue. The second was expenditures in excess of appropriations of the Library Gift Fund and the State Street Aid Fund. Recorder Mathis and I have discussed this and what happened is there were some expenditures at the end of the year, the last fifteen days and the budget was not amended for those.

The next finding will be reflected on page 75. The only finding that we had from last year that was resolved was the credit card issue. The credit cards are being handled in the proper manner. The cards are being restricted, logged in, and logged out. We were very pleased with the internal controls that were in place and want to commend Recorder Mathis and the department heads.

This is basically everything I wanted to point out. If anyone has any questions I will be glad to answer them.

Alderman Nanney asked if the Solid Waste Fund of \$161,000.00 is that up or down?

Mayor Brundige answered it is up some because of that huge gas surcharge we were assessed although the Solid Waste Fund has been in a deficit for twelve to fourteen years.

Alderman Hankins asked is the surcharge down?

Recorder Mathis answered it is calculated by Barker Brothers using a thirteen week rolling average but is slowly coming down. I think eventually we will be okay as we increased garbage pickup fees at the beginning of the year.

Mayor Brundige stated we talked about this fund at the exit meeting. If the increased fees don't make a big dent into the deficit we have talked about taking the balance from the Fund Balance.

Alderman Hankins stated the bottom line is you are trying to tell us we are in good shape.

Mr. Legins answered yes sir.

Alderman Hankins made the motion to accept the audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008 as prepared by the CPA Firm of Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

AUTHORIZE MAYOR BRUNDIGE TO ENGAGE THE CPA FIRM OF ALEXANDER THOMPSON ARNOLD, PLLC TO PERFORM THE CITY OF MARTIN'S AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

Mayor Brundige presented the request to authorize the Mayor to engage the CPA Firm of Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC to perform the City of Martin's audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. This firm has a four-year contract and this is the third year of that contract.

Alderman Belote made the motion to authorize Mayor Brundige to engage the CPA Firm of Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC to perform the City of Martin's audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, seconded by Alderman Nanney.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SENIOR ADULT CENTER

Mayor Brundige presented a recommendation in the form of a letter from the Senior Adult Center and asked Recorder Mathis to read it into the minutes. I would like the recommendation in the minutes so that we can consider it at some future date.

Recorder Mathis read the following letter:

City of Martin Senior Adult Center
701 North Lindell Street
Martin, TN 38237

February 23, 2009

Mayor Randy Brundige & Aldermen
City of Martin
P.O. Box 290
Martin, TN 38237

Dear Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

On behalf of the Martin Senior Adult Center Advisory Committee, I respectfully submit the following recommendation. The Committee would like for the Martin City Board to look at relocating the Senior Adult Center to a facility that would promote growth and expansion. If a new facility is not found before the P & R office on North Lindell Street is vacated, the Senior Adult Center would like to obtain this building for expansion.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Bea Doster,
SAC Director

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 16, 2009	Weakley County Economic Development Breakfast
March 21, 2009	A Taste of Weakley & Obion County
March 23 & 24, 2009	TML Legislative Conference in Nashville

PROPERTY TAX RECEIPTS

Alderman Hankins asked for an update on the property tax receipts.

Recorder Mathis reported the February tax receipts were down some from last year but I think this is largely because we have an extra day for collection, as the due date for the taxes was March 2nd. Over all I think the current year property taxes are about where they should be. Now, the prior year property tax collections are down from last year, which presents a little problem. Current year taxes are fine but prior year taxes are down according to our budgeted amount.

ADJOURN

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

Randy Brundige,
Mayor

RB: CM/bh
Saved "March 09, 2009"