

MINUTES
MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
JANUARY 12, 2009 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, January 12, 2009, 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 Chief David Moore, Fire Chief Russell Schwahn, Weldon Public Library Director Roberta Peacock, Public Works Director Billy Wagster, Parks & Recreation Director Brian Moore, Judge Langdon Unger, Mr. Dale Royster, Mr. Paul Tinkle, four young ladies from Weakley County Youth Leadership, and members of the media.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Brundige called the January 12th regular meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen to order. Alderman Belote gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

JUDGE LANGDON UNGER

Mayor Brundige introduced Judge Langdon Unger and asked him to perform the Swearing in Ceremony for the newly elected alderman from Ward II, Mr. Johnny Tuck.

Judge Unger performed the Swearing in Ceremony for Alderman Tuck, Ward II, presented him with an election certificate, and directed him to take his seat on the Board

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DECEMBER 08, 2008

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the minutes of the December 8, 2008 meeting for approval as written and asked if there were any additions or deletions. There were none.

Alderman Hankins made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 8th meeting as written, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SCHWAHN

Fire Chief Schwahn 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 announced the Fire Department has received a grant for \$60,000.00 to purchase exhaust removal systems for both fire stations. This is a 95/5% matching grant. Bid specs will go out this month and we hope to have the systems installed by spring.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF DAVID MOORE

Chief Moore 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 explained the safety bus used for the New Year's holiday transportation was a success.

Also, the Citizens Police Academy will begin in March 2009. We are accepting applications between now and February 20th.

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.

Director Wagster explained Friday will be the last day Public Works will run the leaf truck. After Friday we will only pick up bagged leaves.

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 explained it was a pleasure to work with Director Brian Moore during Santa's Village, which was a great success.

This month the library is participating in an outreach program by teaching basic computer skills at the Dresden library. On February 14th we will be conducting *Count Down to Kindergarten*. There will be speakers at the library to teach the parents how to prepare their child for kindergarten. Kindergarten registration information will also be available.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BRIAN MOORE

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

Director Moore expressed his appreciation to Director Peacock, Director Wagster, Chief Moore, Chief Schwahn and their departments for all the effort, work, and time given to make Santa's Village a great success. This year's donations topped all other years. I also want to thank Paul Tinkle and WCMT Radio for their *Canned Caravan*, which collects canned goods from all Weakley County Schools. We Care, Chimes for Charity, and other organizations receive these donations. We Care alone helps over 700 families a year.

Also, the Parks and Recreations Department has secured a UTM intern this semester. We plan to use the intern to conduct a door-to-door survey in the Harmon Field area. We want to bring the Harmon Field area back into the Parks System. It has been idle since we built the Martin Recreation Complex and moved all of the sporting events there, approximately ten years ago. We have thought about adding a walking trail, playground, open park area, or a pavilion. I have also looked into a Frisbee Course, which could be done with minimum expense. If you can afford a Frisbee you can play. Regulations require this park remain in the recreation section of the city's park system. Before we do anything with Harmon Field we would like input from area residents. The intern will survey the area residents, our park board, staff, city board, and department heads for input. Then I will bring recommendations back to this board. Harmon Field has a building with restrooms, which is still in good condition. We want to make this area an asset to our park system.

MR. PAUL TINKLE

Mayor Brundige introduced Mr. Paul Tinkle, Thunderbolt Broadcasting.

Mr. Tinkle spoke, "Thank you, Mayor. It is a pleasure to be in front of you all again. I think it has been six or seven months since I had the opportunity to stand in front of the City of Martin and share some things with you. This past December, and Brian was kind to acknowledge our

continued enthusiasm about being a part of Santa's Village, we just surpassed 300,000 cans that we have donated to Santa's Village. I think our number this year was 15,430 cans. This ironically was our 25th year of doing Santa's Village, 25th year of gathering cans and 24 years of donating cans over to Santa's Village. I don't have the mathematical skills, Mr. Belote, to be able to calculate this but I think it is about 30 tons of food by the time you take 15,000 cans this year and multiply what we have done through the years. And, I think it is evident that the community has benefited greatly because what we do here with this doesn't stop with Martin and Weakly County or with We Care. Many of these cans fortunately get to other places throughout West Tennessee particularly over to Chimes for Charity, Twin Cities Men's Organization, and Reelfoot Rural Ministries. We are appreciative to people like Dave Chaffin who helped to load up the cans and Lana Carpenter and all the people that have worked for us in the last 25 years along with Jerry Carpenter and his staff at the University, they gather a lot of students. The Student Athletic Council helps us out when we go to all the schools. Needless to say, Martin does contribute about 30/35% of the food that comes in through our canned caravan. When Dennis Suiter came to me about 24 years ago when we were first starting Santa's Village and that first 800 or 900 people that went through we decided what we needed to do was to partner with the city and to be able to do this, that started seeding the tree, if you will, and people realized we need to feed people. Interestingly, these cans that we take over to We Care Ministries usually are gone within the first 90 days of the year which is evident that there is a great need to help feed and continue to support We Care Ministries. I am here today, really, to tell you just one thing – thank you for helping to support We Care. Thank you for your support of Santa's Village and not just for what it does for Martin but for a lot of people because you do provide through Santa's Village outlets for us to give toys, food, and cash and you do make Christmas a beautiful place. Thunderbolt Broadcasting is very – very honored to be a part of Santa's Village through our donation of taking food through our canned caravan and more importantly seeing what it does in turning it over several times. On behalf of our radio stations, let me, just again say thank you for allowing us to be a part of an event that I know that the city has taken a lot of labor and a lot of time through its police and fire departments by helping out by donating countless hours of helping through traffic, loading, helping over at We Care. There are a lot of things that don't ever get publicized that are behind this Santa's Village. I just want to tell the board how much I appreciate you keeping it going. What funding you put into it, I guarantee, the City of Martin and Weakley County are being blessed by what this organization, Santa's Village, has done throughout the years, through the 24 years and our 25 years. I just want to acknowledge this to the board and say thank you for letting us be a part of it.”

Mayor Brundige responded, we thank you, Paul and WCMT for being so generous in collecting cans every year.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY ROOF REPLACEMENT BID

Mayor Brundige introduced the discussion of the National Guard Armory roof replacement bid. Bids were opened last Tuesday. There was only one bid received and it was from P & J Roofing for \$20,000.00. A copy of the bid is attached to the minutes.

Alderman Belote made the motion to accept the bid from P & J Roofing for \$20,000.00 to replace the roof on the National Guard Armory Building, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

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

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

VISITORS:

Mayor Brundige introduced four young ladies from Weakley County Youth Leadership.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

Alderman Tuck asked if we could advertise in the Weakly County Press the information the city has concerning Charter Communications removing the Nashville and Memphis channels from our viewing area. I am being contacted constantly and people do not understand that there is nothing the city can do.

Alderman Nanney suggested the city publish the letters we wrote to the FCC and Charter Communications.

The Board agreed to publish these two letters in the Weakley County Press.

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
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