

**MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
OCTOBER 11, 2010 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, October 11, 2010, 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
HONORABLE TERRY HANKINS, ALDERMAN WARD III

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Also present: City Recorder Chris Mathis, Police Chief David Moore, Director of Parks and Recreation Brian Moore, Building Inspector Billy Stout, Fire Chief Russell Schwahn, Public Works Director Billy Wagster, Director of Human Resources Celeste Taylor, Community Development Director Kimberly Craddock, Library Director Roberta Peacock, Police Captain Don Teal, Mr. Tony Prince, Mr. David Sudberry, Ms. Nan Rountree, Ms. Audrey Roberts, Mr. Russell Edwards, Mr. Ricky Edwards, Mr. Jason Quick, Mr. Jim Warren, Ms. Jeanne Mills, Mr. Tony Mills, Mr. Ed Lamb, and members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Brundige called the October 11th regular meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen to order. Alderman Edwards gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the minutes of the September 13, 2010 regular meeting as written and asked if there were any additions or deletions. There were none.

Alderman Edwards made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 regular meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen as written, seconded by Alderman Hankins.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SCHWAHN

Chief Schwahn presented the Fire Department's monthly report and asked if there were any questions. There were none. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF DAVID MOORE

Chief Moore presented the department's monthly reports and asked if there were any questions. There were none. A copy is attached to the minutes.

PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR BILLY WAGSTER

Director Wagster presented the department's monthly reports and asked if there were any questions. There were none. A copy is attached to the minutes.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR KIMBERLY CRADDOCK

Director Craddock announced the Martin Business Association will meet in the morning at 7:30 in the courtroom. Everyone is invited to attend.

BUILDING INSPECTOR BILLY STOUT

Inspector Stout reported the construction of the Dollar General, First Baptist Church, and the Williamsburg project is progressing on schedule.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BRIAN MOORE

Director Moore presented his monthly reports and asked if anyone had any questions. There were none. Copies of these reports are attached to the minutes.

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR CELESTE TAYLOR

Director Taylor asked if there were any questions. There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE O2010-07: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON EAST MAIN STREET FROM M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO R-1A (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL)

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the second and final reading and public hearing of Ordinance O2010-07: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning a tract of land located on East Main Street from M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to R-1A (Low Density Residential).

Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2010-07. A copy was provided for any interested persons and members of the news media. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE O2010-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON EAST MAIN STREET FROM M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO R-1 (LOW 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 M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to R-1 (Low 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 M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to R-1 (Low Density

Residential) the following tract of land located off East Main Street and further described as:

Weakley County Tax Map 79, Parcel 01201.

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

Date of Public Hearing

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, City Recorder

Randy Brundige, Mayor

You have heard the reading of Ordinance O2010-07, do I have a motion.

Alderman Nanney made the motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance O2010-07: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning a tract of land located on East Main Street from M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to R-1A (Low Density Residential), seconded by Alderman Edwards.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Brundige opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance O2010-07 and asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke.

Mayor Brundige closed the Public Hearing.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Brundige reopened the regular meeting by asking if there was any discussion from the Board. There was none. A roll call vote was requested and follows:

VOTE: FOR: HONORABLE NANNEY
 HONORABLE HARRISON
 HONORABLE BELOTE
 HONORABLE TUCK
 HONORABLE HANKINS
 HONORABLE EDWARDS

AGAINST: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

Mayor Brundige declared Ordinance O2010-07 approved on the second and final reading.

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE O2010-08: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON HAWKS ROAD FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-1A (HIGH DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the second and final reading and public hearing of Ordinance O2010-08: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning a tract of land located on Hawks Road from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to R-1A (High Density Single Family Residential)

Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2010-08. A copy was provided for any interested persons and members of the news media. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE O2010-08

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON HAWKS ROAD FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-1A (HIGH DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY 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 R-1 (Low Density Residential) to R-1A (High Density Single Family 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 R-1 (Low Density Residential) to R-1A (High Density Single Family Residential) the following tract of land located off Hawks Road and further described as:

Weakley County Tax Map 73, Parcel 05907.

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

Date of Public Hearing

ATTESTED:

Chris Mathis, City Recorder

APPROVED:

Randy Brundige, Mayor

Mayor Brundige stated you have heard the reading of Ordinance O2010-08, is there a motion.

Alderman Edwards made the motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance O2010-08: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning a tract of land located on Hawks Road from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to R-1A (High Density Single Family Residential), seconded by Alderman Harrison.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Brundige opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance O2010-08 and asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke.

Mayor Brundige closed the Public Hearing.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Brundige reopened the regular meeting by asking if there was any discussion from the Board. There was none. A roll call vote was requested and follows:

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

Mayor Brundige declared Ordinance O2010-08 approved on the second and final reading.

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE O2010-09: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON EAST MAIN STREET NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF JENNY LANE FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO B-2 (INTERMEDIATE BUSINESS)

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the second and final reading and public hearing of ordinance o2010-09: an ordinance to amend the municipal zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning a tract of land located on East Main Street near the intersection of Jenny Lane from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to B-2 (Intermediate Business).

Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2010-09. A copy was provided for any interested persons and members of the news media. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE O2010-09

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP FOR MARTIN, TENNESSEE, BY REZONING A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED ON EAST MAIN STREET NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF JENNY LANE FROM R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO B-2 (INTERMEDIATE BUSINESS)

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-1 (Low Density Residential) to B-2 (Intermediate Business) 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-1 (Low Density Residential) to B-2 (Intermediate Business) the following tract of land located off East Main Street near the intersection Jenny Lane and further described as:

Weakley County Tax Map 79, Parcel 00509.

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

Date of Public Hearing

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, City Recorder

Randy Brundige, Mayor

Mayor Brundige stated you have heard the reading of Ordinance O2010-09. I will ask for a motion.

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance O2010-09: An ordinance to amend the Municipal Zoning Ordinance and Map for Martin, Tennessee, by rezoning a tract of land located on East Main Street near the intersection of Jenny Lane from R-1 (Low Density Residential) to B-2 (Intermediate Business), seconded by Alderman Tuck.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Brundige opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance O2010-09 and asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke.

Mayor Brundige closed the Public Hearing.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Brundige reopened the regular meeting by asking if there was any discussion from the Board. There was none.

A roll call vote was requested and follows:

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

Mayor Brundige declared Ordinance O2010-09 approved on the second and final reading.

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE O2010-10: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, TENNESSEE, SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the second and final reading and public hearing of Ordinance O2010-10: An ordinance of the City Of Martin, Tennessee, setting the annual salary for the Office of Mayor.

Recorder Mathis read Ordinance O2010-10. A copy was provided for any interested persons and members of the news media. A copy follows:

ORDINANCE O2010-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, TENNESSEE, SETTING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR

WHEREAS, the Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen has reviewed the administrative duties of the mayor as set forth in Section 14 of the Martin Private Act City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen has surveyed the mayoral salaries paid in other Tennessee municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Section 9(B) of the Martin Private Act Charter stipulates that the compensation of the Mayor and Aldermen shall be set by Ordinance, and further provides that the salary of the Mayor or Aldermen shall not be changed during their terms of office; and

WHEREAS, the current term of the office of mayor is set to expire at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen following the November, 2010 municipal election.

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

1. **Annual Salary of the Mayor.** The annual salary of the Mayor of Martin shall be \$65,000.00 (Sixty-five thousand dollars).

2. **Effective date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the mayoral term of office beginning at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen following the Martin municipal election scheduled for November 2, 2010.

3. **Repealer.** All ordinances, and parts of ordinances, determined to be inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010 BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

Date Passed First Reading

Date Passed Second Reading

Date of Public Hearing

ATTESTED:

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

APPROVED:

Randy Brundige,
Mayor

Mayor Brundige stated you have heard the reading of Ordinance O2010-10. I will ask for a motion.

Alderman Belote made the motion to approve the second and final reading Ordinance of O2010-10: An ordinance of the City of Martin, Tennessee, setting the annual salary for the Office of Mayor, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Brundige opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance O2010-10 and asked if there were anyone who wished to speak for or against the ordinance.

Mr. Ricky Edwards spoke – I would like to ask the aldermen in Ward II to vote no on the ordinance. I walk my neighborhood often and know that there are a lot of folks on fixed income and this week they will get a notice from Social Security stating they will not get a cost of living increase this year making this the second year in a row. Also, there are people who have had their hours and pay cut. I know that every family in Ward II is making some type of sacrifice. I just want to be sure they are represented.

Alderman Nanney stated – Mayor I respectfully ask that the salary amount be changed from \$65,000.00 to \$60,000.00.

Mayor Brundige asked is this in the form of a motion.

Alderman Nanney stated yes, I will put this in the form of an amendment to the motion.

Mayor Brundige stated you will have to wait to make the motion until the public hearing is concluded.

Alderman Nanney stated okay.

Ms. Nan Rountree spoke – I want to state I am for the increase because the mayor has done a phenomenal job for the city and as a small business owner I respect the work that he does and the incredible number of hours he puts into it. Yes, the economy is bad. We too suffer through the economy but I do not think there has been a raise in eight years and it is time. The mayor does a great job and the mayoral position is very important to the small business community and I am in favor of the increase.

Mr. David Sudberry stated – I am opposed to an increase in this amount. According to the City Charter one of the main reasons for setting the salary before an election is that this salary amount change should happen before the close of someone being able to register to be a candidate. This would be in the interest of bringing better candidates to the office and serve in the interest of the politics of the city. You didn't bring this salary increase proposal to the people before the closing date to file for office; it comes three days after the close of the date that you can file to run as a write-in candidate. It is just bad timing. I am opposed to a salary increase. Not only do we have people unemployed. You have people underemployed. We are comparing ourselves to Dyersburg. In the last ten years we have attracted three new businesses and Dyersburg has attracted seven. They have a lot stronger industrial base than we have. The intent of passing this as an ordinance is to bring forth more candidates. You are not doing anything illegal. MTAS says this is not illegal. There is a difference between the spirit of the law and the letter of the law. In the State of California every prison cell must have a light in it. If you are in solitary confinement in Alcatraz, which is closed, there was a light in every cell, but it did not say it had to be on. I think we need to consider the letter of the law, the spirit of the law, the spirit of your actions, and what you are doing to give an eleven thousand dollar increase at one time.

Mr. Jason Quick stated - I have just jotted down a couple of things. One of the things I am having a hard time with is separating the position from the public. I am not saying the current mayor has not done a good job. I am not saying he hasn't done a lot of work to help small businesses or he puts in an unbelievable amount of hours, but I think we need to talk about the position. I have a couple of questions. How many of you have received calls from concerned citizens about the actual proposal? Of those, think how many were positive and how many were negative. The second thing I would ask, if this were placed on a public ballot how would those citizens vote? Would they vote yes or no? As I see it aldermen are elected to represent different wards and the citizens of that ward. I think that is what you are being asked to do here as well.

The last thing I want to say is, if you do vote for this I think you are probably ignoring most of your constituents in doing something outside their wishes.

Mr. Jim Warren stated – I would like to say that the salary that you are getting is more than sufficient for another four years. There are very few people that make the amount of money per year that you make and since we have a city recorder also, that makes two of you drawing huge salaries.

Mr. Ed Lamb spoke – I am actually not opposed to a pay increase what I am opposed to is the amount of the pay increase. Once again we need to take into consideration the economics of the country, the economics of our town, and the economics of our county. We have people on fixed incomes as has been stated. My biggest concern is how we are going to pay for the increase. Are our taxes going to go up? I was under the impression they would not. How are we going to be guaranteed?

Mayor Brundige stated it is already guaranteed for this year.

Mr. Ed Lamb – Not next year though and years down the road. How are we going to pay for this down the road? Taxes don't go up but the appraisals are up on all of my taxes. It is the same difference.

Mayor Brundige stated it may be up a few dollars but not much.

Mr. Warren spoke – some of mine was appraised ten thousand dollars more than last year.

Alderman Edwards stated – David, I don't agree with you but as Mr. Hankins says the timing sucks but I really believe that is the fault of these six aldermen. We addressed this about two years ago and we were going to do something about it and did not. So, really it is our "six" responsibility. We failed. I don't like the timing but I like the idea. In a time when we reward bad behavior or we seem to. I think it is time we reward good behavior. I think there is pleasure in doing that. The mayor and aldermen have not raised taxes in seven years. Martin is not in the red. Martin is in good financial shape. I don't think any of the six created this position at \$45,000.00. I heard a lot when it started at \$45,000.00 and we have gotten quality people. The economy as a whole is bad but the City of Martin is not. What would warrant a raise? What kind of behavior would warrant a raise? I think this position does warrant a raise.

Alderman Tuck stated – Let me address one thing, I agree with you on one thing and that is the fact that this did come up the last time just like it did this time after the qualifying date. If you remember, I think I am the only one who voted against it. My reason was it came up after the qualifying date. Don't say six of us because six of us did not vote for it. This is the only reason I am against it. I am not saying you ought not to have a raise. I am saying the timing is bad. We should have had this two months ago. I have been asked where did this derive from and who determined the amount. I do not know. I was not involved in the process.

Mr. Prince stated – I think I will have to agree with what Johnny said and what Randy said. I think the ball has been dropped, but has been dropped two times in a row. It was dropped four

years ago and it was dropped this time after the qualifying deadline. I don't know the reason. Why did this not get brought up before the qualifying deadline? Secondly, I think the mayor has done a good job. He has handled his responsibly as he should. The timing for this request does suck. The economy is bad. The cost of living increase for seniors will not be forthcoming. It is all bad news. I am not opposed to the mayor getting a raise but I think the amount or percentage of the raise is off the charts. If you all are going to do this maybe you need to look at a smaller percentage. I will refer to the figure brought up by Alderman Nanney.

Mr. Sudberry stated – I think the mayor has done a good job. The city is in good financial shape by over a million dollars more than we were four years ago. The intent of the law is not to reward good performance but to attract candidates to the office. I am not opposed to a lesser pay increase. I figured the difference between \$54,000.00 and \$65,000.00 is 1.5% a year and that is not really a big increase but maybe a little smaller increase would go down easier for many of the citizens. Half of you aldermen need to remember you will be up for election is two years and if you are going to have a salary increase don't do it forty-three days before the election. This has happened two times, one time shame on you and two times shame on us. There should be ten times as many people here tonight and half this many every meeting, so it is shame on us too for not being involved in our city government.

Ms. Audrey Roberts spoke – Mayor and Aldermen. I have a business in the city so I feel like I can still speak even though I do not live in the city. Mayor Brundige has done an excellent job. I have had the privilege of working with him for the last three years under MBA (Martin Business Association). I did not vote for Randy the first time but had the privilege to vote for him the second term. If you are running a business and you are head of the firm it is kind of hard to give yourself a raise unless you know the business can afford it. That is what he is. He is basically the CEO of a firm. He knows whether or not the city can afford it. He is going to be here for the next four years. He has to know he has to face all of us day after day. I have to say it is a shame it was not put in earlier but it is a shame to punish the incoming mayor, whether it be Randy or someone else. I can't imagine anyone of us working eight years without a raise. Looking around this room I don't see any that have worked eight years without a raise.

Mr. Prince stated – I have just heard something disturbing here this evening. Alderman Johnny Tuck mentioned that he did not know or was not aware of the raise. He did not know the details or the amount of the raise. He did not know how it came about. As aldermen who represent the City Of Martin how can we be on the board and not understand what is going on and where it came from. Who brought this up?

Recorder Mathis spoke – It all came about three or four years ago right before the last election and was put aside. Before the September meetings one of our Municipal Technical Assistance Service people was in the office and we discussed several things and one of them was salaries. He said you know you can still submit a raise because the mayor and aldermen are due a raise if you want to give them one. I, in turn, spoke to each one of the aldermen. We had a function at the Opera House during the Soybean Festival and after the function I spoke to each alderman that was there. Alderman Tuck and Alderman Harrison were not present at the function but I did speak to them at a later date concerning the raise. The Mayor never approached the raise situation. It started with a conversation with the MTAS consultant and me. I felt it was my duty

to pass on what he told me to each alderman. Thus the ordinance was presented for consideration at the September meetings.

Mr. Prince spoke - Apparently Johnny still doesn't understand where it came from.

Alderman Belote spoke – There have been two informal board meetings and one formal meeting where this has been on the agenda. At an informal meeting these things have been discussed and they have been on the table. This is the format that we have used. In fact, this format is used in all items that make it to a formal meeting where our decisions are made. To say that we haven't discussed this or have had the opportunity to discuss it, we have in our informal settings and our previous formal setting.

Alderman Tuck spoke – I don't think it came up the month before and you were not here last month.

Alderman Belote spoke – I believe it did come up the month before or it would not have made the agenda.

Mayor Brundige closed the Public Hearing.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Brundige asked Alderman Nanney if he had an amendment to the motion.

Alderman Nanney made the motion to amend the Ordinance O2010-10 by changing the amount of the salary from \$65,000.00 to \$60,000.00, seconded by Alderman Hankins.

Alderman Belote stated – I like the salary where it is in the original reading. Whether or not we got to this four years ago or today, the issue is we did not get to it and I have asked myself the question why is there not opposition to Randy Brundige running for mayor for this election. I can only come up with two good reasons. One is that he has done a good job and people don't think they can beat him and it just could be the salary of the position is not creating a pool of applicants to run for the position. I reviewed the law and my first impression was this is not a very good law but upon further study this law is okay. I think they had some wisdom when they put this together because it lends itself with the situation that we are in. There is nothing in that law that says we have to wait and see that a candidate has opposition. But then I am not waiting another four years with my vote and running into the exact same things we are running into tonight and it might not be passed four years from now. I am of the belief that we need to create a salary line that is going create candidates so that we can have the best possible mayor we can get in Martin, Tennessee regardless if it is Randy Brundige or somebody else. That is my stance on this because there are no guarantees four years from now that this is going to happen. We might run into the same situation that we ran into four years ago, today and then four years from now. And, when you span this out over a twelve year period, not an eight year period, because if this does not go tonight it will be a twelve period and when you think about incrementing the raise it is not that high of a percentage. We have done the comparable studies. We have

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something in this town that most towns in a comparable size do not have, we have the University of Tennessee at Martin, which influxes in here on a daily basis anywhere from five to six thousand additional people. These people use our streets, pay our sales taxes, use our services, and you jump that number up in the population then you are knocking on the door the size of Dyersburg. You all know why Dyersburg has industry; it is called Highway 51, Highway 55, Interstate 55, and the river, which is a little bit different situation than what we have here. So, if we don't do it tonight are we assuring ourselves of eligible candidates in the future to get the best possible mayor we could get for Martin, Tennessee. And that is why I would like to see that salary stay exactly where it is.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were any other comments from the board.

Alderman Harrison called for question.

Mayor Brundige asked for a roll call vote on the amendment for the motion to approve Ordinance O2010-10 and stated he would not vote on this issue at anytime.

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

Mayor Brundige stated the motion failed with a vote of 2/4.

Mayor Brundige stated we have a motion and second for Ordinance O2010-10: An ordinance of the City Of Martin, Tennessee, setting the annual salary for the Office of Mayor. I will ask for a roll call vote.

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

Mayor Brundige declared Ordinance O2010-10 approved on the second and final reading by a 4/2 vote.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

ACCEPT ACCESS STREET COMMONS DRIVE, BEHIND THE HUDDLE HOUSE RESTAURANT WITH A TWO YEAR WARRANTY PER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mayor Brundige introduced for consideration a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to accept into the City of Martin Street System the access street Commons Drive located behind the Huddle House Restaurant with a two year warranty.

Alderman Edwards made the motion to accept the access street Commons Drive located behind the Huddle House Restaurant into the City of Martin Street System with a two year warranty, seconded by Alderman Hankins.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

ACCEPT HIDDEN HILL COVE, LOCATED IN HIDDEN HILL SUBDIVISION OFF HAWKS ROAD, WITH A TWO YEAR WARRANTY PER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mayor Brundige introduced for consideration a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to accept into the City of Martin Street System Hidden Hill Cove located in Hidden Hill Subdivision off Hawks Road with a two year warranty.

Alderman Tuck made the motion to accept into the City of Martin Street System Hidden Hill Cove located in Hidden Hill Subdivision off Hawks Road with a two year warranty, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

EMPLOY MARVIN ALEXANDER TO AUCTION MARTIN BROTHERS CONTAINER AND TIMBER PRODUCTS CORPORATION LAND AND BUILDINGS AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN JOINT ACTION WITH WEAKLEY COUNTY AND TO HAVE THE PROPERTY SURVEYED AND DIVIDED TO ENSURE THE MOST FAVORABLE OUTCOME FOR THE CITY OF MARTIN AND WEAKLEY COUNTY

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration employing Marvin Alexander to auction Martin Brothers Container and Timber Products Corporation land and buildings at public auction in joint action with Weakley County and to have the property surveyed and divided to ensure the most favorable outcome for the City of Martin and Weakley County and asked if there was a motion.

Alderman Tuck made the motion to employ Marvin Alexander to auction Martin Brothers Container and Timber Products Corporation land and buildings at public auction in joint action with Weakley County and to have the property surveyed and divided to ensure the most favorable outcome for the City of Martin and Weakley County, seconded by Alderman Nanney.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any discussion. There was none. A roll call vote was requested and follows:

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

HALLOWEEN TO BE OBSERVED BY THE CITY OF MARTIN ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

Mayor Brundige announced that Halloween will be observed by the City of Martin on Sunday, October 31st.

Chief Moore explained all of the other towns in Weakley County are celebrating Halloween on Sunday, October 31st.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MARTIN BROTHERS

Mr. Paul Tinkle, WCMT Radio, asked to speak – “You all know Martin Brothers has been a great asset to our community and probably one of the quietest industries that Martin has ever had. We are next door neighbors out there on Lindell Street. I think the Chief and Fire Department would say the same thing that they have been good partners in bringing jobs to our community. Jim Martin has been a fine ambassador for Martin outside of Martin. Needless to say in his travels and her travels, Ms. Karen Martin travels they have been “praisers” of our community but you don’t ever hear anything about Martin Brothers, you just call them the box factory. And, when I came back here in 1981, just like I was in 1969 when I worked here the first time and back in 1964, I am trying to remember just how far back. They have been just a great asset to our community, Mayor. And, I want you to know being next door neighbors you never heard a peep out of them. What you did hear were machines, you heard cars going in and out, you heard sounds of saws, you heard machinery making racket and you know what this is

Mayor. It is jobs. We are going to miss them out on N. Lindell Street just like we did Miller. I will tell you something Mayor; I am going to ask the Board to try diligently to try to find those kinds of jobs to bring back to Martin. I am sure Mr. Jim Martin would be the first to say it is time for somebody else to take over. And I just want to commend that great industry Martin Brothers that we have had out there for so many years and just to say when you have got a partner like that in your community you don't hear any noise out of them. You have had a great partner for a long long time. I just want to say "Thank You Martin Brothers" for being a great partner and for what Cliff Weldon did and Robert Neal Glasgow and many of the other city leaders of Martin, Tennessee through the years were able to bring that business to this town and to tell you how much we appreciate them being a great partner and neighbor on N. Lindell Street. Thank You."

Mayor Brundige spoke – thank you for your comments and you are correct. Now, I will ask you to comment on the celebration this Friday for Governor Ned Ray McWherter.

Mr. Tinkle spoke – Mayor, this is a little personal when the radio station heard about the dedication of the statue of Governor Ned Ray McWherter on October 15th which is this Friday. Friday is also the Governor's 80th birthday. Here some year or so ago the committee got together and decided they wanted to put a statue on the courthouse lawn that would honor Weakley County's greatest statesman and maybe Tennessee's greatest leader, Governor Ned Ray McWherter. The Future Farmers of America Foundation was able to be the founding fundraiser or the 401C3 or whatever you call it so that all of the money that flowed through the erection of this statue would be able to be non-profit and would also be done without tax payer dollars. I happen to know the statue is at the Volunteer Distributing Company in Dresden with the wrapper still intact, but come Thursday evening they will plant it on the courthouse property and make ready to unveil on Friday. Of course Congressman Tanner will be there. Governor Bredesen will be there. Mike Snider and Katie Snider will be there and will sing the National Anthem. All of the city boards will be asked to recognize their support of truly our greatest statesman, Ned McWherter. WCMT will broadcast the event live. The City of Martin has a message that acknowledges the great contributions of the Governor but more than anything else the message here tonight and I think that you Mayor are trying to convey is that Martin and Weakley are very proud of the contributions that Governor Ned Ray McWherter has given not only to Martin and Weakley County but to all of us here in the State of Tennessee. Thank you Mayor.

Mayor Brundige thanked Mr. Tinkle.

HIROSAKI UNIVERSITY

Mayor Brundige reminded the board that the president of the Hirosaki University will be coming to Martin on Thursday night to renew university and city relations. All of you and the press have been invited to the Thursday night reception at 6:00 pm at the Hampton Inn. The City is sponsoring a breakfast Friday morning in the First State Bank Conference room and all of you all are invited to this function. Please attend and show your support.

ADJOURN

Mayor Brundige asked for a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Nanney made the 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