

**MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
APRIL 11, 2011 5:15 PM CITY COURTROOM**

BE IT REMEMBERED the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Martin, Tennessee, was held Monday, April 11, 2011, at 5:15 pm in the City courtroom, 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, Director of Parks and Recreation Brian Moore, Public Works Director Billy Wagster, Community Development Director Kimberly Craddock, Library Director Roberta Peacock, Mr. David Sudberry and members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Brundige called the April 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

MARCH 14, 2011

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the minutes of the March 14th regular meeting 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 March 14, 2011 regular meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen as written, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SCHWAHN

Chief Schwahn was absent. The Fire Department's monthly report was in city board packets. 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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR KIMBERLY CRADDOCK

Director Craddock was present.

LIBRARY

DIRECTOR ROBERTA PEACOCK

Director Peacock presented the Library's monthly report. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

HUMAN RESOURCES

DIRECTOR CELESTE TAYLOR

Director Taylor was not present.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS

DIRECTOR BILLY WAGSTER

Director Wagster was present and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

INSPECTOR BILLY STOUT

Inspector Stout was not present.

ADMINISTRATION

CITY RECORDER CHRIS MATHIS

Recorder Mathis stated he had nothing to submit at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

CITY OF MARTIN CLEAN-UP WEEK APRIL 25-29, 2011

Mayor Brundige announced the City of Martin annual Clean-Up Week will be April 25-29, 2011.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT TO WEAKLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD: MR. TOM PAYNE FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM BEGINNING JULY 01, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration a request from Weakley County Economic Development Board to appoint Mr. Tom Payne for a four (4) year term beginning July 01, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015.

Alderman Belote made the motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Tom Payne for a four (4) year term beginning July 01, 2011 and ending June 30, 2015 to the Weakley County Economic Development Board, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

REQUEST FROM MTD PRODUCTS TO CREATE A TURN LANE OFF INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE ONTO HIGHWAY 431 AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$6,280.00 FROM FORD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, PER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to create a turn lane off industrial Park Drive onto Highway 431. Ford Construction Company estimated the cost at \$6,280.00. Do I have a motion to approve this request and allow Ford Construction Company to do the work?

Alderman Hankins made the motion to create a turn lane off industrial Park Drive onto Highway 431 at an estimated cost of \$6,280.00 with Ford Construction Company doing the work, seconded by Alderman Nanney.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

SOLICIT BIDS ON ALL CURBSIDE PICKUP; EXCLUDING BARKER BROTHERS GARBAGE PICKUP UNTIL THE CURRENT GARBAGE PICKUP CONTRACT EXPIRES, PER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – BID ONE TO INCLUDE BRUSH PICKUP AND BID TWO TO EXCLUDE BRUSH PICKUP

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to solicit bids on all curbside pickup excluding Barker Brothers garbage pickup until the current garbage pickup contract expires. Bid one to include brush pickup and bid two to exclude brush pickup. Do I have a motion?

Alderman Nanney made the motion to approve a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to solicit bids on all curbside pickup excluding Barker Brother's garbage contract with two bids: Bid one to include brush pickup and bid two to exclude brush pickup, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

Mayor Brundige asked for discussion.

Alderman Hankins asked – this is just for bids?

Mayor Brundige stated – yes, just for bids which will come back to us.

Mayor Brundige further inquired if there were any other discussion. There was none. A voice vote on the motion was requested and follows:

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

COST OF OPENING AND OPERATING A NEW LANDFILL

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the following information concerning the cost of opening a new landfill, costs prepared by Director Wagster:

ESTIMATED LANDFILL COSTS	
Purchase of 100 acres of land for proposed landfill @ \$5,000 per acre	\$ 500,000
Engineering fees for surveying permit applications, State permits, land clearing, drainage and fencing. Figured at 25% of land costs.	\$ 125,000
Equipment cost for dozer, track hoe, storage building, & office	\$ 580,000
Weigh scales	\$ 250,000
COST OF ESTABLISHING LANDFILL	\$1,455,000
Landfill operating cost per year	\$ 320,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	\$1,775,000

Director Wagster presented the landfill expenses for 2009-2010 as follows:

Labor at Landfill	\$185,700.32
Equipment Maintenance	20,384.26
State Permit	4,000.00
Electric Bill	1,679.81
Telephone	621.35
Barker Brothers (TV's & Bulk)	935.98
Physical Plant Repairs	93.65
Janitorial Supplies	187.60
Uniforms	100.00
Diesel for Trucks (Fuelman)	16,793.00
Diesel at Landfill	8,607.24
Motor Vehicle Parts	766.94
Machinery & Equipment	902.63
Tires, Tunes, etc	3,509.55
Insurance	13,186.10
Brush Truck Lease	49,610.04
TOTAL COSTS	\$307,078.47

Director Wagster further explained – we figured the estimated cost of operation at the Landfill for 2010-2011 at \$319,361.61 using a 4% increase.

Mayor Brundige asked – after seeing these figures, what direction would this board like to go?

Alderman Hankins stated – these are hard numbers and if this board at some time elected to open a new landfill this is a pretty big cookie to swallow.

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Mayor Brundige stated – all of the numbers are pretty solid estimates except the engineering fees, surveying, permit applications, state permits, land clearing, drainage, and fencing. These numbers would accelerate or decrease according to the amount of work required to get the site prepared.

Alderman Hankins asked – is this using the current people that are employed at the present landfill? Would we need another employee?

Mayor Brundige answered – yes, we would employ the current landfill workers and would need to hire one extra employee.

Alderman Hankins stated – that needs to be included in the operational costs as it would add \$50,000 or more to the cost.

Mayor Brundige explained – these estimated figures for opening the landfill are for your information and maybe helpful as we make this decision. Also, the landfill's operational costs should be included in our decision. Where does this board want to go?

Alderman Nanney stated – I think we need to get the bids for curbside pickup back and have that information before we attempt to make a decision.

Alderman Hankins asked – if we close the landfill what are the options for our citizens?

Mayor Brundige explained – if the landfill still has enough usage left by the time we make a decision, we will still pick up brush and burn it. It is just a matter of time before the State makes us close the landfill. If we just take brush we might stretch the life to two years.

Alderman Hankins asked – what will we do with our appliances, TV's and furniture when we close the landfill?

Mayor Brundige asked Director Wagster to answer.

Director Wagster replied – what we are running into right now is we do not have two years left on the landfill unless we address the furniture pickup service.

Mayor Brundige asked – what does it cost us to take a load of furniture to the landfill in Union City.

Director Wagster answered – about \$350.00 per load which is the size of our brush trucks. We take a load often. We provide a service when we pick up the furniture and then we have to turn around and provide a truck, fuel, driver, and time to transport the load to the landfill in Union City plus pay to have the debris dumped. We pay double picking up televisions.

Alderman Hankins asked – have you investigated what other cities do that don't have a landfill?

Director Wagster responded – yes. Several people from the Public Works Committee have called around and we are one of the very few cities that still operate a landfill in the state of

Tennessee. I think that is why Public Works and the Public Works Committee have made the recommendation to put this service out for bids.

Alderman Hankins stated – I really hate that we have to make this decision. We are going to see our ditches fill up with televisions, appliances, and furniture. This is coming and I don't want to see that happen. If we decided to open a landfill, how would we pay for it? I really appreciate what Director Wagster and the mayor have done by bring this to our attention.

Alderman Belote asked Director Wagster to explain the intent of the bids that we are sending out. We are asking for what kind of services?

Director Wagster replied – Alderman Nanney can probably answer that better than I can.

Alderman Nanney answered – bid one will be for electronics, furniture, and that type of thing and bid two will be electronics, furniture, and that type of thing plus brush and yard waste pickup.

Alderman Belote stated – we will still be furnishing the curb-side pickup service to the citizens and this should eliminate roadside dumping. We are not going to leave the citizens of Martin clueless as to where they can dump these types of things. We are going to go with this bid or build a landfill.

Mayor Brundige stated – that is why we wanted to give you the cost of building and operating a new landfill and we can compare those costs to the bids we receive next month.

Director Wagster stated – I might add one thing. We estimated the cost of the land needed for a landfill a little high, but if you purchase rough land which has ditches and timber the cost of land preparation and engineering will increase. So, hopefully we have estimated the costs high enough.

Mr. Sudberry asked – how far would we have to get out of town to avoid “I don't want this in my back yard”.

Mayor Brundige stated – a long way, but we want it to be convenient and beneficial like the present landfill.

Mr. Sudberry stated – I would not want one near me and we are going to hear a lot of that. I can also foresee a lot of future costs in legal fees that we cannot identify. If we can contract this out at fixed costs we would not have to go through all of preparation and legal process. The contractor will already have the landfill or access to one. The fixed cost will probably go up each year, but the cost of a new landfill is daunting.

Mayor Brundige stated – next month we will bring any bids received back to you. If they come in sooner we will call a special meeting because we need to get this thing done while we have some landfill left and don't have to close it.

ADJOURN

Mayor Brundige asked – is there any other business to come before this board tonight? If not, is there 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