

MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
JANUARY 10, 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, January 10, 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 RANDY EDWARDS, ALDERMAN WARD III
 HONORABLE TERRY HANKINS, ALDERMAN WARD III

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

Also present: City Recorder Chris Mathis, Police Chief David Moore, Police Captain Don Teal, 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, Mr. David Sudberry, Martin Housing Authority Board Member Hoover Nunley, Martin Housing Authority Representative Robert Nunley, Martin Housing Authority Representative Pam Bratcher, CPA Jack Reese, CPA John Reese, CPA David Hart, CPA Tommy Legins, CPA Eric Spencer, CPA Charles Covington, Mr. Allen Hayden, Ms Chris Hayden, Ms. Natalie Boyd, Ms. Deborah Boyd, several other citizens, and members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Mayor Brundige called the January 10th 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2010

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

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

LIBRARY

DIRECTOR ROBERTA PEACOCK

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

Director Peacock further explained – the library has for several years had an e-book and audio book download service that is free to the public. We have enhanced that service to allow books to be downloaded to all e-readers, except the Kendall Reader, I-pads, and I-phones. Instead of paying to have the books downloaded you can come to the library and do it for free.

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.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR KIMBERLY CRADDOCK

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

Director Craddock invited everyone to the Martin Business Association meeting January 11, 2011 at 7:30 am in the courtroom.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

INSPECTOR BILLY STOUT

Inspector Stout asked if there were any questions. There were none.

PUBLIC WORK

DIRECTOR BILLY WAGSTER

Director Wagster presented the department's monthly reports and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Copies of these reports are attached to the minutes.

Director Wagster further explained – Friday will be the last day for loose leaf pick-up in the city but will still pick up bagged leaves.

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.

Director Moore further explained Youth League Basketball has begun with 22 teams participating. We are using two gymnasiums. Also, the official count for Santa Village is in, we had 12,947 visitors and \$50,494.00 in food and toys. This was a good event.

HUMAN RESOURCES

DIRECTOR CELESTE TAYLOR

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

Director Taylor further announced – our 2010 recipient for the Employee Reorganization Program is Mr. Cody Barner. Mr. Barner is a Public Works employee.

This program was instituted last year. An employee must receive five nominations for excellent service to receive the award and receive one day off with pay. Mr. Barner received six nominations. We had a total of six employees that received nominations from different people in the public. I wanted to let you all know this program is working and has improved employee morale. I want to read a thank you note from Mr. Barner.

“I am writing you to say thank you so very much for awarding me with the “Personal Best” award at the Public Works dinner this past Wednesday. I was surprised and at the same time, excited to hear my name called. I was just wanting to let you know that I am very grateful for being chosen out of the proud worker for the city for this award. It is very gratifying to know that all my work throughout the year doesn’t go unnoticed. And, it is with that same knowing that drives and motivates me to do my very best every single day! I am very thankful for all of the opportunities that the city has provided for me and I hope to continue to perform my job and it’s duties to the highest ability possible!

God Bless,
Cody Barner”

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

OLD BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE O2010-13: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MARTIN, TENNESSEE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN ADOPTING CERTAIN OF SECTIONS OF THE MARTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GENERAL ORDERS

Mayor Brundige introduced Ordinance O2010-13: An ordinance of the Martin, Tennessee Board of Mayor And Aldermen adopting certain of sections of the Martin Police Department's General Orders. I have two lawyers that are conferring on the matter of passing these changes by ordinance or resolution. I do not want to pass an ordinance when it needs to be done by resolution. I am requesting that we table this until a solution can be reached. Do I have a motion?

Alderman Belote made the motion to table Ordinance O2010-13, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION FOR THE SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE O2010-14: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MARTIN, TENNESSEE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF MARTIN'S PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Mayor Brundige introduced Ordinance O2010-14: An ordinance of the Martin, Tennessee Board of Mayor and Aldermen amending certain portions of the City of Martin's personnel policies and procedures manual. I have two lawyers that are conferring on the matter of passing these changes by ordinance or resolution. I do not want to pass an ordinance when it needs to be done by resolution. I am requesting that we table this until a solution can be reached. Do I have a motion?

Alderman Hankins made the motion to table Ordinance O2010-14, seconded by Alderman Hankins.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

Mayor Brundige stated – Ordinances O2010-13 and O2010-14 are tabled along with the public hearings.

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

PRESENTATION OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010 BY MR. TOMMY LEGINS, CPA REPRESENTING ALEXANDER THOMPSON ARNOLD, PLLC

Mayor Brundige introduced Mr. Tommy Legins representing the CPA firm of Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC and asked Mr. Legins to present the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

Mr. Legins spoke – Thank you all for allowing our firm to complete your audit. It has been a pleasure to perform this service for the city. Recorder Mathis and all the personnel involved have been very gracious and cooperative.

First thing I would like to point out is on pages two and three of the report: The Independent Audit Report which is produced with every audit we perform. This report is an unqualified opinion which means there are no material misrepresentations in the report that everything checked out fine. All the procedures we performed found sufficient evidence that everything was fine with the 06/30/2010 report.

Also, page 61 shows the schedule of expenditures of Federal Awards. This is the amount of money the city received in federal grants for the year. That amount exceeded \$500,000.00 this year. So, again this year, the same as last year the city required a single audit which means we had to do additional procedures that apply to the grant revenues and grant expenditures to be sure that everything was spend as required by the grant.

Another important feature is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds, which we refer to as Stimulus Funds require the single audit and the city is in the process of receiving another ARRA Grant that you will be administrating in the next two fiscal years so the single audit will be more important going forward.

I would like to point out on page 11 the Statement of Net Assets (includes cash on hand, buildings, equipment, property, or anything the city owns is \$24,726,541.00 more than what the city owes against) The total net assets ending June 30, 2010 are \$24,726, 541.00. This is a healthy fund balance of almost twenty-five million dollars and is very good.

On page 72, Findings for the Current Year, the first two findings have been going on for several years. Solid Waste since 2006 has shown a negative fund balance but this is being worked on as the rates have been increased. The second is Friends of the Park since 2009 also with a negative fund balance is being worked on and projected to be a positive fund balance by the end of the current year.

The first finding that was new for this year which has been corrected is the dual compensation for the mayor. He was receiving a salary on a W-2 Form and an auto allowance on a 1099 form. For IRS purposes you cannot pay an employee on a W-2 form and 1099 form. This has been corrected by combining it all in salary and will be filed on a W-2 form.

On page 10-02 we show untimely deposits by the Library. This has been solved. There were some of the revenues from two book sales that were not deposited in a timely manner.

Additional procedures have been put in place to keep this from happening in the future. We have worked with Recorder Mathis and Director Peacock to solve the problem and hopefully this will not happen again.

On page 10-03 is a compliance finding. When you have ARRA Funds there is a risk assessment that should be completed by the city. This assessment could not be found. We checked with the City's Grant Representative Lynn Manning to see if they had done the risk assessment and they had not done it. I will say we have had this finding in just about every audit we have done this year. Recorder Mathis assured me that it will be done for the next fiscal year.

Page 09-02 a prior audit finding on accounts receivables has been corrected. There was no problem this year.

That is my report. Do any of you gentlemen have a question?

Recorder Mathis explained – there is a management discussion and analysis in your packet which is a part of the audit and will give you an overall view of the audit.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were any questions. There were none. Therefore, a motion to accept the audit was requested.

Alderman Hankins made the motion to accept the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 as presented by the CPA firm of Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

Mayor Brundige stated – the audit is accepted.

**ACCEPTANCE OF ALEX TODD CIRCLE IN THE AUSTIN HILLS
SUBDIVISION INTO THE CITY'S STREET SYSTEM WITH A TWO
YEAR WARRANTY, PER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC
WORKS COMMITTEE**

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to accept Alex Todd Circle located in the Austin Hill Subdivision into the City's street system, with a two year warranty. Do I have a motion to accept this street?

Alderman Tuck made the motion to accept Alex Todd Circle located in the Austin Hill Subdivision into the City's street system, with a two year warranty, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

ACCEPTANCE OF HUXLEY ROAD IN THE AUSTIN HILLS SUBDIVISION INTO THE CITY'S STREET SYSTEM WITH A TWO YEAR WARRANTY, PER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to accept Huxley Road located in the Austin Hill Subdivision into the City's street system, with a two year warranty. Do I have a motion to accept this street?

Alderman Edwards made the motion to accept Huxley Road located in the Austin Hill Subdivision into the City's street system, with a two year warranty, seconded by Alderman Hankins.

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

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF RESOLUTION R2011-01: A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF STATE ROUTE 22 FROM EAST OF MARTIN TO UNION CITY AND THE TYSON BYPASS IN UNION CITY AS AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY LINK TO I-69

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the reading of Resolution R2011-01: A resolution of support for the designation of State Route 22 from east of Martin to Union City and the Tyson Bypass in Union City as an interstate highway link to I-69

Recorder Mathis read Resolution R2011-01. A copy was provided for any interested persons and for the members of the news media. A copy follows:

RESOLUTION R2011-01

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF STATE ROUTE 22 FROM EAST OF MARTIN TO UNION CITY AND THE TYSON BYPASS IN UNION CITY AS AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY LINK TO I-69

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, the U. S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation are in the process of designating a route for Interstate 69 through West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 69 has been approved to follow the corridor of U. S. Highway 51 through Obion and Dyer Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Route 22 is constructed as an interstate-grade freeway from east of Martin to the interchange of that highway with U.S. 51, thus providing a continuous freeway link from Weakley County to the corridor designated for the location of Interstate 69; and

WHEREAS, such a designation would provide Everett-Stewart Airport, a facility shared by Weakley and Obion Counties, and part of the federal transportation system with a federal highway link; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee at Martin is the State of Tennessee's higher education institution for Northwest Tennessee, and a federal interstate link to Martin would be in the interest of the institution and Northwest Tennessee residents; and

WHEREAS, Weakley County is without a so-designated highway on the federal interstate system and is served by only one federal route, U.S. 45E, which is a north-south corridor, and such a designation of "I-169" would provide an east-to-west federal corridor; and

WHEREAS, the designation of State Route 22, from Martin to Union City and the "Tyson Bypass" from State Route 22 to U.S. 51 as an interstate highway link to Interstate 69 would contribute to the economic prosperity of all Weakley County residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martin continues to fully support the I-69 project through West Tennessee and is pursuing this re-designation of existing highways as a means to provide economic development for the City of Martin and Weakley County by having a link or spur to I-69, with the understanding that the designation would be a three-digit interstate highway number, tentatively referred to locally, as "Interstate 169."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen, at their regular session on this 10th day of January, 2011, that the City of Martin supports and requests the designation of State Route 22 from Martin to Union City and the "Tyson Bypass" in Union City as Interstate 169 as an interstate link to Interstate 69.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Bill Haslam, Senator Lamar Alexander, Senator Bob Corker, Congressman Stephen Fincher, Senator Roy Herron, Representative Andy Holt, Governor's advisor Mayor Dale Kelley, Department of Transportation Commissioner John Schroer, and the House Transportation Committee Chairman and request this item be placed on the State Transportation Plan eligibility list for funding.

Motion made by Alderman _____ and seconded by Alderman _____.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, the resolution was unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, CPA, City Recorder

Randy Brundige, Mayor

Mayor Brundige stated – you have heard the reading to Resolution R2011-01. Is there a motion?

Alderman Belote made the motion to approve Resolution R2011-01: A resolution of support for the designation of State Route 22 from east of Martin to Union City and the Tyson Bypass in Union City as an interstate highway link to I-69, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

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 Resolution R2011-01 approved.

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF RESOLUTION R2011-02: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT FROM THE CITY OF MARTIN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO BENEFIT COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF MARTIN

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration Resolution R2011-02: A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant from the City of Martin Industrial Development Board to benefit commercial and industrial development in the City of Martin.

Recorder Mathis read Resolution R2011-02. A copy was provided for any interested persons and for the members of the news media. A copy follows:

RESOLUTION R2011-02

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT FROM THE CITY OF MARTIN TO THE CITY OF MARTIN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO BENEFIT COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF MARTIN

WHEREAS, the City of Martin Industrial Development Board promotes commercial and industrial development by recommending and providing incentives to existing and prospective businesses.

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WHEREAS, the City of Martin Industrial Board negotiates and recommends projects that provide overall added value to the City of Martin and its residents.

WHEREAS, the City of Martin Industrial Board uses available resources to support and expand Martin's commercial and industrial base.

WHEREAS, the City of Martin Industrial Board identifies key commercial and industrial sectors that provide the highest value-added for the City of Martin.

WHEREAS, the City of Martin Industrial Board supports projects that increase the commercial and industrial tax base and promote job creation in Martin.

WHEREAS, the City of Martin Industrial Board provides adequate access and other infrastructure support for existing and potential businesses.

WHEREAS, the City of Martin Industrial Board works in partnership with the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Alderman to recruit, retain, and expand the commercial and industrial base and improve the quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Martin as follows:

THAT, the City of Martin grants the City of Martin Industrial Board a grant in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the purpose of commercial and industrial development.

THAT, Mayor Randy Brundige be and is hereby designated and appointed as to perform on behalf of the City of Martin, Tennessee, those acts and assume such duties as are consistent with said position.

READ AND ADOPTED this the 10th day of January 2011.

Motion made by Alderman _____ that the foregoing Resolution be approved, seconded by Alderman _____. Upon being put to a roll call vote, the motion _____.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Chris Mathis, City Recorder

Randy Brundige, Mayor

Mayor Brundige stated – you have heard the reading to Resolution R2011-02. Is there a motion?

Alderman Nanney made the motion to approve Resolution R2011-02: A resolution authorizing the execution of a grant from the City of Martin Industrial Development Board to benefit commercial and industrial development in the City Of Martin, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

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 Resolution R2011-02 approved.

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF RESOLUTION R2011-03: A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT 2010 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FROM U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration Resolution R2011-03: A resolution to accept 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from U. S. Department of Homeland Security.

Recorder Mathis read Resolution R2011-03. A copy was provided for any interested persons and for the members of the news media. A copy follows:

RESOLUTION R2011-03

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A 2010 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

WHEREAS, a grant in the amount of \$475,000 is available to the City of Martin under the 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, such grant program funds are to be used for projects designed to improve public safety by providing and/or updating firefighting equipment; and

WHEREAS, the current ladder fire truck now being used to fight high rise fires is quite old and no longer considered reliable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The Mayor of Martin is authorized to accept the grant award of \$475,000.
2. The City of Martin will appropriate the local matching contribution of approximately \$205,000 which will be partially offset by the sale of the current ladder truck.

NOW IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect upon its passage

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED THE 10th DAY OF JANUARY, 2011.

ATTESTED:

Chris Mathis, CPA
City Recorder

APPROVED:

Randy Brundige,
Mayor

Mayor Brundige stated – you have heard the reading to Resolution R2011-03. Is there a motion?

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve Resolution R2011-03: A resolution to accept 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant from U. S. Department of Homeland Security, seconded by Alderman Hankins.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any discussion.

Alderman Hankins asked – what is the old ladder truck was worth?

Chief Schwahn responded – Because we are using grant money to help purchase a new ladder truck we can't sell our truck to another fire department. We hope to sell it to a company that refurbishes trucks or trade it and I am going to guess, this is just a guess, \$70,000.00 to \$75,000.00.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any other 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 Resolution R2011-03 approved.

DISCUSSION OF THE PURCHASE OF THE OLD MARTIN MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING

Mayor Brundige introduced for discussion the purchase of the old Martin Middle School building. The purchase price is \$92,500.00. I have met with Mr. Brian Harris, Director of Martin Housing Authority, who is out of town tonight. Assistant Director Robert Nunley is present to address the Board.

Mr. Nunley spoke – “Good evening. Mayor, Board of Aldermen, I have a prepared statement that Brian has asked me to share with you all this evening. I might as well call attention to two people who have accompanied me tonight from the Martin Housing Authority, Pam Bratcher who is our financial officer and also my uncle, Hoover Nunley, who is a part of commissioners

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on that board. On behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the staff of Martin Housing Authority we are excited to enter into this historic partnership to serve our community in a broader more effective manner. The visionary acts of the city and the Martin Housing Authority Board reflects the commitment of both entities to find creative and innovative means to meet the needs of our citizens. The potential that this partnership provides is limited only by the depth of our dreams. While gaining possession of the property marks a monumental movement toward creating a community center the road to making it a reality is just beginning. Perhaps the most important partner in this venture is going to be the community, in part and as a whole. We will engage individuals, church groups, civic organizations, small and corporate businesses, service agencies, educational intuitions, and other resources to be a part of this development and restoration process. We firmly believe that community ownership in this endeavor is the key to it's initially and ongoing success. To the City of Martin Board of Aldermen I offer my thanks for sharing a vision to create a multi-faceted interagency community center to serve the educational, social, cultural, and health needs of our citizens. We stand with you ready to move forward as we build a community center that is sure to transform the lives and provide increased opportunities for individuals to achieve success and improve the quality of their lives. Thank you.”

Mayor Brundige asked - do I have a motion to purchase the old Martin Middle School for \$92,500.00?

Alderman Hankins made the motion to purchase the old Martin Middle School for \$92,500.00, seconded by Alderman Belote.

Alderman Nanney asked – has \$20,000.00 been donated for this project.

Mayor Brundige stated – not for the purchase. I think the funds will come forward for the renovation.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any other 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.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PROPOSAL FROM ALEXANDER THOMPSON ARNOLD, PLLC, TO CONTINUE DOING THE CITY'S YEARLY AUDIT

CPA representative from the accounting firm Alexander Thompson Arnold, PLLC Tommy Legins asked to present a proposal to continue doing the city's yearly audit.

Mayor Brundige recognized Mr. Legins and gave him permission to speak.

Mr. Legins spoke - "Mind if I bring each one of you one of these (passed out copies of their proposal to each board member). In your hands you all have a proposal from us to continue the audit process for the next fiscal year. We would like to continue to do this service for you. We, when you go into an audit process, it, the first two years of that is really just a, really a time killing thing, because you spend a lot of time on the front end the first two years getting everything to where it needs to be and the last two is where you really actually get the process down to a science. And, in rotating this every four the way we have been doing it, it is not a very conducive thing to the audit process. And so, we would like to continue to perform this service for you from this point forward. One thing I would like to point out is that we at Alexander Thompson Arnold perform about thirty-five of these audits in the State of Tennessee which is about ten percent of the audits in the State. Also, I would like to point out; we perform about one hundred governmental audits each year, year after year. Our firm is about sixteen partners with about one hundred and thirty staff, after that so, we have the resources to get things done efficiently and effectively. Also, I would like to point out we spend about thirty-six hundred hours a year in continuing education, being sure that we are at the level that we need to be to provide the confident audit process that we provide. And, I say all of that to say we are very effective at what we do and we believe that we are very good at what we do. And, the decision that was made to rotate the audit fourteen years ago when none of you guys were on the board, so, to say that we are bound by something done at that period of time I think is not so. With this being a professional service it's not something that has to be bid out. You guys can make a decision to do whatever you want to do whether it be leave it with us or if it be give it to John R. Reese, CPA for the next thirty years. That is your choice. But, there is no other service in the City of Martin that is rotated, be it your insurance which you just changed this past year, your attorney or any other legal services. And, if you want to ask the kind of service that we do provide you can ask Chris the way we have worked with him over the last four years. And, everything has gone well I think. He has been very cooperative and your staff has been cooperative with what we have done and I think going forward I would just like to continue that and just ask that you consider our proposal in continuing the audit process with us. And, I thank you".

Mayor Brundige stated – thank you. The audit is not on the agenda and there will be no decision made tonight but it will be on the February agenda. Mr. Jackie Reese owner of the Reese CPA Firm is present and I will ask if he would like to speak.

Mr. Reese spoke – "I appreciate the opportunity to stand up here before you and at least express our side of this. It probably might have been fourteen years ago when we first asked to be put on a rotation between the two firms in town and at that time we were put on a three year rotation, three on three off. At the end of Nanney and Hart time's they asked to continue, just like right here where they wanted to continue do that. And, that did happen that night and it has stayed

that way, I think, until Mayor Brundige when you all came on the board which was about eight years ago if I am not mistaken. At that time we asked to have it on a three on three off rotation. The board approved doing that because we felt like it was only fair with there being two firms in town and both being able to offer the same type of audit service that it be rotated among us. We did audit for the fourth year at David's request because David (Hart) was on the Finance Committee at that time and could not do it because of a conflict of interest so we did it four years. They have done it four years. When it ended our fourth year we did not give any hassle, we knew that was the agreement that we all agreed upon and we turned right around and did everything we were supposed to do in the transition. And, that is what I was expecting to happen this time. It just be a congenial transition from the two firms and the city and that is all I am asking that we get to continue to do it and stay on that type rotation. As far as the difficulty of doing two years one way, it taking up to speed and two more years to get it done, we have done this in the past and it has not been a big problem for us. It does take a little bit of extra time especially that first year just trying to find out where everything was and get going. That does not hurt the city it just causes us a little more work. And that is all I have got to say. We, there are several of us that work and live here in Martin and we would all like to have that same opportunity. We have gone through a merger in September that brought on two other offices, one out of Jackson and one out of Paris. And then we have another one joining us effective the first of the year from Brownsville. So, our audit staff and audit team is getting to be pretty healthy itself. We got a group that, that is all they do, is audits. So, we feel like we can handle it without any problem. Thank you."

Mayor Brundige stated - thank you and as I stated this will be on the agenda next month.

ADJOURN

Mayor Brundige asked - is there anything to come before this board tonight, if not do we have 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