

# **MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**MAY 09, 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, May 09, 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, Fire Chief Russell Schwahn, Police Chief David Moore, Director of Parks and Recreation Brian Moore, Public Works Director Billy Wagster, Library Director Roberta Peacock, Mr. Orvill Downing, Ms. Linda Davis, Mr. Billy Morrison, Mr. Bob Smith, Ms Gail Smith, Mr. Russell Edwards, Ms Joyce Killebrew, Ms. Cindy Lauffer, Mr. David Sudberry and members of the press.

## **CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Brundige called the May 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen to order. Alderman Nanney gave the invocation.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APRIL 11, 2011**

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting as written and asked if there were any additions or deletions. There were none.

Alderman Harrison made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 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:**

### **LIBRARY**

### **DIRECTOR ROBERTA PEACOCK**

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

Director Peacock explained – the Library will begin Basic Computer classes on May 23<sup>rd</sup> which will run for one week, registration for Summer Reading Program will begin May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Weakley County Reading Railroad is conducting a fund raiser. They are asking for donation of new or gently used shoes and handbags which they will sell in Festival Park on May 21<sup>st</sup> and donations can be delivered to any of our county libraries.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **FIRE CHIEF RUSSELL SCHWAHN**

Chief Schwahn presented the Fire Department's monthly report and asked if there were any questions. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Chief Schwahn announced – Mr. David Blake has been promoted to Battalion Chief over C-shift

### **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 explained – in the next few weeks we will host an eight & under baseball tournament with ten teams participating and an adult softball tournament with twelve to sixteen teams participating.

Director Moore further explained – our first Touch-A-Truck event was a great success as we had over 2,000 persons in attendance. The Kiwanis Club hosted a ten team Disc Golf tournament on our new course and everyone had a fun time. I was by the course today and there were twenty-five people playing. The course is really being used.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **DIRECTOR BILLY WAGSTER**

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

Director Wagster further reported – even with the rain Saturday the downtown event was well attended especially the autograph signing by Jason Harrell and Chad Clifton, hometown young men who play professional football with the Green Bay Packers. All in all it was a great event.

**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

Chief Moore further explained – my department has just completed a yearlong rotation of patrol officers through our investigation division. We are promoting Guy Pryor and Mark Rushing into this division. Capitan Randall Walker is retiring from the City of Martin Police Department to take another job and Tom Erwin has been promoted to this position. The new School Resource Officer for the Martin Middle School is Jennifer Owens.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**DIRECTOR CELESTE TAYLOR**

Director Taylor was not present.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**DIRECTOR KIMBERLY CRADDOCK**

Director Craddock was not present.

**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.

**COMPLIMENT FROM MAYOR**

Mayor Brundige complimented the Public Works Department, Police Department, and Fire Department for their excellent response during the violent storms our area experienced in the last few weeks. I have received many compliments from the citizens and we are very proud of you. You spent many hours clearing ditches, drains, roads, and keeping the community safe. Thank you.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION ON RECOMMENDATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE BARKER BROTHERS WASTE, INC. BID OF \$7.80 PER HOME PER MONTH FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION EXCLUDING GARBAGE PICKUP**

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for discussion a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to move forward on the Barker Brothers Waste, Inc. bid of \$7.80 per home per month for curbside collection excluding garbage pickup. Do I have a motion to adopt this recommendation?

Alderman Nanney made the motion to accept the bid from Barker Brothers Waste, Inc. for \$7.80 per home per month for curbside collection excluding garbage pickup, seconded by Alderman Belote.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any discussion. Several citizens were present and asked permission to speak. Mayor Brundige explained this was usually done at the Informal City Board Meeting but he would allow it.

Mr. Bob Smith spoke – would you explain what curbside pickup is. What is the \$18.00 or so that is on our bills?

Mayor Brundige explained – it will be the same curbside service the city has performed these many years. They will pick up once per week brush, leaves, furniture, appliances, and small amounts of construction materials. This contract will be activated July 01, 2011. The city can no longer perform the service because our landfill is full. The \$18.84 amount on our utility bills is for household garbage pickup. Barker Brothers will not pick up any hazard waste but Weakley County schedules a pickup day twice a year for that type of garbage.

Mr. Smith stated – the \$18.84 that is on our utility bill is for household garbage and I realize it is a hard thing to equalize the residential curbside and household garbage pickup. I use the curbside brush pickup a lot. If you pass by my house you will see brush and yard waste for pickup almost every week. But as far as household garbage goes small families like mine could have their garbage picked up once a month because we generate very little household garbage plus my wife has a recycle center in our garage and about once a month we take the recyclables to the University. For us the \$18.84 is an absorbent amount but I also realize it is a city service and has to be billed per household. Is the \$7.80 curbside pickup going to be a mandatory service and fee on our bills?

Mayor Brundige stated – yes, but we do not expect the city residents to pay the entire fee. I would expect the city to share in this cost because we will reduce our landfill costs.

Mr. Smith asked - what is legal to set out for pickup?

Mayor Brundige answered – Barker Brothers will provide the same service the city provided and in the same manner.

Mr. Smith thanked the Board for the information and hearing his concerns.

Alderman Hankins asked – will this include leaf pickup?

Mayor Brundige explained – that is considered curbside pickup. Is there any other discussion?

Alderman Harrison called for question.

Alderman Edwards spoke – before we vote, may I ask for this to be a one year contract?

Mayor Brundige explained - this is a one year contract from July 01, 2011 till June 31, 2012. If there are no other questions I will request a roll call vote on the motion. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

## **ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS**

There was no other old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **DISCUSSION OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BE AUTHORIZED TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO LEASE-PURCHASE OR PURCHASE A NEW PUMPER TRUCK TO BE USED MAINLY FOR RURAL FIRE CALLS WITH BIDS TO BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 01, 2011**

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Fire Department be authorized to advertise for bids to lease-purchase or purchase a new pumper truck to be used mainly for rural fire calls with bids to be accepted after July 01, 2011. Do I have a motion to this effect?

Alderman Edwards made the motion to approve a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Fire Department be authorized to advertise for bids to lease-purchase or purchase a new pumper truck to be used mainly for rural fire calls with bids to be accepted after July 01, 2011, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

Mayor Brundige asked – is there any discussion?

Alderman Hankins stated – this is just to advertise for bids.

Mayor Brundige stated – yes, this is just to advertise for bids for a new fire truck and the bids will be brought back to this board for consideration. Is there any other discussion? If not, I will request a roll call vote. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

**DISCUSSION OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR WEATHER WARNING SIREN FOR THE LANDRUM WOODS SUBDIVISION AREA TO BE PAID BY EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF UTILITY BILL COLLECTIONS FOR THE SIRENS UNTIL ALL SIRENS ARE PAID IN FULL**

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen purchase an additional outdoor weather warning siren for the Landrum Woods Subdivision area to be paid by extending the period of utility bill collections for the sirens until all sirens are paid in full. The following quote was received from McCord Communications to place an additional siren in the area:

QTY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
1	119db Omni-directional Voice siren	\$10,251.00	\$10,251.00
1	Two-way control UHF/VHF	1,730.00	1,730.00
1	Set of Whelen Approved Batteries	605.00	605.00
1	Estimated freight	400.00	400.00
1	Turnkey Installation: Includes labor, new wooden pole, control box, antenna, program radio control, optimization	\$11,168.00	\$11,168.00
		TOTAL	\$24,154.00

Mayor Brundige asked - Do I have a motion?

Alderman Nanney made the motion to purchase an additional outdoor weather warning siren for the Landrum Woods Subdivision area to be paid by extending the period of utility bill collections for the sirens until all sirens are paid in full, seconded by Alderman Harrison.

Mayor Brundige asked – is there any discussion?

Alderman Edwards asked – has the price been negotiated?

Mayor Brundige answered – no, not yet, we are still at \$24,154.00. Is there any other discussion, if not I will ask for a roll call vote. Roll call vote follows:

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

### **REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS TO STRIPE A SEGMENT OF HYNDSVER ROAD FROM THE RAILROAD TRACK TO FRONTIER TELEPHONE COMPANY**

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration a request from residents to stripe a segment of Hyndsver Road from the railroad track to Frontier Telephone Company.

Director Wagster explained – this is about a half mile stretch of road. We would have to paint two 1½ inch double yellow lines down the center and a 1½ inch single white line at each side of the road which will cost approximately \$3,000.00. Tennessee Department of Transportation recommends the double yellow line because the double line means absolutely no passing whereas a single yellow line allows cars to pass thus it becomes a safety issue.

Alderman Belote asked - would this come out of State Street Aid?

Mayor Brundige stated – it would come out of our blacktopping money.

Alderman Hankins asked – Would the city be better off spending this on blacktopping? If we do this, are we setting precedence?

Mayor Brundige stated – with the price of oil as high as it I don't think that we would be able to do much blacktopping.

Director Wagster stated – yes, we would be setting precedence.

Alderman Belote asked – have we had accidents in the area? Where is this coming from?

Director Wagster stated – I think when it is dark or raining you can't see the road.

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Ms. Joyce Killebrew spoke – “I am just dying to say something. I will do this properly. If you lived on our road and would drive it at nighttime, it is not straight. You go for awhile and then there is grass and you have to go this way. You drive during the daytime they don’t pay any attention. I can see where the center part came together but they don’t pay any attention. Today they did not pay any attention. I had to get over. We need that from, at least, the railroad track to the church; I will call it, so that we can see. Now, I know this has nothing to do with you all but when I moved out there, was it Hamm Road on down from Ralston on down that way, I couldn’t see the road. So, I just picked up the phone and called the county and they came out and put a line down so I could see how to get there. We need a line. Now, I am sorry it costs so much but it is dangerous and where is my policeman? They do speed down there and I have probably been bad about that too. We do need that. I guess that is all I am going to say. Thank about it and we would appreciate it. But if you lived on the road and drove it every day and drove it at nighttime then you would see what I am talking about.”

Mr. Billy Morrison spoke, “May I say something, Brother Mayor. My name is Billy Morison. Also, we have got water problems on that street too, in two places and when it rains water is standing and not running off. There are no outlets for that water. At dark, at night you go along there you can’t tell where you are at. And, if is cold weather and ices over you are liable, you don’t know where you will wind up at. We still have water problems there. I don’t know how money you spent getting grid of the water problem out there but you have not finished it yet.”

Mayor Brundige thanked everyone for their input and asked if there was anything else. No one spoke. Do I have a motion?

Alderman Nanney made the motion to approve a request from residents to stripe a segment of Hyndsver Road from railroad track to Frontier Telephone Company for an estimated cost of \$3,000.00, seconded by Alderman Tuck.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any other discussion, there was none therefore a roll call vote was requested and follows:

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

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.



**TML CONFERENCE: JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> THRU 14<sup>TH</sup> IN MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE**

Mayor Brundige announced the Tennessee Municipal League annual conference will be June 11<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

**NEW DATE FOR JUNE CITY BOARD MEETING**

Mayor Brundige announced the City Board will meet June 14<sup>th</sup> instead of the regularly scheduled date of June 13<sup>th</sup> as several of the members of the board and I will be at the TML Conference.

**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 Belote.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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Chris Mathis, CPA  
City Recorder

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Randy Brundige,  
Mayor

RB: CM/bh