

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CITY of MART

July 10, 2023

Mayor Bob Kaiser called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All Councilmembers were present.

Councilmember Odell Nevills offered a prayer.

In Citizens' comments, former Police Officer Walter Lloyd harangued Mayor ProTem Trevor Baize about a perceived insult or breach of etiquette. The allegations were vague and non-specific, and were almost threatening. Officer Lloyd expended his full 3 minutes.

Brenda Roberts had questions about the Investment Policy and the proposed ordinance requiring citizens to maintain their alleyways. Mayor Kaiser suggested that we wait until those items were discussed and assured her that, during discussion, her questions would be answered.

Linda Kelley directed our attention to tall grass and weeds on the property which is the future home of the Kim's Convenience Store. She also mentioned that she cleans the neighbor's lot.

Item 7, Consent Agenda, was unanimously passed with little fanfare.

Item 8, Departmental Reports: City Secretary Lambert Little gave short reports on Municipal Court activities as well as Public Works activities. Police Chief Shane James reported on Police Department activities. Finance Director Vikki Grimes reported on Finance and budget issues. Gil Gregory, of MRB Group, expounded on various engineering projects. There was no Fire Department report. City Secretary Little gave an extended Administrative report, including the difficulties with managing the "excess trash dumpsters and roll-off boxes" across the street from City Hall. Other topics were the burn pile, the nursing home, Kim's Convenience Store, progress with an agreement with the baseball association to utilize Rucker park, streets, and the City Hall roof.

Mayor Kaiser used his Mayoral prerogative to adjust the agenda, and moved Item 12, Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters, including Matther Pacheco and Rodney Freeman, to be the next action item. This was to accommodate the early exit of staff members who had other commitments. Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:55 pm.

Council re-convened in Regular Session at 8:13 pm. Mayor ProTem Baize moved to hire Matthew Pacheco as discussed. Councilmember John Garrett seconded the motion, and the motion passed with unanimous votes.

Item 9, Discussion and possible action on adopting an Investment Policy, was discussed at length. City Secretary Lambert Little explained that this document was a required part of a Bank Depository Solicitation, which needs to be done soon. Secretary

Little enumerated the basic tenets of the document as being the safety, the return, and the availability of all City funds. Councilmember Sandra Lynch moved to adopt the Investment Policy as presented; Councilmember Odell Nevills seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Item 10, Discussion and possible action on adopting Resolution 072301, approving an advance Funding Agreement with the state of Texas to replace the bridge on Navarro Street, was unanimously passed on a motion from Mayor ProTem Baize and a second from Councilmember Garrett. Placement of load zone signage was recommended.

Item 11, Discussion and possible action on replatting property at 316 North Commerce Street, was discussed. City Secretary Little explained that this was a straightforward replat to satisfy requirements from a lending institution. Councilmember Nevills moved to approve; Councilmember Garrett seconded; the motion passed with a 4-0-1 vote— Mayor ProTem Baize appropriately recused himself from discussion and vote because the parties involved were family members.

Item 12 was put to bed earlier.

Item 13, Discussion and possible action on adopting Ordinance # 072301, an ordinance requiring house numbers on all structures within the City Limits of the City of Mart, was discussed. The dialog revolved around the difficulty that Police, Fire, and First Responders have in finding locations when they are called for service. Additionally, non-residents have difficulty locating homes and businesses. Mayor ProTem Baize moved for adoption and accepted an amendment that the house numbers should be reflective; Councilmember Ethan Deike seconded, and the item passed on a 5-0 vote.

Item 14, Discussion and possible action on adopting Ordinance # 072302, an ordinance requiring that the landowners be responsible for mowing and maintaining rights-of-way adjacent to their properties, was discussed at length. It was pointed out that some alleys are terribly overgrown, or are deeply rutted and are nearly impassible. City Secretary Little assured Council that, on a case-by-case basis, these alleys would be brought into a condition where the adjacent landowners could more easily maintain them. Mayor ProTem Baize moved for adoption; Councilmember Ethan Deike seconded, and the item passed on a 5-0 vote.

Item 15, Discussion and possible action on adopting Ordinance # 072303, an ordinance requiring that manufactured homes be placed on properties so that the front door of the manufactured home faces the street and prohibiting placement of manufactured homes on corner lots, was discussed. City Secretary Little explained that these exist now but that he has had difficulties locating the actual ordinance documents, necessitating re-adoption. Mayor ProTem Baize moved for adoption; Councilmember Nevills seconded, and the item passed on a 5-0 vote.

Item 16, Discussion and possible action on removing and appointing members to the Community Outreach Board, was discussed. Current Members Jaelynn Anderson and Erin Nisinger have resigned; Dania Chapman and Brenda Roberts have offered to step in. Council was reminded that at a previous meeting it was suggested that Councilmember Sandra Lynch serve as a liaison on the Board. Mayor ProTem Baize

moved to accept the resignations and to make the appointments, including Councilmember Lynch; Councilmember Ethan Deike seconded, and the item passed on a 5-0 vote.

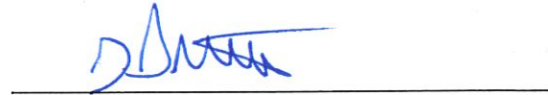
Mayor Kaiser offered closing comments, including thanks to City Secretary Little.

Councilmember Deike offered kudos to the Police Department. Councilmember Lynch spoke, commending the Police Department. Councilmember Nevills had several questions about various subjects, and offered his kudos to the Police Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.



Robert Kaiser, Mayor



Lambert Little, City Secretary