

MINUTES
Of
MART CITY COUNCIL
February 13, 2023

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

The Pledge of allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag were recited.

Odell Nevills led the group in prayer.

The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved with little discussion.

Item 7, Discussion and possible action on approving a rate increase of 16.01% from Waste Connections Lone Star, Inc., for solid waste disposal, was discussed at length. Kevin McNeil and Nicole Vences, with Waste Connections, were present. McNeil answered questions regarding a change in land-fills, from Lacy-Lakeview to Waco, and the associated cost increase. Following much debate, Councilmember Baize moved, and Councilmember Nevills seconded, to approve the 16.01% increase as requested. The motion failed, with Councilmembers Baize and Nevills voting for, and with Councilmembers Garrett, Beavers, and Miller voting against.

No action was taken on Item 8, Discussion and possible action on approving a 16% rate increase on garbage rates for the City of Mart, to become effective on April 01, 2023, due to the failure of Item 7.

No action was taken on Item 9, Discussion and possible action on adopting Ordinance 022301, vacating certain rights of way and alleys in the WB Carpenter Addition. The discussion revolved around whether streets were involved, and whether houses existed on those streets.

Item 10, Discussion and possible action on approving changes to the City of Mart Personnel Policy, generated lively discussion. Most simple wording changes were approved. Council retained authority to hire and fire Department Heads. Council accepted changes in the dress code in City Hall. Council agreed to abandon Compensatory time in favor of overtime. Councilmember Baize moved, and Councilmember Miller seconded, to approve the Personnel Policy with the discussed changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 11, Discussion and possible action on entering into a service agreement with Henson Business Products in Waco to provide support, back-up, and recovery services for City Hall computer systems, was discussed at length. It was determined that the City Hall computers did need backup and maintenance services, but also the Police Department needed a storage system as well as service and maintenance, which had


been offered under a separate agreement. City Secretary Little left the room to obtain the second Service Agreement Proposal, and distributed copies to the Council. Councilmember Nevills moved, and Councilmember Garrett seconded, to approve both service contracts with Henson Business Products of Waco. The vote was unanimous.

Following short reports from MRB Engineers and Mart Police Department, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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Len Williams, Mayor



Lambert Little, City Secretary