

MINUTES
Of
MART CITY COUNCIL
April 10, 2023

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

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

Mayor Williams led the group in prayer.

Two citizens spoke at Public Comments. Brenda Roberts talked about her problem with her neighbor's pig on the front porch. She said the neighbor planned to slaughter the pig next week so her problem has been resolved. Betty Harrison addressed Council regarding the Kim's convenience Store project on Texas avenue between Falls and Waco Streets. She stated that she did not want the noise of trucks coming and going at all hours of the day and night. Also, the convenience store would be located right in front of a church, and the noise would be disruptive.

Item 7, Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of minutes of previous meetings
- B. Payment of Accounts Payable
- C. Ratify Resolutions 032302 and 032303, regarding Solid Waste Disposal fee increases
- D. Participation in Alliance of Oncor Cities (AOC)
- E. Authorize Finance Director Vikki Grimes to transfer funds between bank accounts as needed
- F. Resolution giving City Secretary Lambert Little signatory authority on USDA-RD and TWDB documents

was approved without comment. Mayor ProTem Baize moved to approve; Councilmember James Miller seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Item 8, Departmental Reports, was conducted. Councilmember John Garrett appeared during the reports, so all Councilmembers were present for the remainder of the meeting.

Item 9, Discussion and possible action on adopting Resolution 042301 regarding the City policy on installing culverts, was discussed. Secretary Little explained that this resolution spells out what the City has traditionally done, but that he could not find anything in writing defining this as the standard procedure. Mayor ProTem Baize moved, and Councilmember John Garrett seconded, to approve the Resolution 042301 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Item 10, Discussion and possible action on adopting Ordinance No. 042301, amending Article 14.02 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Mart, was discussed. Secretary Little explained that the current Zoning Ordinance classified all properties within the City Limits as R-1,

Single Family Residential, which is not conducive to business and commercial activities. He pointed out that business and commercial activities are desired, and explained that this ordinance would amend the current ordinance to allow business and commercial activities on highways and beside existing business. He also stated that this was a stop-gap measure which would serve the city until a new, more comprehensive Zoning Ordinance could be presented. Councilmember James Miller moved, and Councilmember Nevills seconded to approve Ordinance 042301 as presented. The vote was unanimous.

Item 11, Discussion and possible action on granting a Business Permit to Doodlebugs Day Care. Secretary Little introduced Megan Gobal, Owner, and Christina Jurgens, Director, of Lil Doodlebugs Child Care Centers. Ms. Jurgens addressed the Council, and said that they could accommodate 70 children at their proposed facility. Councilmember James Miller moved, and Mayor ProTem Baize seconded to grant a business permit to Lil Doodlebugs Child Care Center. The vote was unanimous.

Item 12, Discussion and possible action on terminating our agreement with Rise Broadband regarding space on City's Elevated Water Storage Tank, was discussed. Secretary Little explained that Jeremy Beach, of Rise broadband, had contacted the City and had request an early termination of a contract to place antenna arrays on the City's elevated water storage tanks. Apparently, an original contract from 2010 had been amended, but neither Rise Broadband nor the City could find copies of the document. Mayor ProTem Baize moved to grant early termination of the contract to Rise Broadband. Councilmember Nevills seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Item 13, Discussion and possible action on allowing the placement of a Veterans' Memorial Stone near the flagpole at City Hall, was discussed. Rebecca Moore addressed the Council regarding the Memorial Stone and the festivities planned for its dedication. Councilmember Garrett moved, and Councilmember Beavers seconded, to approve placement of the Veterans' Memorial Stone near the flagpole at City Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 14, Discussion and possible action on making appointment(s) to the Mart Housing Authority Board. Secretary Little stated that two individuals were needed to complete the 5-member Mart Housing Authority Board. Little added that Rebecca Ellis, the Housing Authority Representative in Waco, had recommended Tammy Cole, of Mart, to serve. Little suggested Brenda Roberts (who had spoken at Citizens' Comments) as a citizen who had expressed a willingness to serve. Councilmember Miller moved, and Councilmember Beavers seconded, to accept the slate of individuals as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 15, Discussion and possible action on adopting Ordinance No. 042302, requiring the installation and/or use of grease traps or grease interceptors by all non-domestic users of the City's Sanitary Sewer and including the TCEQ Sizing Worksheet as an attachment to the ordinance, was discussed at length. Secretary Little informed Council that the Ordinance document was verbatim what the TCEQ had promulgated. As onerous as it might appear, Little said, every sentence in the ordinance was required to prevent customers from damaging the sewer collection and treatment system. Little added that the worksheet,

presented as an attachment to the ordinance, would eliminate misinterpretation of the requirements. Councilmember James Miller moved to adopt Ordinance 042302 as presented; Councilmember John Garrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 16, Discussion and possible action on adopting an ordinance for parking restrictions on Texas Avenue. Secretary Little explained that the owner of eating establishments on Texas Avenue has complained about adjacent landowners parking in front of his restaurants, inhibiting his customers ability to conveniently park. The pros and cons or attempting to regulate parking were debated. Ultimately, the Council took no action.

Item 17, Discussion and possible action on funding the position for a fifth Police officer, was discussed. Secretary Little assured Council that filling the fifth position was needed to provide full coverage of the City, to assist on criminal case development, to assist with animal control and code compliance, and to lessen the dependence on the McLennan County Sheriff's Office. Councilmember James Miller moved, and Mayor ProTem Baize seconded to fill the fifth Police Officer position. The motion passed unanimously.


Item 18, Discussion and possible action on approving an agreement with the Mart Volunteer Fire Department, was discussed. Secretary Little enumerated the different responsibilities that were detailed in the agreement. Mayor ProTem Baize pointed out that the Mart Volunteer Fire Department had accepted and signed the agreement as presented. Councilmember James Miller moved to approve the agreement between the City of Mart and the Mart Volunteer Fire Department as presented; Councilmember John Garrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmembers offered few comments.

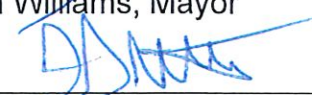
Mayor Williams reminisced about his 10 years in office, noted many accomplishments, and noted many future goals.

At 7:40 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

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Len Williams, Mayor



Lambert Little, City Secretary