

MINUTES
Of
MART CITY COUNCIL
May 16, 2023

Item 1. Call to Order: Mayor ProTem Trevor Baize called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Item 2. Mayor ProTem Baize called the roll. A quorum was present—Councilmembers Odell Nevills, James Miller, and John Garrett were present; Mayor Len Williams and Councilmember LaToya Beavers were absent.

Also present were City Secretary Lambert Little, Kathleen Dow (filling in for City Attorney Charlie Buenger), Police Chief Shane James, Finance Director Vikki Grimes, and Gil Gregory and Henry Witt, representing MRB Group (Engineers).

Council proceeded to canvass the votes of the May 02, 2023 election. Secretary Little reviewed the tally numbers as presented by the McLennan County Election Administrator. Councilmember Miller moved, and Councilmember Nevills seconded, to approve and accept the vote tally as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Newly-elected and re-elected officials were sworn in by Secretary Little.

Mayor Kaiser offered comments.

Item 7, Discussion and possible action on adopting a resolution supporting the City of Mart application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) call for projects, was discussed. Mayor Kaiser expressed concern that the citizens would rather see money spent on streets rather than sidewalks. Henry Witt, MRB Group, pointed out that the grant is funded by State and Federal dollars, and there is no local match required. Mayor Kaiser reminded Council that nothing is free, and that the money comes from somewhere. Following further comments, Assistant City Attorney Kathy Dow redirected focus to the resolution being discussed. Mayor ProTem Trevor Baize offered a motion, and Councilmember John Garrett seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 052301, a resolution supporting the City of Mart application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) call for projects. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8, Discussion and possible action on the submission of applications to the Texas Water Development Board for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and/or the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) programs for various City of Mart water system improvements, was presented by Gil Gregory and Henry Witt, MRB Group. Possible projects that qualify for funding include arsenic treatment and an emerging contaminant study, all of which would qualify for 100%

funding. Councilmember Sandra Lynch moved, and Councilmember Odell Nevills seconded the motion to pursue funding for these and other projects. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9, Discussion and possible action on authorizing MRB Group to submit an application for funding through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program, was discussed. Texas cities have been mandated to determine how much or if any water service lines are subject to lead contamination. Making this determination on every connection will be an onerous task; TWDB funding will help enormously. Mayor ProTem Trevor Baize moved, and Councilmember Ethan Deike seconded the motion to authorize submission of an application to TWDB for the Lead Service Line Replacement Program. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 10, Discussion and possible action on contracting with a management company to temporarily operate the water and wastewater plants, was discussed at length. Secretary Little explained that Bill Lawson, of Lawson Water and Wastewater Solutions, Inc., had toured both plants with an associate, Joe Simmons. Bill ran some figures; Little said that he (Little) was excited about the possibilities of having a management company offer a turn-key service at both plants, until Mr. Lawson quoted a cost of \$20,000 per month to provide the service. Council took no action.

Item 11, Mayor's Comments; Mayor Kaiser offered some closing remarks.

Item 12, Adjourn. Councilmember Odell Nevills moved to adjourn; Councilmember John Garrett seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Robert Kaiser, Mayor



Lambert Little, City Secretary