

Council Meeting Minutes

City of Mart

I. Call to Order: Time 6:30 PM June 9, 2025

Location: The Babe Aycock Room at Mart City Hall
Street Address: 112 N Commerce St
City: Mart
State: Texas Zip: 76664

II. ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Miller - Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Trever Baize - Present
Council Member Odell Nevills - Present
Council Member Jason Tweedle - Present
Council Member John Garrett - Present
Council Member Sandra Lynch - Present

III. Prayer – Led by Council Member Nevills

IV. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge of Allegiance

V. Public Comments: There were two people that signed up for comments.

1. Dennis Ruiz- spoke about permit process for 202 W Texas, other issue is the drainage at Criswell and Texas Ave
2. Bobby Summers- spoke about issue with the young man that lives behind him, dilapidated houses

VI. Consent Agenda:

Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to approve both items A and B, Council Member Garrett seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

VII. Monthly Department Reports:

City Administrator James gave brief updates on Administration, Municipal Court, Police Department; Public Works Director Etgen and City Administrator James gave Public Works update; Finance Director Blood gave a brief update on Finance; Ronnie Etgen gave an update for Fire Department; James Fullner gave an update on Emergency Management; Gil Gregory gave an update on Engineering; Matthew Pacheco Plant Supervisor gave an update on Plant Operations.

****Council Member Nevills had questions/comments about vacant lots, tall grass, camper trailers, City Administrator James and City Attorney Miles responded to those questions and comments. ****

VIII. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to add Mayor Miller as an authorized signatory for all of the City of Mart bank accounts at First National Bank of Central Texas, Council Member Nevills seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

IX. Recess into Executive Session at 7:19

X. Reconvene from Executive Session at 8:04

Council Member Tweedle motioned to adopt a resolution of The City of Mart authorizing the creation of the Mart Economic Development Corporation (EDC), appointing the initial board of directors, providing for filing with the Secretary of State, approving the certificate of formation and authorizing the City Administrator to

execute all necessary documents to effectuate such filings. Would like to nominate the initial members of the Board to be Mayor Miller, Council Member Lynch, Myself (Council Member Tweedle), Raquel Blood and Cheryl Baize. Council Member Lynch seconded, motion passed 5 to 0.

Council Member Tweedle spoke to the condition of the Community Center roof, and that the Community Center has some of the funds for the repairs, and a loan will need to be taken out for the rest of the cost. The Community Center is unable to take out the loan, so the City will need to take out the loan, and the Community Center will pay the loan back. (Per City Attorney Miles, the reason the Community Center can't take out the loan is because the building and property is owned by the City. The bank won't allow the Community center to take out the loan.) Council Member Tweedle motioned to allow the Mayor to sign and execute a loan for the repair of the Community Center roof in the amount not to exceed the quoted amount of the repairs less the funds provided by the Community Center estimated to be \$32,000.00, subject to the Mayor and City Administrator negotiating terms with the Community Center favorable to the City. Mayor-Pro Tem Baize seconded. Motion passed 5-0. City Administrator James informed council about the insurance claim for the damage to the side wall of the Community Center, TML has been out to inspect the damages, a 21ft wide section of the brick work that will have to be repaired, will have to determine if the interior wall was damaged as well. We should hear back in a couple of weeks.

XI. Taken care of in item # 10

XII. Shawn Williams spoke about his proposal of opening a "drive-thru beer and daquiri barn" at 811 E Texas Ave, Mart, TX 76664. Stated they would open at 8 or 9 am on week days and on Sundays it would be after church services, 1 or 2 pm, and they would not be open too late. Per City Attorney Miles if TABC approves where the business is proposed then there should be no problem. Note Craig Steffe mentioned that he has owned that building for the last ten years. Council Member Tweedle motioned approve the "drive thru beer and daquiri barn, pending TABC approves the distance, Council Member Garrett seconded. Council Members Lynch, Garrett, and Tweedle voted for, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize and Council Member Nevills voted against, motion passed 3-2. Council Member Tweedle asked "do you anticipate how long it will be before hearing from TABC?" Shawn Williams responded possibly 90 days; I will come back before y'all with updates.

XIII. Riki Taylor came and spoke about wanting to open a tattoo shop at 215 E Texas Ave, Mart, TX 76664. City Administrator James informed council that she did provide a proposal and it is in their agenda packet. There will only be one artist (Riki) for now. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to accept the building at 215 E Texas Ave to be used as a tattoo shop. Council Member Lynch seconded. Motioned passed 5-0.

XIV. Dennis Ruiz gave an update that the coffee shop to be located at 525 E Texas Ave, Mart, TX 76664 will be open in about 6 to 8 weeks.

XV. City Administrator James gave a brief update on the TXDOT sidewalk project.

XVI. City Administrator James gave a brief update on the TXDOT bridge project on E Navarro

XVII. Table item until bids for this project are received and reviewed.

XVIII. City Administrator James gave a brief update on the damages and that TML has been out to look, and we should hear something in a few weeks.

XIX. This item was discussed right after executive session

XX. James Fullner gave a brief explanation and let Council know that even after submission we can still make any changes that are needed, but we need to get this submitted. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to approve the Emergency Action Plans for submission to the Texas Department of Emergency Management. Council Member Tweedle seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

XXI. All members gave a brief comment

XXII. Mayor Miller gave a brief comment

XXIII. Adjourn 8:47 PM

Minutes submitted by: Shane James Print Name: Shane James

Approved by: James Miller Print Name: James Miller