

Council Meeting Minutes

City of Mart

I. Call to Order: Time 6:30 PM January 13, 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 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

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

1. Carolyn Range- spoke about Council Member Garrett, shared a story of their time working at TJJD.
2. Corey Pharris- spoke about the up coming projects with Mart Youth baseball and softball, (chain-link fences, relocating basketball goals)

VI. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
- B. Payment of Accounts Payable
- C. Ratify expenses for the date of December 30, 2024
Council Member Lynch motioned to approve items A, B, and C; Mayor Pro-Tem Baize seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

VII. Monthly Department Reports:

City Administrator James gave brief updates on Administration, Public Works, Police Department, Finance, and Plant Operations, Court Clerk L. Carroll gave an update on Municipal Court, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize gave an update on Fire Dept., Jim Fulner gave an update for Emergency Management, and Gil Gregory gave an Engineering update.

VIII. Recessed to Executive Session at 7:04 PM

IX. Reconvene from Executive Session at 7:16 PM no action taken

X. Council Member Tweedle motioned to enter into a MOU with Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program, Council Member Garrett seconded, Motion passed 5-0

XI. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to contract with McLennan County Elections to conduct the May 3, 2025 General Election for the City of Mart, Council Member Lynch seconded. Motion passed 5-0

XII. Council Member Nevills motioned to go forward with the SEP process for the enforcement action against the

City of Mart by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the water treatment facility for the first quarter of 2024, Council Member Lynch seconded. Motion passed 5-0

XIII. Council Member Lynch motioned to pay Judge Ray Black \$6,000.00 for the retro pay owed to him for services rendered to the City of Mart, Council Member Garrett seconded. Motioned passed 5-0

XIV. Council Member Lynch motioned to approve the rate increase from Waste Connections for the 2025-year, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize seconded. Motion passed 4-1, Council Member Garrett voted against. Rate increase will take effect on the February 2025 water bills.

XV. Council Member Tweedle motioned to enter into a contract with Cen-Tex Fire and Security to provide fire extinguishers and the annual inspections for City Hall, Public Works, Fire Department, and the Police Dept. Council Member Nevills seconded. Motioned passed 5-0. The contract is for 1 yr for \$1,800.00.

XVI. City Administrator James gave an update on the development project at the intersection of Battle Road and Battle Lake Road, Gil Gregory also gave information.

XVII. Council Member Nevills motion to approve creating a part-time water clerk position for the City of Mart Water Department, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize seconded. Motion passed 5-0

XVIII. Council Member Lynch motioned to approve IRS payments for payroll taxes for the City of Mart for the first quarter of 2024 in the amount of \$10,852.43, Council Member Garrett seconded. Motioned passed 5-0.

XIX. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to approve the transfer of funds from the Water Account to Debt Service Account in the amount of \$305,453.04 for the up coming USDA loan payment for the Water Treatment Plant project, Council Member Tweedle seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

XX. Council Member Tweedle motioned to approve the transfer of funds from the Water Account to Debt Service Account in the amount of \$105,000.00 for the up coming TWDB loan payment for the Waste Water Plant project, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize seconded. Motioned passed 5-0.

XXI. Council Member Tweedle motioned to waive the water and sewer tap fees for the addresses of 383, 385, 387, and 389 E Burleson Street development project for services provided by the contractor for the installation of water and sewer infrastructure, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

XXII. City Administrator James updated council about vacant positions with the City of Mart, the issue is DPS made an error with City Administrator James account and they have to correct it to allow him to run background checks on civilians.

XXIII. City Administrator James gave an update on Kim's Truck Stop, their civil engineers will be onsite in February 2025, the project is still moving forward.

XXIV. City Administrator James gave a brief update on the North Carpenter subdivision development project.

XXV. City Administrator James informed council about USDA TDA-GO grants application closeout submissions for the fiscal years of 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

XXVI. Council Member Tweedle motioned to grant waiver for the manufactured home located at 317 North Lumpkin Street in the City of Mart, McLennan County, Texas, they have two weeks to have the door installed on the Lumpkin side of home, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

XXVII. Council member comments: Council Member Garrett spoke about the rules (for permitting) not being followed; Mayor Pro-Tem Baize spoke about park improvements, (City Administrator James let council know that the City has applied for grant for park improvements); Council Member Nevills thanked City Administrator James.

XXVIII. Adjourn 7:57 PM

Minutes submitted by:  Print Name: Shane James

Approved by:  Print Name: Trevor Baize