

Council Meeting Minutes

City of Mart

I. Call to Order: Time 6:30 PM November 11, 2024

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 of Allegiance

V. Public Comments: There was one person that signed up for comments.

1. Bobby Summers - spoke about the man hole issue getting better, asked about abandonment clause for the street, and barking dogs behind house.

VI. Public Hearing regarding the request of R&A Mathis Family Limited Partnership concerning annexing, for full purposes, approximately 254.150 acres of land and being located on North Carpenter Street and Old Victoria Road, in McLennan County, Texas.

- A. Carolyn Range spoke, asking that the annexation be tabled until further discussion, she had several concerns about the annexation and about what would be allowed. Those concerns were addressed in agenda item 10.

VII. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of minutes of previous meetings.
- B. Payment of Accounts Payable

Council Member Garrett motioned to approve consent agenda, Council Member Lynch seconded, motioned passed, 5-0

VIII. Departmental Reports

City Administrator James gave brief updates for Administration, Municipal Court, Public Works (read a report from Public Works Director Ronnie Etgen), Police Department, and Plant Operations. Finance Director Blood gave a brief update for about closing the 23-24 fiscal year, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize gave the Volunteer Fire Dept update, Jim Fullner gave the update for Emergency Management, Gil Gregory, MRB, gave the Engineering update.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baize stated he would like to see the building and standards committee started again, Councilmember Nevills asked about the Elm St project.

IX. After a discussion addressing the concerns the Mrs. Range had, Council Member Lynch motioned to approve entering into a municipal services agreement with R&A Mathis Family Limited Partnership, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize seconded, motion passed 5-0

X. Councilmember Tweedle motioned to annex 254.150 acres of land located at North Carpenter and Old Victoria Road, Councilmember Garrett seconded, motion passed 5-0

XI. City Administrator James spoke for the owners. Councilmember Tweedle motioned to approve the property

at 302 E Texas Ave. to be used as a restaurant under the name of Storyville, Councilmember Lynch seconded.
Passed 5-0

XII. Horace Garland spoke to council about what his plans for the business. Councilmember Tweedle motioned to approve the property at 408 N Carpenter St to be used as a restaurant under the name of Pappy's Barbeque, Councilmember Nevills seconded. Passed 5-0

XIII. City Administrator James spoke for Mr. Franklin. Councilmember Nevills motioned reapprove allowing Mr. Franklin to have a restaurant at the property at 206 W. Texas Ave, Mayor Pro-Tem Baiz seconded, motion passed 5-0

XIV. Donald Allman, CPA, PC presented the official financial audit for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Councilmember Tweedle motioned to approve and accept the official financial audit for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, Councilmember Garrett seconded, motioned passed, 5-0.

XV. Executive Session-moved to end of meeting,

XVI. Brief discussion about how to cast the votes for board members. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize took a poll, Councilmember Tweedle motioned to cast 3 voted for Mildred Watkins and 2 voted for Ben Perry to elect members to the Board of Directors for the McLennan Central Appraisal District by written resolution number 20241111-1.

XVII. City Administrator gave an update on the Navarro Bridge project.

XVIII. Councilmember Lynch motioned to approve Mart Police Department entering in to an MOU with the Axtell Independent School District Police Department, Councilmember Garrett seconded, motioned passed 5-0

XIX. Councilmember Tweedle motioned to approve Mart Police Department entering into an MOU with the Jurisdictional Criminal Apprehension Team with Groesbeck Police Department and other agencies that are a part of the MOU, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize seconded, motioned passed 5-0.

XX. Councilmember Nevills motioned to approve the estimate of \$11,800.00 to purchase new APX mobile in-car radios and a new charging bank for the new portable radios to meet compliance with McLennan County Communications, Councilmember Tweedle seconded, motion passed 5-0

XXI. Councilmember Garrett motioned to allow the installation of 11 new water service taps on the 125-acre project on Battle Lake Road, address to be determined, Councilmember Tweedle seconded, motioned passed 5-0.

XXII. Item tabled for further discussion

XXIII. Councilmember Tweedle motioned to allow City Administrator James to seek authorization from the state auditor and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to destroy obsolete records maintained by the city, Councilmember Lynch seconded, motion passed 5-0.

XXIV. City Administrator James informed Council of the final judgment from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, stemming from prior administration at the Mart Police Department not presenting the racial profiling report to council. This is a second fine for a different year that was not done. The fine amount for this also \$200.00 for a total of \$400.00 for the two separate reports, 2021 and 2022.

XXV. City Administrator James informed Council of the enforcement action against the City of Mart by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the water treatment facility that was assessed in the first quarter of 2023. The City of Mart has been assessed a fine of \$1600.00, due to arsenic levels not being reported by the plant operator at that time.

Recess to Executive Session at 8:03 pm

Reconvene from Executive Session at 8:34 pm

Councilmember Tweedle motioned to enter into an employment agreement with City Administrator /Chief James with the amendments and corrections discussed in Executive Session, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize seconded, motion passed 5-0

XXVI. Councilmembers' comments

Councilmember Nevills asked about Mr. Summers issue, possibly opening up Navarro ST near the old air strip.

Councilmember Lynch complemented the Public Works crew in repairing the line on Johnson ST.

XXVII. Adjourn 8:42 pm

Minutes submitted by:  Print Name: Shane James

Approved by:  Print Name: Trevor Baize