

Council Meeting Minutes

City of Mart

I. Call to Order: Time 6:01 PM May 13, 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 Trevor Baize - Present
Council Member Odell Nevills - Present
Council Member Sandra Lynch - Present
Council Member John Garrett - Present
Council Member Ethan Deike - Present

III. Prayer – Led by Council Member Nevills

IV. Pledge of Allegiance & Texas Pledge of Allegiance

V. Canvass the Votes cast in the May 4, 2024 election- City Attorney C. Buenger, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Deike left meeting to canvass the votes at 6:33 pm. Motion to approve the canvass made by Council Member Garrett, Council Member Nevills 2nd, motion passed 5-0

VI. Swear in newly elected officials.

VII. Public Comments: There were three people that signed up for comments.

1. Carolyn Potts- gave an update on McLennan Park (swing purchases and donations), and vegetable and rose garden coming. Talked about the dog show that happened the previous weekend, and recognized Dennis Ruiz for sponsoring water and hot dogs for the event.
2. Rebecca Moore- spoke a little more on McLennan Park, wanting to do a June event possibly a water play day, and that the Baseball Association donated a metal table.
3. Sherry Byrd- Congratulated the winning candidates. Thanked the citizens who came out to the meet and greet. Gave an overview of the suggestions from the meet and greet (town hall meetings, newsletter, boil notices, flooding of streets, speeding down Texas Ave).

VIII. Consent Agenda

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

IX. Monthly Department Reports:

City Administrator James gave a brief overview of departments a-f, James Fulner gave the Emergency Management report, and Gil Gregory gave the engineering report.

X. Public Hearing- opened at 7:00 pm no questions asked by citizens, closed at 7:00 pm

XI. Mayor Pro-Tem motioned to approve the new subdivision ordinance, Council Member Garrett 2nd, Council Member Nevills had one question; motioned passed 5-0

XII. City Administrator James spoke about the meeting held on May 7, 2024 about the rate study and that we should have more information by the next council meeting.

XIII. City Administrator James informed council about an audit performed by TCEQ, the audit went very well, there were only 3 items the City of Mart needed to improve on.

XIV. City Administrator James gave council an update on the plans for the new animal shelter and photos of the building to be moved to the site.

XV. Council Member Lynch motioned to allow Shepherd's Heart to use the Mart Community Center for a once-a-

month drive thru food bank. Council Member Nevills 2nd. Passed 5-0

XVI. Council Member Nevills motioned to allow the removal of old bridge at McLennan park and putting a new one about 20 feet away in a better location. Council Member Garrett 2nd. Passed 5-0

XVII. City Administrator James informed council that the City was eligible for a grant to improve Rucker Park, and gave council a copy of the grant proposal.

XVIII. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to authorize MRB Group to submit a funding application to the TWBD on behalf of the City of Mart. Council Member Lynch 2nd. Passed 5-0

XIX. Council Member Lynch spoke about the safety of the bridge on Navarro, and a tree at Navarro and Booth blocking view of signs. Council Member Tweedle thanked everyone for their support. Council Member Nevills talked about tall grass, junk vehicles, live-stock in the city. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize spoke about a special election not being feasible, wouldn't be able to hold it until November.

XX. Adjourn 7:27 PM

Minutes submitted by:



Print Name:

Shane James

Approved by:



Print Name:

Trevor Baize