

Council Meeting Minutes

City of Mart

I. Call to Order: Time 6:30 PM April 15, 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 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. Public Comments: There were four people that signed up for comments.

1. Robert Kaizer- wanted to address false information about Ironhorse, the nursing home deal, and the work shirt purchases.
2. Rebecca Moore- gave information about The Lions Club and upcoming events, ex dog show and meet and greet.
3. Sarah Sheridan Sanchez- spoke on issue of rental property owners and the condition of the rental properties.
4. Brenda Roberts- spoke about the financials, asked about the monthly reports, and then handed in an open records request for reports to City Administrator Shane and Mayor Pro-Tem Trevor Baize.

VI. Consent Agenda:

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

VII. Monthly Department Reports:

City Administrator James spoke briefly on each department except fire dept, there was no report, emergency management James Fulner gave that report with a hand out, and engineering, Gil Gregory would give his updates at agenda item 10.

VIII. City Administrator/Chief James announced the promotion of Office Rob Douglas to Sergeant, and pinned his new badge on him.

IX. Council Member Nevills motioned to install a water meter and or tap to provide water to McLennan Park. Council Member Garrett seconded. Motion passed 5-0

X. Gil Gregory, MRB, gave updates on all current and future projects as well as give a hand out to council.

XI. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to allow City Administration James to proceed with obtaining a rate

study. Council Member Garrett seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

XII. Council Member Lynch motioned to accept offer to let TXDOT finish this project. Council Member Garrett second. Motion passed 5-0

XIII. City Administrator James gave an update on his plans for a new facility, new equipment, and having one of our current officers get certified as an Animal Control Officer. Anita Buzan also spoke and would like to be involved with getting animal control up and running.

XIV. Corey Pharris spoke about the improvements done to the ball field and how residents and others have responded to them. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize recommended paying for half of the cost of the invoices presented to council, totaling \$4,781.74. Council Member Garrett motioned for the City of Mart to pay Mart Youth Baseball and Softball League \$4,781.74. Council Member Lynch seconded. Motion passed 5-0

XV. Richard Benvenuti, for Clayton Homes, spoke about developing an area on S Elm Street, Mart, TX. He made a short presentation. Council Member Nevills recommended that a fire hydrant be installed too. Council Member Lynch motioned to approve the revised plat request. Council Member Garrett seconded. Motion passed 5-0

XVI. Mark Ashmore spoke for John Murphy about developing an area on E Burleson, Mart, TX. He made a short presentation. Council Member Nevills recommended that they make sure a fire hydrant is close by or one is installed. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motion to approve a replat if needed. Council Member Garrett seconded. Motion passed 5-0

XVII. City Administrator James gave an update to the Kim's Convenience Store Project. It is still on the table and they moving forward with their plans. There might be a slight delay due to them getting a new engineering firm. They also submitted information on a possible tax abatement for paying for sewer infrastructure improvement.

XVIII. City Administrator James spoke for Dennis Ruiz, gave a short presentation on the business that wants to rent part of his building at 525 E Texas Ave., Mart, TX. Mr. Ruiz was present and did answer questions. Council Member Garrett motioned to approve the commercial development of the property located at 525 E Texas Ave. Smoke and Vape Shop. Council Member Lynch seconded. Motion passed 5-0

XIX. Recess into Executive Session at 7:44 pm

XX. Reconvene from Executive Session at 9:12 pm

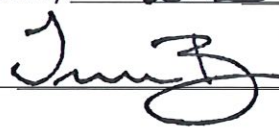
- A. Council Member Lynch motioned to conditional hire Rocky Blood as Finance Director. Council Member Garrett seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0, Council Member Deike abstained.
- B. No Action

XXI. City Administrator James spoke about the Mart Community Center and the issue of the insurance coverage for the building and contents. Council Member Nevills motioned to accept adding the Mart Community Center to the City of Mart's Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool insurance plan to provide coverage for the building and contents located at 800 E Bowie Street, Mart, TX. Council Member Garrett seconded. Motioned passed 5-0.

XXII. City Administrator James spoke about the condition of the roof for the Police Dept. Two quotes were turned in prior to the meeting. Council Member Deike recommended the we get a quote from Parson's Roofing. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize made a motion to allow City Administrator James to get more quotes for the roof repair and to make a decision on who to make the repair with a spending cap of \$8,000.00. Council Member Deike seconded. Motion passed 5-0

XXIII. Council Member Deike spoke
Council Member Lynch did not
Council Member Garrett did not
Council Member Nevills spoke
Mayor Pro-Tem Baize read a statement

XIX. Adjourn 9:24 pm

Minutes submitted by:  Print Name: Shane James
Approved by:  Print Name: Trevor Baize