

Council Meeting Minutes

City of Mart

I. Call to Order: Time 6:30 PM March 9, 2026

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 on video
Council Member Odell Nevills - 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 three people that signed up for comments.

1. Flo Sharp – Commended Carolyn Potts on all the work she has done to clean up the city. Also, she wanted to know if we had Code Enforcement.
2. Christy Clark - declined to speak now, will wait to speak during agenda item 8.
3. Craig Steffe - Spoke about decisions that the Council have made over the past few meetings.

VI. Consent Agenda:

Council Member Garrett motioned to approve both Items A and B, Council Member Lynch seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

VII. Monthly Department Reports:

City Administrator James gave brief updates on Administration, Municipal Court, Public Works, Police Department, and Finance, Engineering and Plant Operations. Public Works Director Etgen also gave updates on Public Works and Volunteer Fire Dept. James Fullner gave an update on Emergency Management.
Mayor Miller and Council Member Nevills asked a few questions about the updates.

VIII. Christy Clark told Council about the business she is wanting to open at 302 East Texas Ave. She will have home cooked meals and burgers. The name of the restaurant will be Elmo's. Council Member Garrett motioned to approve business – Elmo's to be located at 302 East Texas Ave, Mart, TX. Council Member Lynch seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

IX. City Administrator James spoke on behalf of Keith Monroe. Mr. Monroe is asking for permission for alcohol to be able to be consumed at Rucker Park and the baseball fields during a crawfish boil / softball tournament on March 21, 2026. Council Member Garrett also spoke on this. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to give Mr. Monroe permission for alcohol consumption at Rucker Park and the baseball fields. Council Member Garrett seconded the motion. Motion, passed 4-0

X. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-3-1 regulating garage sales and similar occasional sales with-in the city limits- with corrections for City wide garage sales to have more than one sale on

the same street. Council Member Lynch seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

XI. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to adopt Resolution 2026-3-1, establishing the garage sale permit fee as \$5.00. Council Member Garrett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

XII. City Administrator James spoke about why this ordinance is needed; Mayor Miller, council members, City Attorney Miles, and City Administrator James had a discussion. Citizen/Business owner Dennis Ruiz also made comments and asked questions.

Council Member Nevills motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-3-2 regulating the storage, parking and occupancy of recreational vehicles, temporary shelters, and related structures, establishing location and permit requirements, prohibiting unauthorized residential use, providing for enforcement and penalties, and declaring violations a public nuisance. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize seconded. Council Member Lynch asked how long are they going to give the temporary to move? There was another brief discussion on this. Council Member Nevills amended his motion to give a 90-day grace to move. Mayor Pro-Tem Baize seconded the amendment. Motion passed 4-0.

XIII. City Administrator James spoke about why this ordinance is needed; Mayor Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Baize asked questions. Business owner Craig Steffe also spoke on this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baize motioned to approve Ordinance 2026-3-3. Council Member Garrett seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

XIV. City Administrator James spoke about the proposed lease agreement. Council Member Garrett motioned to approve the lease agreement between the City of Mart and the Mart Youth Baseball and Softball Association. Council Member Lynch seconded. Motioned passed 4-0.

XV. Recess to Executive Session 7:23 pm

XVI. Reconvene from Executive Session 8:07 pm No action taken.

XVII. Council Members Nevills and Lynch spoke

XVIII. Mayor Miller spoke

XIX. Adjourn 8:07 PM

Minutes submitted by:  Print Name: Shane James

Approved by:  Print Name: James Miller