

MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
September 12, 2016 5:15 PM CITY COURTROOM

BE IT REMEMBERED the regular meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Martin, Tennessee, was held Monday, September 12, 2016 at 5:15 pm in the City Courtroom, when the following was held to wit:

MEMBERS PRESENT: HONORABLE RANDY BRUNDIGE, MAYOR
 HONORABLE DANNY NANNEY, ALDERMAN WARD I
 HONORABLE REX PATE, ALDERMAN WARD I
 HONORABLE DAVID BELOTE, ALDERMAN, WARD II
 HONORABLE DAVID SUDBERRY, ALDERMAN, WARD II
 HONORABLE TERRY HANKINS, ALDERMAN, WARD III
 HONORABLE RANDY EDWARDS, ALDERMAN, WARD III

Also present: Police Chief Don Teal, City Recorder Kelly Wilson, Building Inspector Mike Brundige, Community Development Director Brad Thompson, Human Resources Director Debbie Yeager, Fire Chief Jamie Summers, Public Works Director Mary Ables, Parks and Recreation Director Brian Moore, David Polite, Marvin Flatt, TLM representative Travis Martin, Community Development Partners representative Lynn Manning, Stormwater consultant Tom Lawrence, and members of the media, Steve James, David Fischer, Derek Kelley, and Ashley Benson.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brundige called the Monday, September 12, 2016 regular meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen to order.

INVOCATION

Alderman Belote gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Sudberry led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 8, 2016

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the minutes of the August 8, 2016 regular meeting as written and asked if there were any additions or deletions. There were none. Therefore, a motion was requested and follows:

Alderman Pate made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016 regular meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen as written, seconded by Alderman Nanney.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF DON TEAL

Chief Teal was present. The Police Department's monthly reports were included in the packets. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Mayor Brundige asked if anyone had any questions for Chief Teal; there were none.

LIBRARY

DIRECTOR ROBERTA PEACOCK

Director Peacock was not present.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR BRAD THOMPSON

Director Thompson was present. The Community Development's monthly report was included in the packets. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Alderman Sudberry asked when the new Ruler Foods store would be opening.

Director Thompson thought they would be opening this coming Friday but Chief Summers informed the board that the opening date had been delayed to September 22nd.

Mayor Brundige asked if anyone had any questions for Director Thompson; there were none.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF JAMIE SUMMERS

Chief Summers was present. The Fire Department's monthly report was included in the packets. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

Chief Summers did not have anything further to report except to announce that the new pumper truck was outside if the board members wanted to "check it out" after the meeting.

Mayor Brundige asked if anyone had any questions for Chief Summers; there were none.

PUBLIC WORKS

DIRECTOR MARTY ABLES

Director Ables was present. The Public Works monthly reports were included in the packets. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

PARKS AND RECREATION

DIRECTOR BRIAN MOORE

Director Moore was present. The Parks and Recreation's monthly report was included in the packets. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were any questions for Director Moore; there were none.

HUMAN RESOURCES

DIRECTOR DEBBIE YEAGER

Director Yeager was present.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were any questions for Director Yeager; there were none.

ADMINISTRATION

CITY RECORDER KELLY WILSON

Recorder Wilson was present.

Mayor Brundige asked if anyone had any questions for Recorder Wilson; there were none.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

INSPECTOR MIKE BRUNDIGE

Official Brundige was present.

Official Brundige introduced Tom Lawrence, Stormwater consultant who is helping him with the project's paperwork.

Mayor Brundige asked if anyone had any questions for Official Brundige; there were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2017 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Brundige opened a public hearing for the 2017 Transportation Alternatives grant and indicated that Travis Martin and Lynn Manning would be doing the presentation.

Travis Martin, an architect for TLM opened the presentation by congratulating Martin for recently being awarded 2016 Transportation Alternatives grant, which gives them Phase V.

Mr. Martin reported that Phase IV is finishing up with the planning process which is going across the railroad and that they recently heard back from the railroad.

Mr. Martin went on to say that Phase V picks up where they had left off with Phase III at the intersection where Wendy's is located and runs down University Street to about where the Administration building sits.

Mr. Martin said the current grant application would be for Phase VI and would start where Phase V ended and would get all the activity in front of the campus taken care of.

Phase VI would start with the Administration building and go all the way on Mt. Pelia to where the intersection was located.

Mr. Martin mentioned that one thing that they have to budget for now that had not been budgeted for in the previous Phases is an upgrade on all pedestrian intersections with audible controls and new handicap accessibility.

Phase V that was just funded would include some of the new upgraded work on pedestrian intersections.

Mr. Martin stated that the new upgrade rules came out about halfway through Phase V and the new Phase VI.

According to Mr. Martin, the parking lot on the north side of UTM campus will be upgraded in Phase V and Phase VI will include significant changes in the signal located on Mt. Pelia Road.

Mayor Brundige asked the board members if they had any questions for Mr. Martin.

Alderman Sudberry wanted clarification concerning audible upgrades.

Mr. Martin explained that bigger cities such as Nashville already have audible signals where the signals make a chirping like noise.

Mr. Martin said that someone with visual impairment who knows where the controller is located at crosswalks will push the button which will start a timer; where instead of looking up and seeing a countdown of numbers will instead hear a clicking sound that will get faster as the time gets shorter.

Mr. Martin said that the audible signal is basically for people who have vision problems and cannot see the timer.

The multimodal project on Skyhawk and University and Skyhawk and Hawks Road already has the audible signal.

Mr. Martin stated that the city would see a lot of signal upgrades along with the upcoming grants.

Alderman Pate asked Mr. Martin if he has had recent communication with the railroad concerning Main Street.

Mr. Martin confirmed that he has heard from the railroad but that this one Phase is different from previous Phases.

Mr. Martin explained that TLM sends the paperwork to TDOT and TDOT forwards paperwork to the railroad; then the railroad in turn sends paperwork back to TDOT and TDOT forwards the paperwork to TLM.

Mr. Martin went on to say that dealing with the railroad is a lengthy and slow process but expects to get in the last package the railroad's design for the pedestrian crossing across the tracks.

Mr. Martin said that everything up to this point has been sidewalk locations and utility coordination that had to be done.

Alderman Pate asked Mr. Martin if he "sees any light at the end of the tunnel" dealing with the railroad.

Mr. Martin said that he felt that they were getting closer and would like to start the project with better weather in late spring.

Mr. Martin also said the Phase V was just awarded in July and that the city has not received the executed contract back from the state yet.

Ms. Manning reported that all of the Chapter 13 information has been submitted to TDOT and they were in the process of procurement of the engineer and instruction phase.

Ms. Manning said once all the information is completed they will submit to TDOT.

Mr. Martin announced that there was a kickoff meeting held on Phase V last month in Nashville and was attended by himself and Director Thompson.

Mr. Martin informed the board members that this meeting was one of the smoothest Phase meetings he has attended and said that TDOT was very complimentary of the work done by Martin.

TDOT relayed to Mr. Martin that Martin did such good work on the past Phases that they had no worries about the upcoming Phases.

Mayor Brundige said that the Brian Brown project is moving really slow but that they did get a one year extension on this project.

Mayor Brundige asked how many times the Brian Brown paperwork has been submitted to the railroad.

Mr. Martin responded that they have submitted 4 times on the Brian Brown project.

The mayor wanted to know when was the last time paperwork on Brian Brown was submitted.

Mr. Martin replied that paperwork on this had been sent in about 2 weeks ago.

Mr. Martin noted that the railroad did ask for the appraisal date to include a closing date and that the appraisal date to be so many days within the closing date.

Mr. Martin then said that on the first 3 times they sent this to the railroad, their review process took longer than the allowable time on the contract; and therefore the railroad then asked for them to update the due dates and resubmit.

Mr. Martin asked Ms. Manning is she had anything to add to the discussion.

Ms. Manning said no except to note that the only thing that has changed from past years is that applications are now due by October 3rd instead of November 1st.

Mayor Brundige asked Mr. Martin if he had anything to add; he did not.

Mayor Brundige asked if anyone had anything to say at the public hearing.

No one spoke. Mayor Brundige closed the public hearing.

RECONVENED BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING ON STORMWATER ANNUAL REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Brundige opened the public hearing on the Stormwater Annual report.

The mayor asked Official Brundige if he wanted to present the Stormwater report.

Official Brundige said that the report is included in the city board packet and asked if anyone had any questions concerning the annual report.

Mayor Brundige asked if anyone had any questions about the Stormwater annual report; there were none.

No one spoke. Mayor Brundige closed the public hearing.

RECONVENED BOARD MEETING

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF R2016-06: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, REQUESTING FISCAL YEAR 2017 TA FUNDS FOR THE 2017 CITY OF MARTIN DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT-VI.

Recorder Wilson read Resolution R2016-06 as follows:

RESOLUTION R2016-06

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, REQUESTING FISCAL YEAR 2017 TA FUNDS FOR THE 2017 CITY OF MARTIN DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE VI

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation has responsibility for the administration of the Tennessee Department of Transportation-Transportation

Alternatives Program (TAP) which is designed to assist communities in their efforts to enhance transportation concerns.

WHEREAS, the City of Martin, acting by and through its Board of Aldermen proposes to apply for TAP funds for the purpose of performing eligible transportation enhancement activities that will benefit the majority of the residents of the City of Martin.

WHEREAS, the City of Martin will provide local financial support in conjunction with the TA funds to complete the project, and,

WHEREAS, the City of Martin, as a recipient is required to designate and appoint a Financial Officer to perform certain duties in the administration of said grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Martin as follows:

THAT, Mayor Randy Brundige is hereby authorized to execute and submit an application with appropriate assurances to the State of Tennessee, Department of Transportation, requesting Fiscal Year 2017 TAP funds for the 2017 City of Martin Downtown Improvement Project-Phase VI.

THAT, the City of Martin will be responsible for the local cash /match toward the project to be provided in full by the general account; and

THAT, Mayor Randy Brundige be and is hereby designated and appointed as Financial Officer and to perform on behalf of the City of Martin, Tennessee, those acts and assume such duties as are consistent with said position.

Mayor Brundige asked for a motion to be made to approve the introduction and reading of R2016-06.

Alderman Sudberry made the motion to approve the introduction and reading of R2016-06; seconded by Alderman Hankins.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any more discussion from the Board. There was none, therefore a roll call vote was requested:

FOR: HONORABLE NANNEY
HONORABLE PATE
HONORABLE BELOTE
HONORABLE SADBERRY
HONORABLE HANKINS
HONORABLE EDWARDS

AGAINST: NONE

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Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

APPROVE CONTRACT FOR TEC ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORIES, INC TO PROVIDE SERVICES AT LANDFILL.

Mayor Brundige asked Director Ables to give the board an update on the landfill.

Director Ables explained TEC would be installing another well on the landfill site and would also be doing testing and evaluation of the flow of water to see which direction the water is flowing to determine how many houses may be affected if something shows up in the testing of the water.

Alderman Sudberry wanted to know how many houses are off the landfill.

Mayor Brundige replied none.

Alderman Sudberry then wanted to know how many houses are on the landfill.

Mayor Brundige he thought there were 7 houses on the landfill.

Alderman Hankins wanted to know what the duration of the contract with TEC.

The mayor said that the contract was good for one year.

Mayor Brundige also said that this was just preliminary research for the upcoming grant for the landfill.

Alderman Sudberry wanted clarification that the test area is a one mile radius.

Mayor Brundige said that is correct.

Alderman Sudberry asked if TEC would be pulling their test samples from a private well.

The mayor confirmed this is correct.

Alderman Pate asked if the costs were going to be 50/50 match.

Mayor Brundige said that is correct.

Alderman Pate made a motion to approve the contract for TEC Environmental Laboratories to provide services at the landfill; seconded by Alderman Hankins.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any more discussion from the Board. There was none, therefore a roll call vote was requested:

FOR: HONORABLE NANNEY
 HONORABLE PATE
 HONORABLE BELOTE

HONORABLE SUDBERRY
HONORABLE HANKINS
HONORABLE EDWARDS

AGAINST: NONE

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

ACCEPT BID FOR PAVING

Mayor Brundige announced that the city received two bids for paving—(1) Ford Construction at \$73.95 per ton for 3000 tons and (2) Martin Paving Company at \$77.95 per ton for 3000 tons.

The mayor said the recommendation is to accept the lowest bid, which is Ford Construction at \$73.95 per ton for 3000 tons.

Mayor Brundige asked for a motion to be made to accept the bid of \$73.95 per ton for 3000 tons from Ford Construction, Inc.

Alderman Nanney made the motion to accept Ford Construction, Inc.'s bid of \$73.95 per ton for 3000 tons; seconded by Alderman Hankins.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any more discussion from the Board.

Alderman Pate wanted clarification that the city could purchase more paving materials from Ford Construction, if needed.

Mayor Brundige and Director Ables both confirmed that is correct.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any more discussion from the Board. There was none, therefore a roll call vote was requested:

FOR: HONORABLE NANNEY
HONORABLE PATE
HONORABLE BELOTE
HONORABLE SUDBERRY
HONORABLE HANKINS
HONORABLE EDWARDS

AGAINST: NONE

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

ACCEPT BID FOR TRUCK BED

Mayor Brundige presented bid from Vintage Iron Works for a truck bed at a cost of \$7000.

The mayor explained that this is the truck bed for the city's leaf truck and it will help give the truck enough weight to plow snow during the winter months.

Mayor Brundige asked for a motion to accept \$7000 bid from Vintage Iron Works for a truck bed to be used on the city's leaf truck.

Alderman Hankins made the motion to accept bid from Vintage Iron Works for a truck bed at \$7000; seconded by Alderman Pate.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any discussion from the Board.

Alderman Sudberry wanted to know if there was a contract.

The mayor said there would be a contract once the bid is accepted.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any more discussion from the Board. There was none, therefore a roll call vote was requested:

FOR: HONORABLE NANNEY
 HONORABLE PATE
 HONORABLE BELOTE
 HONORABLE SUDBERRY
 HONORABLE HANKINS
 HONORABLE EDWARDS

AGAINST: NONE

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

APPROVAL OF SEARCH FOR A FIRM TO DO A HOTEL STUDY

Mayor Brundige said that the city is looking for a firm to study the need for an additional hotel for Martin and its impact on the local economy.

The mayor asked for a motion to be made to approve search for a firm to do a hotel study.

Alderman Edwards made the motion to approve a search for a firm to do a hotel study; seconded by Alderman Hankins.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any discussion from the Board; there was none.

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VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved

DONATION OF TIME TO EMPLOYEE (600 HRS)

Mayor Brundige explained that this would be a donation of 600 hours of sick time.

The mayor asked for a motion to be made to approve the donation of 600 hours to city employee.

Alderman Hankins made the motion to approve donation of 600 hours to employee; seconded by Alderman Belote.

Mayor Brundige asked if there was any more discussion from the Board; there was none.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved

DATE FOR NEXT CITY BOARD MEETING

Mayor Brundige announced - Informal City Board will meet October 4, 2016 and regular City Board meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2016 at 5:15 pm in the city courtroom.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Brundige commented that he was at a meeting today and learned that the land appropriated by the college for a future convention center is approximately 79 acres.

The mayor went on to say that the college will go before the Planning Commission at a future date with building plans and will be asked to be annexed within the city limits.

Mayor Brundige said that right now the property is University zoned.

Alderman Sudberry asked if this property will be rezoned.

Mayor Brundige replied that the property would be rezoned.

On a different note, Alderman Nanney wanted to thank the city employees for all the hard work that went in before and during the Soybean Festival.

Mayor Brundige agreed that the employees did an outstanding job.

Alderman Belote added that not only did the employees do a great job but also praised the efforts of all the volunteers from the community.

Alderman Belote shifted the discussion and touched on the Brian Brown project and expressed his frustration dealing with the railroad on this issue.

Alderman Belote said that the railroad has strung out this project for some time and that he was still not sure of the project's outcome.

Alderman Belote mentioned that the railroad has not only frustrated the city with its roadblocks and delays but has strung out a family as well.

Alderman Belote said that it was important to see this project to the end and wanted the railroad to know that we are struggling to complete this work and that the railroad is not being helpful.

Mayor Brundige said that if it had been left up to the city that this project would have already been completed.

The mayor also revealed that this was going to be the last grant that involves dealing with the railroad.

ADJOURN

Mayor Brundige asked – Is there any other business?

Alderman Nanney made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Edwards.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE OF APPROVAL

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kelly Wilson,
City Recorder

Randy Brundige,
Mayor

RB: KW