

MARTIN BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
June 8, 2020 5:15 PM VIA ZOOM

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR ALDERMAN:

MEMBERS PRESENT: HONORABLE RANDY BRUNDIGE, MAYOR
HONORABLE DANNY NANNEY, ALDERMAN WARD I
HONORABLE SCOTT ROBBINS, ALDERMAN WARD I
HONORABLE DAVID BELOTE, ALDERMAN WARD II
HONORABLE MARVIN FLATT, ALDERMAN WARD II
HONORABLE TERRY HANKINS, ALDERMAN WARD III
HONORABLE RANDY EDWARDS, ALDERMAN WARD III

ABSENT: NONE

Also present: Police Chief Don Teal, Fire Chief Jamie Summers, City Recorder Kelly Wilson, Building Inspector Mike Brundige, Public Works Director Marty Ables, Assistant Public Works Director John Worrell, Community Development Director Brad Thompson, Human Resources Director Debbie Yeager, Parks and Recreation Director Brian Moore, Library Director Roberta Peacock, and members of the media Steve James and David Fischer.

ZOOM MEETING MESSAGE:

MEETING ELECTRONICALLY IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE IN THE LIGHT OF COVID-19 AND THE GOVERNING BODY INCLUDES THIS DETERMINATION IN THE MINUTES.

Alderman Flatt made the motion to approve this determination in the minutes, seconded by Alderman Robbins.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were any more questions. There were none. A roll call vote was requested.

FOR: HONORABLE NANNEY
HONORABLE ROBBINS
HONORABLE BELOTE
HONORABLE FLATT
HONORABLE HANKINS
HONORABLE EDWARDS

AGAINST: NONE

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brundige called the Monday, June 8, 2020 regular meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 2, 2020

Mayor Brundige introduced and presented for consideration the minutes of the June 2, 2020 regular meeting as written and asked if there were any additions or deletions.

There were none. Therefore, a motion was requested and follows:

Alderman Robbins made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 regular meeting of the City of Martin Board of Mayor and Aldermen as written, seconded by Alderman Flatt.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were any more questions. There were none. A roll call vote was requested.

FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE ROBBINS HONORABLE BELOTE HONORABLE FLATT HONORABLE HANKINS HONORABLE EDWARDS
AGAINST:	NONE

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Brundige announced that they were having trouble with Republic and brush pick up. I want to thank Public Works. They have started to help pick up brush. Republic is suppose to be working on a plan to get the city cleaned up.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF O2020-03: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MARTIN, TENNESSEE BOARD OFMAYOR AND ALDERMEN TO FORMALLY ABANDON FORMER ALLEY ON NEW LIBRARY PROPERTY. THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING

Recorder Wilson read Ordinance O2020-03. A copy is kept at Martin City Hall.

Mayor Brundige opened the public hearing for anyone to speak for or against this Ordinance.

No one spoke.

Mayor Brundige closed the public hearing.

Alderman Belote made the motion to approve Ordinance 2020-03. Alderman Robbins seconded the motion.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were any more questions. There were none. A roll call vote was requested.

FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE ROBBINS HONORABLE BELOTE HONORABLE FLATT HONORABLE HANKINS HONORABLE EDWARDS
AGAINST:	NONE

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF O2020-04: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE A MUNICIPAL ZONING DESIGNATION OF R-1 (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR THE FOLLOWING AREA BEING ANNEXED: PROPERTY LOCATED ON DOE DRIVE, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND WHICH CAN BE FURTHER DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 22.10, WEAKLEY COUNTY TAX MAP 57.

Recorder Wilson read Ordinance O2020-04. A copy is kept at Martin City Hall.

Mayor Brundige announced that there was a letter of request from the property owner on this annexation.

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Mayor Brundige asked for a motion to approve Ordinance O2020-04.

Alderman Flatt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-04. Alderman Nanney seconded the motion.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were any more questions. There were none. A roll call vote was requested.

FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE ROBBINS HONORABLE BELOTE HONORABLE FLATT HONORABLE HANKINS HONORABLE EDWARDS
AGAINST:	NONE

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

Mayor Brundige announced there will be a public hearing on this ordinance June 30, 2020 at noon by Zoom.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF R2020-07: A RESOLUTION TO ANNEX CERTAIN TERRITORY AND TO INCORPORATE THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, TENNESSEE: PROPERTY LOCATED ON DOE DRIVE, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND WITHCAN BE FURTHER DESCRIBED AS PARCEL 22.10, WEAKLEY COUNTY TAX MAP 57.

Recorder Wilson read Resolution R2020-07. A copy is kept at Martin City Hall.

Mayor Brundige asked for a motion to approve Resolution R2020-07.

Alderman Hankins made the motion to approve Resolution R2020-07. Alderman Nanney seconded the motion.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were any more questions. There were none. A roll call vote was requested.

FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE ROBBINS HONORABLE BELOTE HONORABLE FLATT
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AGAINST: HONORABLE HANKINS
HONORABLE EDWARDS
NONE

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

Mayor Brundige announced there will be a public hearing on the resolution June 30, 2020 at noon by Zoom.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF O2020-05: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.

Recorder Wilson read Ordinance O2020-05. A copy is kept at Martin City Hall.

Mayor Brundige announce that there has not been a tax increase in 18 years. This is a .35 cent per 100 dollars of assessed value increase. This is related to Covid-19. Also, over the past couple of years our sales tax has been out pacing our property tax and that is not a good practice. This is necessary because of the pandemic and to keep us from having to furlough employees.

Mayor Brundige asked if there is any discussion.

Alderman Flatt asked how much was cut from the budget.

Mayor Brundige replied one million was cut from the budget.

Alderman Robbins asked if there is a hybrid solution, such as more cuts, furlough employees, not hiring vacant positions, and a smaller tax increase.

Mayor Brundige replied that we do not have any vacant positions and if employees are furloughed, they can still get paid with their sick or vacation time. That will still go against the budget. If we layoff it will have to be enough to outweigh the vacation time. If we had vacant positions, we would be able to do that. Departments will not have enough to operate on if we make more operating budget cuts. It is a tough decision; I do not like raising taxes. We hoped to have assistant from the state.

Alderman Edwards commented that this is due to revenue taxes not coming in and not any of our projects that are going on.

Alderman Robbins commented that this will hit business the hardest. As a government we have asked them to shut down for 6-8 weeks and now we are asking for more money. I think the city should cut back just like everyone and have layoffs and have a tax increase just not a .35 cent increase.

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Mayor Brundige asked if there were any other discussion.

Alderman Edwards commented that .35 cents over 18 years equates to 1.9 % per year.

Alderman Belote commented that this was approved unanimously by the finance committee.

Mayor Brundige asked for a motion to approve O2020-05.

Alderman Nanney made the motion to approve O2020-05. Alderman Edwards seconded the motion.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were any more questions. There were none. A roll call vote was requested.

FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE BELOTE HONORABLE FLATT HONORABLE HANKINS HONORABLE EDWARDS
AGAINST:	HONORABLE ROBBINS

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

Mayor Brundige announced there will be a public hearing on this ordinance June 30, 2020 at noon by Zoom.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF O2020-06: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE CITY OF MARTIN, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020

Recorder Wilson read Ordinance O2020-06. A copy is kept at Martin City Hall.

Mayor Brundige commented that line items out of each department must be amended to cover those expenses that are over or under spent. This is something we do each fiscal year end.

Mayor Brundige asked for a motion to accept O2020-06.

Alderman Nanney made the motion to accept O2020-06. Alderman Hankins seconded the motion.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were any more questions. There were none. A roll call vote was requested.

FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE ROBBINS
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HONORABLE BELOTE
HONORABLE FLATT
HONORABLE HANKINS
HONORABLE EDWARDS
AGAINST: NONE

Mayor Brundige declared the motion approved.

Mayor Brundige announced there will be a public hearing on the Ordinance June 30, 2020 at noon by Zoom.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Brundige announced that City Hall lobby is still closed. If someone comes down with coronavirus, we must shut down for 14 days. When Hickman, KY's city hall reopened they had a case and had to close. We run essential services out of city hall and cannot afford to shut down completely. We are taking appointments, wearing mask, and taking temperatures at the present time. How long do we want to keep City Hall closed?

Mayor Brundige commented that most bank lobbies are still closed.

Alderman Belote asked if we were getting any feedback from customers? I know that they are still receiving the same services through the drive thru.

Mayor Brundige replied yes. We can do just about everything through the drive through.

Alderman Belote replied if you are not getting any push back, I would say stay the course.

Alderman Belote asked what do we do if we are forced to shut down completely?

Mayor Brundige replied we will not have billing for water bills. Cemetery lots could not be bought along with several other services. I am not sure how long it would take to sanitize and decontaminate the building.

Alderman Belote replied it would be a catastrophe to close and recommended again to stay the course and we are doing now.

Mayor Brundige also announced the fields will open soon for travel ball. Playgrounds are open now. We are opening as many things as we can.

Mayor Brundige asked if there were anymore discussion. There were none.

DATE FOR NEXT CITY BOARD MEETING

Next Formal City Board Meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. and will be in the city court room or conducted by Zoom Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Mayor Brundige asked – Is there any other business?

Alderman Hankins made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Robbins.

FOR:	HONORABLE NANNEY HONORABLE ROBBINS HONORABLE BELOTE HONORABLE FLATT HONORABLE HANKINS HONORABLE EDWARDS
AGAINST:	NONE

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Kelly Wilson
City Recorder

Randy Brundige
Mayor

RB: KW