

Wednesday April 9, 2025

The Martin City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday April 9th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room at 101 Main Street.

Mayor Gary Rayhill called the meeting to order with council members Gloria Claussen, Tootie Moffitt, Larry Gauer, Tyler Nollett, Warren Peterson, and Randy Kocourek present. Absent, none.

Others present, Chris Doctor with the Bennett County Booster, BC Sheriff Jason Irwin, Joyce Wilsom, James Begeman, Doug Johnson, Patty Bader, States Attorney Sara Harris, Rozelyn Bolzer, Alberto Saloman, Anna Halverson, Tonya Huber with KLJ, Anthony Kathol, Craig Dillon, Charlie Cummings, Donna Lamont, City Foreman Paul Noel, City Attorney Sara Frankenstein by Zoom, and Finance Officer Jean Kirk.

Approval of Agenda: Nollett moved to approve the agenda with flexibility. Peterson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes: The minutes of both March meetings were reviewed. Claussen moved to approve the March 12th minutes. Seconded by Peterson, all voting aye, motion carried. Gauer moved to approve the March 17 minutes. Nollett seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Finance Officer's Report: Peterson moved approve the Finance officer's report for March. Seconded by Nollett, all voting aye, motion carried.

Beginning Balance on Hand	\$4,569,356
March Receipts	159,372
Total to be accounted for	4,728,728
Transfer In	13,189
Transfer Out	13,189
Disbursements	213,628
Outstanding Warrants	6,486
CD & Petty Cash	22,702

Claims April 2025: The claims were reviewed by the council. Peterson moved to pay the April claims. Seconded by Nollett, all voting aye, motion carried.

Insert April Claims Here

Gauer moved to approve the payment of \$703 to the USDA for the lagoon payment. Peterson seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

Law: Sherriff Irwin updated the council on the April numbers. They had 229 calls for service, 118 of those were in Martin. 92 traffic tickets were issued. 29 arrests and 2 ordinance ticket were issued.

North Housing Sidewalk: Tonya Huber with KLG Engineering informed the council that the Oglala Sioux Tribe had received funding for a sidewalk from the north housing to the city park. She also updated the

council on the sidewalk project from IHS Clinic to the Dollar General. She plans on having the design work done by the end of the year so that they can have it out for bids by January or February with construction to start by spring or summer. Peterson moved to have the mayor sign the permission to survey so that KLG can start their surveying for both projects. Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye motion carried.

Summer Fest: Doug Johnson updated the council on this year’s Summer Fest. It will be on Saturday June 21st this year. A motion was entered by Nollett and seconded Peterson to allow them to close Main Street for the day. Nollett moved to donate \$2500 to the Oglala Drifters Riding Club out of BBB funds. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

BC Golf Assn: James Begeman updated the council on the golf association. They were busy last year with a lot of tournaments and looks like they will have a lot this summer also. They took in \$5000 more in income last year than prior years. They still have large equipment payments to make. Kocourek moved to donate \$25,000 out of the BBB Fund to the Golf Assn. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

2nd Reading Park Ordinance: The second reading of Ordinance #262 was held.

ORDINANCE #262

AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 6-3-1.2 PARK REGULATIONS TO MARTIN CITY CODE TITLE SIX CHAPTER THREE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MARTIN, BENNETT COUNTY,
SOUTH DAKOTA

That Martin Code 6-3-1.2 be added as follows:

No person attending a city park within the boundaries of the City of Martin shall create a hazardous or dangerous environment that otherwise jeopardizes the health, safety, or welfare of others present at the city park. The following shall apply to all city parks:

- (1) No person shall drive or park upon any area in a city park not designated for driving or parking, unless specifically authorized by the City.
- (2) No person shall act in a disorderly, unchaste or lewd manner, or sleep on the ground or on benches within a city park, unless authorized by the City.
- (3) No person shall possess or consume any alcohol or illegal substance within a city park.

Source _____ Authority: SDCL 9-38-1; SDCL 9-38-7

Dated this 9th day of April, 2025.

CITY OF MARTIN
A Municipal Corporation

ATTEST:

By: _____

Gary Rayhill, Mayor

By: _____
Jean Kirk, Finance Officer

1st Reading March 12, 2025
2nd Reading April 11, 2025
Published April 23, 2025
Effective May 12, 2025

Gauer moved to approve the 2nd reading and publish the ordinance. Claussen seconded the motion all voting aye, motion carried.

Dog Ordinances 1st Reading: A motion was entered by Claussen to approve the first reading of the following ordinances. Moffitt seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

ORDINANCE #264

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-3-6 TO MARTIN CITY CODE TITLE TWO
CHAPTER THREE, DOGS AND CATS
ORDINANCE #263

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-3-7 TO MARTIN CITY CODE TITLE TWO
CHAPTER THREE, DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE #265

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-3-5 TO MARTIN CITY CODE TITLE TWO
CHAPTER THREE, DOGS AND CATS
ORDINANCE #266

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-3-4 TO MARTIN CITY CODE TITLE TWO
CHAPTER THREE, DOGS AND CATS

Pool: Status of the pool was discussed with Foreman Noel. He told the council that the diving board was broke and needed to be replaced and he would like to purchase an automatic pool vacuum that sets on the bottom of the pool and works when the pool is closed. The diving board is \$5250 and the pool vacuum is \$1600. Petterson moved to purchase both the diving board and pool vacuum and to use \$6500 of BBB money to pay for it. Kocourek seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Markota Retaining Wall: Foreman Noel told the council that the railroad retaining wall at Markota is in bad shape and he would like to replace it with the blocks from Rosane Cement. Rosane gave him a quote of \$6000. Nollett moved to have repair the retaining wall with the cement blocks and to take \$6000 out of BBB funds to help pay for it. Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Malt Beverage Renewals: Nollett moved to approve the following malt beverage renewals for 2025-2026; Sportsman’s Lanes, Susan’s H&H, American Legion Club, Matin Tire and Repair, Dakotamart, Bros, Souls and Yesway. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Personnel: Kocourek moved to go into executive session concerning personnel (SDCL1-25-2.1) with Council, Foreman Noel, Finance Officer Kirk, and City Attorney Frankenstein. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Into executive session at 6:52 p.m. Out of executive session at 6:56 p.m. Claussen moved to hire George Cortier full time at \$16.00 an hour. Kocourek seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Kocourek moved to put Sandra Cummings on a 6 month probation. Claussen seconded the motion, voting aye Peterson, Gauer, Kocourek, Claussen and Nollett. Moffitt abstained. Motion carried. Nollett moved to start advertising for a pool manage and life guards. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye motion carried.

Utility Billing Software: Finance Officer Kirk informed the council that the new utility billing from gWorks that they switched to at the beginning of March has been a nightmare and the customer support from gWorks has been non-existent. After some discussion Gauer moved to start looking for a different software. Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried

Building Permits: Peterson moved to approve Alberto Salamon and Anna Halverson’s building permit to move a house to 502 Pugh Street. Nollett seconded the motion all voting aye, motion carried.

Past due Water Bills: The past due water bills were reviewed by the council. Claussen move to handle the past due water bills as usual. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Adjournment: As there was no further business to come before the council at this time, motion to adjourn was entered by Peterson.

The next city council meeting will be held May 14th at 5:30 p.m. at the city office.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2025

Gary Rayhill, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Kirk, Finance Officer

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