

Wednesday August 13, 2025

The Martin City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, August 13, 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 Tootie Moffitt, Warren Peterson, Joyce Wilson, Janelle Haynes, Randy Kocourek and Doug Lucero present. Absent, none.

Others present, Mandy Scherer with the Bennett County Booster, Deputy Sheriff Kevin Curtis, Bob Fogg, Sara Harris, Jay Yohner, Tyler Nollett, Gloria Claussen, Paul Noel, City Attorney Sarah Frankenstein, and Finance Officer Jean Kirk.

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

Minutes: Lucero moved to approve the minutes from the July 9th meeting. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Finance Officer's Report: Lucero moved approve the Finance officer's report for July. Seconded by Wilson, all voting aye, motion carried.

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| Beginning Balance on Hand | \$4,590,389 |
| July Receipts | 212,492 |
| Total to be accounted for | 4,802,882 |
| Transfer In | 13,020 |
| Transfer Out | 13,030 |
| Disbursements | 233,273 |
| Outstanding Warrants | 38,956 |
| CD & Petty Cash | 22,702 |

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

Insert August Claims Here

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

4th of July 2026: Joyce Wilson explained to the council that next year will be America's 250th anniversary. Cities and towns all over the state will be celebrating this milestone. She asked the rest of the council if the city would be interested in sponsoring this celebration in Martin. There will be a flag raising with patriotic music and reading of the Declaration of Independence, patriotic parade, quilt show, and fireworks at dusk. The city would pay for the free hotdogs and watermelon. Kocourek moved to sponsor the 4th of July celebration and to pay for it with BBB funds. Haynes seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Publishing Ordinances: A discussion was held on how to inform the public that the city has ordinances that all citizens in the city are expected to follow. Publishing in the paper and a hand out was discussed. Finance Officer Kirk said that they are all on the website but sometime the web page is hard to find, (search cityofmartinsd.com). Lucero moved to publish the reminder in the paper. Haynes seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Tyler Nollett City Tickets: Tyler Nollett asked the council to dismiss the tickets that he was issued for his dogs running at large and the two other tickets relating to that. City Attorney Frankenstein advised the council that they need to allow the courts to handle this otherwise everybody who was issued a city ticket would be coming to the meetings wanting their ticket dismissed. Haynes moved to listen to the city attorney's advice and let the court system handle it. Wilson seconded the motion, voting aye were Kocourek Moffitt, Haynes and Wilson. Abstaining, Lucero and Peterson, motion carried.

Law: There were 238 calls for service, 139 of those were in Martin. 104 traffic tickets, 51 of those in Martin, 12 ordinance tickets issued and 20 arrests with 2 of those for felonies.

Budget First Reading: The first reading of Appropriation Ordinance #267 was held. Peterson moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #267. Lucero seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Airport Grant: Lucero moved to authorize Mayor Rayhill to sign the grant for the improvements at the airport. Phase one will be for the design for the reconstruction of the apron, reconstruct hangar taxi lane, shift and construct partial parallel taxiway, expand apron and reseal runway. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Cozad Property: Peterson attended the commissioners meeting to discuss what to do with the Cozad property. The commissioners' offer was that the city would get the lot with the garage and the county would get the other two lots. Foreman Noel reminded the council that the county has done nothing to take care of the lots for the last three years the city has done all of it. Wilson made a motion to get the lots appraised. Haynes seconded the motion. Voting aye was Wilson, no other votes were entered. Lucero moved to make a counter offer to the county that the city would get the two small lots and the county would get the large lot. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Peterson offered to take the city's offer to the next commissioners meeting.

BBB Funds: Haynes moved to finish the application for BBB Funds. Moffitt seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Personnel: Peterson moved to go into executive session concerning personnel (SDCI 1-25-2.1) with mayor, council, Foreman Noel, City Attorney, And Finance Officer. Into executive session at 6:38 p.m. Out of executive session at 7:16 p.m. Lucero moved to take Sandra Cummings off of probation and give her a .75 cent raise to 18.26. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Lucero moved to take George Cortier off of probation and give him a \$1.00 an hour raise to \$17.00 an hour. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye motion carried. Lucero moved to raise Foreman Noel's wage to \$30.00 an hour from \$28.41 an hour. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Lucero moved to allow Foreman Noel to cash in 160 hours of vacation. Peterson seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried. Peterson moved to advertise for an assistant foreman with starting wage up to \$25 an hour. Haynes seconded the motion, all voting aye motion carried.

Building Permits: Peterson moved to approve two building permits. Steve and Nora Fuchs are putting a new double wide at 403 Easy Street and Bennett County Hospital is tearing out the south wing of the old hospital and adding a new wing. Lucero seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Past due Water Bills: A motion to handle the past due water bills as usual was entered by Lucero and seconded by Peterson. 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 Lucero

The next city council meeting will be held Monday September 8th at 5:30 p.m. at the library community room.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2025

Gary Rayhill, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Kirk, Finance Officer

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