

Wednesday December 11, 2024

The Martin City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday December 11, 2024 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, Randy Kocourek, and Warren Peterson, present. Absent, none.

Others present, Chris Doctor with the Bennett County Booster, Bob Fogg, BC Sheriff Jason Irwin, Jay Yohner, Paul Slattery, City Foreman Paul Noel, City Attorney Sara Frankenstein by Zoom, and Finance Officer Jean Kirk.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. Gauer moved to approve the November minutes. Nollett seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

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

Beginning Balance on Hand	\$4,327,467
November Receipts	260,345
Total to be accounted for	4,587,812
Transfer In	14,735
Transfer Out	14,735
Disbursements	174,916
Outstanding Warrants	13,927
CD & Petty Cash	22,702

Claims December 2024: The claims were reviewed by the council. Gauer moved to pay the December claims. Seconded by Peterson, all voting aye, motion carried.

Insert December Claims Here

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

Gauer moved to approve the following transfers. \$12,000 from Capital Street Improvement Fund to the General Fund to pay for capital street improvement expenses. \$33,000 for the Liquor Fund to the Markota Fund to pay swimming pool expenses. Kocourek seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Law: Sherriff Irwin updated the council on the November numbers. They had 422 calls for service, 22 arrests. 18 of those were misdemeanors and 4 felony arrests. Tyler Nollett moved to replace the damaged tuff book computer with a refurbished Tuff book for \$1429.00 pus shipping and to turn a claim in on insurance.

Claussen seconded the motion all voting aye, motion carried. Nollett moved to add the tuff book computers to the list of equipment that was loaned to the Bennett County Sherriff's department. Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Audio and video for meetings: Gauer moved to accept the quote from Knife Horse Technologies of \$3766.94 for a meeting video system to be installed in the community room. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Tax Abatements: Nollett moved to approve the following tax abatements. Cozad property; 109 Pugh St \$228.36, 113 Pugh St \$584.58, and 302 3rd Ave \$1024.30. Tucker Kieffe mobile home \$792.69 and Grace Dubray mobile home \$739.15. Donald Moore property at 303 Pugh St of \$1314.80. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Election: Peterson moved to hold the city's election on April 8th 2025 and to combine it with the school districts' election. Nollett seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Fire Works: Nollett moved to purchase \$4000 worth of fireworks for the 4th of July and to pay for it out of BBB funds. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

County Tandem Truck: Nollett moved to approve the purchase of a 1986 tandem truck from the county for \$10,000 and to pay for it out of Capital Street Improvement Fund. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Markota Doors: The two back doors on the Markota building were discussed. Foreman Noel told the council that they were pretty tuff shape and needed to be replaced. He had gotten a quote of \$3100 from Kelvin McCollam to replace the doors. Peterson moved to have Kelvin McCollam replace the doors for \$3100. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Water write-offs: Nollett moved to write-off the following accounts; golf course \$28,628.80, parks \$8,609.20 Community action building \$717.30 and boy scout building \$78.76. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Automatic Budget Supplement: Kocourek moved to do an automatic supplement to the budget an insurance payment for the Durango of \$7,634.00 and FEMA funds of \$15,964.97. Nollett seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried

Skating Rink: A lease agreement contract for the ice- skating rink was reviewed by the council. Nollett moved to approve the lease agreement and have the city's insurance cover the ice-rink. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Building Permits: One building permit was reviewed by the council. Rod Anderson at 902 Second Ave is adding 2 small areas onto the mobile home. Nollett moved to approve building permit. Peterson seconded the motion all voting aye, motion carried.

Past due Water Bills: The past due water bills were reviewed by the council. A motion was entered by Peterson to send letters to the accounts that are off stating that it is illegal to live in a house with-out a working sewer and to handle the rest as usual. Nollett seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Claussen moved to advertise in the paper to see if anybody in town would like the city to tear down and remove any old buildings. Kocourek 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 Kocourek.

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

Dated this 11th day of December, 2024

Gary Rayhill, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Kirk, Finance Officer

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