

Wednesday February 11, 2026

The Martin City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday February 11th, 2026, 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 Joyce Wilson, Tootie Moffitt, Janelle Haynes, Doug Lucero, Randy Kocourek, and Warren Peterson, present. Absent, none.

Others present, Mandy Schere with the Bennett County Booster, Lee Dayton, Gloria Claussen, Lindell Adair, Carley Two Crow, Bob Fogg, BC Sheriff Jason Irwin, Deputy Kevin Curtis, Blu Donovan, Sara Harris, City Attorney Sara Frankenstein by Zoom, and Finance Officer Jean Kirk.

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

**Minutes:** Lucero moved to approve the January 14th minutes and the minutes from the January 16<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Finance Officer's Report:** Peterson moved to approve the Finance Officer's report for January. Seconded by Kocourek, all voting aye, motion carried.

Beginning Balance on Hand	\$4,816,893
January Receipts	164,290
Total to be accounted for	4,981,183
Transfer In	30,200
Transfer Out	30,200
Disbursements	142,946
Outstanding Warrants	9,051
CD & Petty Cash	22,702

**Claims February 2026:** The claims were reviewed by the council. Peterson moved to pay the February claims. Second, by Haynes, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Insert February Claims Here**

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

**Freshman Impact:** Lindel Adair asked the Council if they would consider giving a donation to help sponsor the Freshman Impact program that is held here in Martin every year. This year it will be April 22nd. He said that it costs around \$8500 to put on the event Wilson moved to table the donation till the next meeting and have them fill out an official form requesting the donation. Haynes seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Martin Area Chamber of Commerce:** Mayor Rayhill read a letter from the Martin Area Chamber of Commerce requesting a donation from the BBB Fund. Haynes moved to table this so that the Chamber could also fill out the donation form. Peterson seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Law:** Sherriff Irwin updated the council on the January numbers. They had 81 calls for service in Martin, 76 traffic tickets, 9 of those in Martin and 6 arrests. He also informed the council that the local vet is no longer accepting dogs or cats that are picked up by the cops. The rescue organization he was using is no longer taking the unclaimed animals. A lengthy discussion was held on what to do with the animals that are picked up but nothing was decided.

**Law Contract: Peterson** moved to accept the law contract that reflects the changes that were discussed at the January 16 special meeting. Kocourek seconded the motion. Voting aye Peterson Haynes, Kocourek, Wilson and Moffitt. Abstaining, Lucero. Peterson moved to give authority to the mayor to sign the contract. Seconded by Moffitt. Voting aye, Peterson, Haynes, Kocourek, Wilson Moffitt. Abstaining, Lucero. Peterson moved to accept a payment of \$4500 from the county for the remainder of the inventory from the police department. Haynes seconded the motion. Voting aye, Peterson, Haynes, Kocourek, Wilson and Moffitt. Abstaining, Lucero.

**Cozad Property:** Wilson informed the council that she had talked to Brad Otte about auctioning off the property on April 22. He is willing to auction it off but it needs to be in the afternoon. It was also discussed that April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Freshman Impact and Martin is going to be really busy that day.

Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Lucero moved to hold the auction April 22. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**City Attorney:** Peterson moved to go into executive session concerning contract negotiations SDCL 1-25-2.3 with council, mayor, city attorney, Lee Dayton and finance officer. Kevin Curtis and BC States Attorney Sarah Harris were also invited into the meeting at a later time. Haynes seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Into executive session at 6:03 p.m. Out of executive session at 6:42 p.m. Peterson moved to have the city attorney research to see if the city could have two different city attorneys. Haynes seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Sidewalk through the Park:** The new sidewalk that will be built from the north housing was discussed. The plan is for it to be built on the east side of Old Highway 18, which would mean it would be built on the west side of the park. Kocourek moved to not allow construction through the park and that there should be a pedestrian crossing put in with a flashing yellow light that would go across the highway to the bowling alley. This would meet up with the sidewalk that is already in place. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Past due Water Bills:** Lucero moved to handle the past due water bills as usual. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Code Enforcement: Lucero** moved to have the city attorney make sure that everything has been done correctly so that the property at 201 Pugh Street can be abated. 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 March 11th at 5:30 p.m. at the Library Community Room.

Dated the 11th day of February 2026

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Gary Rayhill, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jean Kirk, Finance Officer

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