

Wednesday January 14, 2026

The Martin City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday January 14th, 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 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, Earl and Rachel Adair, Lee Dayton, Bob Fogg, BC Sheriff Jason Irwin, Deputy Kevin Curtis, Blu Donovan, Craig Dillon, Jay Yohner, Sara Harris, City Attorney Sara Frankenstein by Zoom, and Finance Officer Jean Kirk.

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the Special Meeting on December 5th were reviewed. Lucero moved to approve the December 5th minutes. Haynes seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. The December 10<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed. Haynes moved to approve the 10<sup>th</sup>'s minutes. Wilson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried

**Finance Officer's Report:** Lucero moved to approve the Finance officer's report for December. Seconded by Moffitt, all voting aye, motion carried.

Beginning Balance on Hand	\$4,815,257
December Receipts	170,105
Total to be accounted for	4,985,362
Transfer In	62,000
Transfer Out	62,000
Disbursements	145,629
Outstanding Warrants	26,274
CD & Petty Cash	22,702

**Claims January 2026:** The claims were reviewed by the council. Kocourek moved to pay the January claims. Seconded by Wilson, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Insert January Claims Here**

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

Lucero moved to approve the payment of \$10,866.09 for the water tower loan. Moffitt seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Lucero moved to approve the payment of \$4,502.16 for the water project payment. Kocourek seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried

**Law:** Sherriff Irwin updated the council on the December numbers. They had 115 calls for service in Martin, 8 arrests, 1 DUI, 87 traffic stops.

**Earl Adair:** Lee Dayton speaking on half of Earl and Rachel Adair Provided a calendar to the council showing all the days in the up-coming year that Mr. Adair plans on working on his house. Peterson moved to give Mr. Adair a year to work on his house. Lucero seconded the motion, voting aye Peterson, Lucero, Haynes and Wilson. Voting nay, Kocourek and Moffitt, motion carried.

**Law Contract:** Peterson moved to go into executive session concerning contract negotiations SDCL 1-25-2.3 with council mayor city attorney and finance officer. Kocourek seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Into executive session at 5:50 p.m. Out of executive session at 6:15 p.m. Kocourek moved to approve the raising the amount paid monthly to county by 4.4% but everything else in the contact must stay the same. Haynes seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Cozad Property:** After a short discussion auction the property off in conjunction with the county. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye motion carried. Kocourek moved to set the minimum price that would be accepted for the property at the lowest appraisal price which was \$47,500. 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.

**Volunteers:** A motion was entered by Peterson and seconded by Lucero to approve the following volunteers. Martin Volunteer Fire Department; Patty Bader, Stuart Bucholz, Troy Byrne, Chance Clausen, Dane Claussen, Virgil Clausen, Sandra Cummings, Dustin Hicks, Merle Hicks, Adrian Hicks, Tim Holt, Kindra Holt, Lucas Johnson, Doug Lucero, Chris, O'Bryan, Camden O'Bryan, Cole O'Bryan, Doug O'Bryan, Mikaela O'Bryan, Jim Russell, Cody Porch, Shelby Porch, Jimmy Pilcher, Jerren Hicks, Lattrel Terkilsen, Colton Ceplecha, Bo Sharp, Charlie Sharp, Jeff Sisco, Shelly Sisco, Mike Conquering Bear, and Jace Standing Bear.

**2026 Wages:** Wages: As per SDCL 6-1-10 a complete list of all salaries for all officers and employees of the municipal corporation shall be published with the first minutes of the first meeting following the beginning of the year. They are as follows: Mayor \$1450.00 a year plus \$100 per meeting, Council \$750 a year plus \$85.00 per meeting, Jean Kirk \$33.21 an hour, Paul Noel \$30.90 per hour, Fred V Bush \$20.60 an hour, Tiffany Pettit \$20.69 per hour, Kenneth Daugherty \$19.06 an hour, George Cortier \$19.06 an hour, Arlo Standing Bear \$18.03 an hour.

**Christmas Decorations:** The council looked over a quote from Display sales for 10 new decorations for the light poles on Main Street. Peterson moved to have the city buy the new decorations for \$6135.00 and to pay for it out of the BBB Funds. Lucero seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Building Permits:** Two building permit was reviewed by the council. Neil Hicks is putting a roof over his deck at 901 Kay Cee Ave and Maxine Jacobs is putting continues fence on her property, Block 1 of the Sigman addition. Kocourek moved to approve both building permits Wilson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

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

**Code Enforcement:** Peterson moved to approve the contract With Code Enforcement Specialist for 2026. Wilson 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 February 11th at 5:30 p.m. at the library community room.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2026

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Gary Rayhill, Mayor

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

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