

Wednesday July 10, 2024

The Martin City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, July 10th, 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, Warren Peterson, present. Absent, none.

Others present, George Larson with Meals on Wheels, Mandy Scherer with the Bennett County Booster, Anthony Kathol, Chuck Soderlin, Rachel Adair, Bob Fogg, Blu Donovan, Judd Schomp, Hayden Risse, Aaron Risse, BC Sherriff Jason Erwin, Deputy Kevin Curtis, Deputy Tyler Goss, Police Chief Doug Lucero, City Foreman Paul Noel, City Attorney Sara Frankenstein, and Finance Officer Jean Kirk.

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

Minutes: Gauer moved to approve the June 12th minutes with the May 8 typo corrected. Kocourek seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

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

Beginning Balance on Hand	\$4,302,159
June Receipts	142,859
Total to be accounted for	4,445,017
Transfer In	12,689
Transfer Out	12,689
Disbursements	174,174
Outstanding Warrants	21,840
CD & Petty Cash	22,702

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

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

2023 Audit: Deidre Budahl with Casey Peterson presented the 2023 Audit to the Council. The one major finding was the one the city has every year, that company that does the audit also prepares the financial statements. Another finding was that revenues were under estimated for the year. Peterson moved to accept the 2023 audit. Moffitt seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Meals on Wheels: George Larson who is in charge of Western South Dakota Meals on Wheels addressed the Council concerning the budget short fall for the Meals on Wheels program in Martin. He said that the Western South Dakota Meals on Wheels program had an overall deficit of \$300,000 with a \$100,000 of it because of Martin. If the program does not receive donations that by October 1st they will have to cut the number of meals they prepare from 100 down to 25. Peterson moved to table this until the next meeting so that they have a chance to look at the budget. Claussen seconded the motion. Voting aye, Moffitt, Nollett, Claussen, Peterson, Kocourek. Abstaining, Gauer, motion carried.

Fair Board Donation: Nollett moved to make the annual donation of \$1500 to the Bennett County Fair Board to help with the free BBQ and other fair activities. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Legion Baseball Donation: Hayden Risse addressed the council concerning the annual golf tournament that they put on. It is their only fund raiser for the year. The money the raise from the golf tournament helps fund their travel and the new crows nest they will be putting up after the baseball season is over. Gauer moved to donate \$500 out of the BBB Fund to the American Legion Baseball team. Nollett seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried

Law: There were 134 calls for service, 28 traffic tickets, and 12 arrests.

Contract Law: Nollett moved to go into executive session concerning contractual matters (SDCL 1-25-2.3) with the council, mayor, city attorney and finance officer. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye motion carried. Into executive session at 6:14 p.m. Out of executive session at 7:16 p.m. Claussen moved to direct the city attorney to begin contract negotiations with Bennett County State Attorney. Kocourek seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

David Livermont Drainage: Mayor Rayhill told the council that during the last couple of heavy rains that he along with the city foreman both observed that the ditch was handling the runoff from the rains. Mr. Livermont's basement was not in any danger of flooding.

Generator for Shop: The Council reviewed a quote from Gen Pro for \$\$18,253 for a generator for the shop. When the electricity goes out in town it is almost impossible to get the shop doors open. The city had applied for a grant to cover this but was turned down. Finance Officer Kirk informed the council that there was around \$15,000 of the SLFRF Covid grant money left to spend before the end of the year and that the generator would qualify for this. Nollett moved to purchase the generator and use the remainder of SLFRF funds to help pay for it. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Personnel: Kocourek moved to go into executive session concerning personnel SDCL (1-25-2.1) with council, mayor, city attorney and finance officer. Into executive session at 7:30. Out of executive session at 7:33. Peterson moved to approve raising Tiffany Pettit to \$19.50 an hour. Nollett seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Building Permits: Two building permits were reviewed by the council. Jocelyn and Ferdinand Berg at 202 S 1st Ave want to put up a six-foot privacy fence. Peterson moved to approve the building permit. Nollett seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Earl and Rachel Adair ware going to add a room onto the house at 305 Stover St. A discussion was held as this property is to be abated and has had a "no occupancy" label issued. The house on the property is still in a dangerous condition and is still in a state of decline. Peterson moved to table the building permit till next

month so they can hear from Joel Johnson with Code Enforcement Specialists. Motion died from lack of a second. Claussen wanted to table the permit until the city talked to Mr. Johnson. After more discussion Peterson moved to approve the building permit contingent on Joel Johnson approving the permit and it taking care of the no occupancy designation. Claussen seconded the motion, voting aye Nollett, Moffitt, Claussen, Gauer and Peterson. Voting nay, Kocourek. Motion carried.

Past due Water Bills: The past due water bills were reviewed by the council. A motion to handle as usual was entered by Peterson and seconded by Nollett. All voting aye, motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Anthony Kathol addressed the council concerning a letter he received for the property he recently purchased at 301 First Ave. He asked to have extra time to fix it up as he was having a hard time finding a contractor to fix the roof. Peterson moved to allow Mr. Kathol 2 years to fix the building up. 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 Peterson.

The next city council meeting will be held August 14th at 5:30 p.m. at the library community room.

Dated this 10th day of July, 2024

Gary Rayhill, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Kirk, Finance Officer

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