

Wednesday March 13, 2024

The Martin City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday March 13th, 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, Tootie Moffitt, Gloria Claussen, Gregg Claussen, Warren Peterson, and Jay Yohner present. Lindsee Harris arrived a few minutes late. Absent, none.

Others present were Tim Huether with the Bennett Co Booster, Robert Fogg, BC States Attorney Sara Harris, Police Chief Doug Lucero, Police Officer Anthony Aronov, Judd Schomp, Joyce Wilson, George Larson and Larry Gauer with the Bennett County Senior Citizens and Meals on Wheels, Chuck Soderlin, Anthony Kathol, Jeff and Leslie Theurer, Tyler Nollett, Warren Peterson, City Foreman Paul Noel, and Finance Officer Jean Kirk. City Attorney Sara Frankenstein by Zoom.

Appointment of Ward 1 Council Member: Yohner moved to appoint Warren Peterson to fill out the remainder of Kevin Rascher term. Gregg Claussen seconded the motion.

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

Minutes. Gregg Claussen moved to approve the February 2024 minutes. Gloria Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Finance Officer's Report: Gregg Claussen moved approve the Finance officer's report for February. Seconded by Moffitt, all voting aye, motion carried.

Beginning Balance on Hand	\$4,127,998
February Receipts	157,620
Total to be accounted for	4,285,618
Transfer In	14,045
Transfer Out	14,045
Disbursements	292,513
Outstanding Warrants	24,264
CD & Petty Cash	22,702

Claims March 2024: The claims were reviewed by the council.

Yohner moved to bill the responsible parties for the cost of replacing the highway street lights that were damaged in two separate accidents. Gregg Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye motion carried.

Yohner moved to pay the March claims. Seconded by Moffitt, all voting aye, motion carried.

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Moffitt moved to approve the payment of \$1163 to the USDA for the lagoon payment. Peterson seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried

Yohner moved to approve an automatic supplement to the 2024 budget for insurance proceeds of \$3641.00 for the Dodge Durango. Gloria Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Bennett County Senior Citizens/Meals on Wheels: Larry Gauer representing BC Senior Citizens and George Larson Who is in charge of Western South Dakota Meals on Wheels addressed the Council concerning the \$90,000 budget shortfall of the BC Senior Citizens / Meals on Wheels. Mr. Gauer stated that the reason that there is such a shortfall is that it costs over \$10 per meal and the State's reimbursement rate is \$5.00 per meal. He stated that right now they only have enough money to operate through April. He then asked the city for a \$25,000. Donation. After more discussion Peterson moved to donate \$5000 out of the City Improvement savings fund to BC Senior Citizens. Yohner seconded the motion all voting aye, motion carried.

Sidewalk Project: Anthony Kathol informed the council that the city had been awarded SDDOT Transportation Alternatives Grant for the sidewalks from the IHS Clinic to Dollar General. The amount of the grant is \$728,289. The amount the city has to pay is \$160,400.

Law: Police Chief Doug Lucero reported that they had 109 traffic stops, 137 calls for service, 15 arrests for the month of February. Jace Standing Bear is attending the academy and will be there until the end of May.

Garbage Bids: Only one bid was received which was from Salomon Sanitation. Their bid for once weekly residential pickup was \$22 a month, up from \$20.00. Commercial accounts would be charged \$42 per cubic yard plus tax. Gregg Claussen moved to accept Salomons bid. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. The new price will go into effect April 1st.

Park / Tall Grass Landscapes: A discussion was held on the proposal from Tall Grass Prairey. They are an architecture firm from Custer who specialize in outdoor spaces for communities. The cost for them to come up with a proposal would cost \$10,160. Gloria Claussen moved to hire Tall Grass Landscapes to work on a proposal for the park. Peterson seconded the motion. Voting aye, Gloria Claussen, Harris, Peterson, Moffitt, and Yohner. Gregg Claussen abstained.

Souls Lease: Yohner moved to table the lease until next month as the manager of Souls was not present. Harris seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Gregg Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Pool: Gregg Claussen moved to start advertising for pool life guards and manager. Yohner seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Traffic Control Device: A discussion was held on purchasing two more radar signs for South of town and East of Town. There is a grant available that might pay for part of the cost radar signs. The need for speed limit signs for 1st Avenue coming from the north was brought up by Chief Lucero. New flashing amber lights and a crosswalk by the hospital was also discussed. Yohner moved to have Foreman Noel get prices for the radar signs for the March 18th meeting and get prices for the rest of the items for the April meeting. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye motion carried.

Code Enforcement Contract: Gloria Claussen moved to approve the contract With Code Enforcement Specialists of Burke SD. Harris seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Bike Path Amber Blinking Lights: Gloria Claussen moved to have the city maintain the two amber blinking lights for the bike path after the State fixes them. Yohner seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Clean-up Month: Gloria Claussen moved to have April be Clean-up month. Residents are allowed to take approved items to the rubble site free of charge. Moffitt seconded the motion, all voting aye motion carried.

Building Permits: Two building permits were reviewed by the Council. Todd Alexander is erecting a pergola at 103 Portice Street. Rick May is converting the structure at 101 East State Street into two apartments. Yohner moved to approve both permits. Gloria Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Past Due Water Bills: Gloria Claussen moved to handle past due water bills as usual. Moffitt 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 Yohner

The next city council meeting will be held Monday, March 18th at 5:30 p.m. at the Library Community Room at 101 Main Street.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2024.

Gary Rayhill, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Kirk, Finance Officer

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