

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

The Martin City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday November 12, 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 Tootie Moffitt, Joyce Wilson, Janelle Haynes, Randy Kocourek and Doug Lucero present. Absent, Warren Peterson

Others present, Chris Doctor with the Bennett County Booster, Jeff Sisco, KayCee Hodson, Sheriff Jason Irwin, Jay Yohner, Sarah Harris, Robert Fogg, Paul Noel, Jim Jones by Phone, City Attorney Sarah Frankenstein by Zoom, and Finance Officer Jean Kirk.

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

Minutes: Wilson moved to approve the minutes as from the October 8, 2025 meeting. Kocourek seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Lucero moved to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on October 22. Moffitt seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Finance Officer's Report: Lucero moved approve the Finance officer's report for October. Seconded by Haynes, all voting aye, motion carried.

Beginning Balance on Hand	\$4,663,981
October Receipts	248,941
Total to be accounted for	4,912,922
Transfer In	13,100
Transfer Out	13,100
Disbursements	187,050
Outstanding Warrants	10,554
CD & Petty Cash	22,702

Claims November 2025: The claims were reviewed by the council. Haynes moved to pay the November claims. Seconded by Lucero, all voting aye, motion carried.

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

2025 Budget Transfers: Kocourek moved to approve the transfer of \$23,000 from Street Improvement Fund to the General Fund for capital street improvement expenses. Wilson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Wilson moved to transfer \$20,000 from the BBB Fund to the Markota Fund to pay for water used on the golf course. Haynes seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Lucero moved to transfer \$31,000 for the Liquor Fund to

the Markota Fund to cover expenses at the swimming pool. Moffitt seconded the motion, all voting aye motion carried.

Cozad Property: The three appraisals for the Cozad Property were opened. They were \$101,566, \$65,000 and \$47,500. A discussion was held on how to sell the property, by sealed bid, by auction, or list with a real estate agent. City Attorney Frankenstein reminded the council that both the city and the county need to agree on how to sell it. Lucero moved to table this till the next meeting as the commissioners have a meeting next week and will have their appraisal by then. Haynes seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Law: There were 198 calls for service, 124 of those were in Martin, 37 traffic tickets, 8 arrests.

The Council reviewed a law enforcement agreement extension given to them by Bennett County Commissioners. The agreement would extend the current contract to the end of December giving the city and county a chance to work on a new contract for next year. If a new contract is not done then the current contract will be in place for another year. Haynes moved to approve the extension to January 1st. Wilson seconded the motion, voting aye Haynes, Wilson Moffitt, Kocourek. Abstaining Lucero, motion carried. Haynes moved to approve Mayor Rayhill to sign the extension on behalf of the council. Wilson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Fire Works: Lucero moved to purchase fireworks for the next Fourth of July for the same amount as was spent last year, which was \$4,000. Wilson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Distributor Truck: Only one bid was received for the distributor truck. Dallas Chief Eagle bid \$226. Kocourek moved to accept the bid \$226.00. Moffitt seconded to motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Airport: Wilson moved to approve the financial agreement with the state for the designing of reconstruction of the apron, hangar taxiway, construct partial parallel taxiway, expand apron and reseal runway. The City and State of South Dakota will each pay 2.5% and the federal government will pay the rest. Moffitt seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Souls: Lucero moved to table this until the next meeting as the manager, Samantha Little Eagle, could not attend the meeting. Wilson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Drinking Water Facility Agreement with AE2S: Jim Jones with AE2S went over some of the points in the contract for the Water Facility Improvement Plan. Kocourek moved to approve the agreement with AE2s. Haynes seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Lucero moved to have Mayor Rayhill sign the agreement. Moffitt seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Liquor License Renewals: Lucero moved to approve the renewal of liquor licenses for Bro's Inc. Souls, Susan's H&H and the American Legion Club and the wine license for Yesway. Wilson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Auto Supplement Budget: Moffitt moved to auto supplement the law budget for \$7639 from the insurance company for the repair of the Durango that here a deer last year. Lucero seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Employee Health Insurance: The annual increase in the employees' health insurance was discussed. The increase for 2026 came to \$88 a month for each employee. Kocourek moved to go with the \$2000 deductible plan instead of \$1000 deductible plan. Wilson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

2026 Election Date: Kocourek moved to set June 2, 2026 as the city's election date. Lucero seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

1st Reading of Budget Supplement: The first reading of Ordinance #268 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF MARTIN, SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 was held. Kocourek moved to approve the first reading. Lucero seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Building Permits: Lucero moved to approve the building permit from Ernest Libby to move the trailer at 603 6th Ave out of town and for C & M Properties to move a double wide onto the same property. Kocourek seconded the motion all voting aye, motion carried.

Past due Water Bills: A motion to handle the past due water bills as usual was entered by Lucero and seconded by Haynes. 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 Wednesday December 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the library community room.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2025

Gary Rayhill, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Kirk, Finance Officer

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