

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

The Martin City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday October 8, 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, Warren Peterson, Joyce Wilson, Janelle Haynes, Randy Kocourek and Doug Lucero present. Absent, none.

Others present, Chris Doctor with the Bennett County Booster, Jennifer Sietsema with Black Hills Council of Local Gov'ts, Sheriff Jason Irwin, Deputy Kevin Curtis, Jerry Emerick, David and Sandy Fipps, Rocky Smith, Earl Adair, Jay Yohner, Gloria Claussen, Paul Noel, City Attorney Sarah Frankenstein, and Finance Officer Jean Kirk.

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

Minutes: One correction was pointed out for the September minutes. The meeting was held on Monday Sept 8th instead of Wednesday September 8th. Moffitt moved to approve the minutes as corrected from the September 8, 2025 meeting. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

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

Beginning Balance on Hand	\$4,611,185
April Receipts	170,421
Total to be accounted for	4,781,606
Transfer In	13,058
Transfer Out	13,058
Disbursements	118,8511
Outstanding Warrants	26,211
CD & Petty Cash	22,702

Claims October 2025: The claims were reviewed by the council. Peterson moved to pay the October 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. Kocourek seconded the motion. All voting aye, motion carried.

Water tower & water project payment: Peterson moved to approve the payment of the water tower and water project loans of \$15,368.25. Lucero seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Black Hills Council of Local Governments: Jennifer Sietsema, Executive Director of the Black Hills Council of Local Governments, addressed the council concerning different options the council had for funding a housing project on the Cozad land if the council decided to do that. She also talked about funding options for the arsenic filtration project.

Cozad Property: A discussion was held on the Cozad Property again. Lucero moved to have a special meeting with all the commissions on October 22nd at 5:30 at the Library Community Room. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Law: There were 216 calls for service, 143 of those were in Martin. 23 traffic tickets in Martin, 6 arrests with 1 of those for felonies and 2 DUIs.

Hay Ground Lease: Mayor Rayhill opened the seal bids for the airport hay ground. Lucero moved to accept the high bid of \$37.50 per acre from Rocky Smith. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Airport: Lucero moved to have Mayor Rayhill sign the financial agreement plan with the State of South Dakota for the design to reconstruction of the apron, hangar taxiway, construct partial parallel taxiway, expand apron and reseal runway. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Drinking Water Facility Agreement with AE2S: A discussion was held on the agreement with AE2S regarding the Water Facility Improvement Plan. The main point brought up was to make sure the city is not paying AE2S for something the Black Hills Council will do for free. Lucero moved to invite AE2S to the next meeting to discuss this. Kocourek seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Building Permits: Kocourek moved to approve the building permit for Paul Slattery at 303 First Ave once the permit is filled out properly. Slattery is putting in a foundation for a house. Peterson seconded the motion all voting aye, motion carried. Kocourek moved to approve the building permit for Rodney Anderson at 104 Dorothy St. He is attaching a carport to his garage. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Sandra Byrd is putting up a chain link fence all the way around the property at 209 Pugh St. Lucero moved to approve the permit. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Dan Rose is putting in a shed at 205 E School Street. Peterson moved to approve the permit. Lucero seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Personnel: Peterson moved to go into executive session concerning personnel SDCL 1-25-2.1). Lucero seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Into executive session at 7:33. Out of executive session at 7:40. Lucero moved to hire Fred Bush as full time at \$20.00 an hour. Hire Arlo Standing Bear as full time at \$17.50 an hour. Raise Ken Daugherty and George Cortier to \$18.50 an hour. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Lucero moved to allow Tiffany Pettit to cash in 120 hours of vacation. Peterson 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 Peterson. All voting aye, motion carried.

Code Enforcement: Earl Adair addressed the council again concerning his property at 305 Stover Street. He has some time now and needs another extension. Lucero moved to give him two months and then the code inspector will inspect the house to see if improvements have been made. 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 Lucero.

The next city council meeting will be held Wednesday November 12th at 5:30 p.m. at the library community room.

Dated this 8th day of October, 2025

Gary Rayhill, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jean Kirk, Finance Officer

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