

Wednesday October 9, 2024

The Martin City Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, and Warren Peterson, present. Absent, none.

Others present, Mandy Scherer with the Bennett County Booster, Rachel Adair, Bob Fogg, Judd Schomp, Roz Bolzer, Joyce Wilson, Chuck Soderlin, BC Deputy Kevin Curtis, Police Chief Doug Lucero, City Foreman Paul Noel, City Attorney Sara Frankenstein, and Finance Officer Jean Kirk.

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the three minutes from September were reviewed. Kocourek moved to approve all three sets of minutes. Gauer seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

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

Beginning Balance on Hand	\$4,228,885
September Receipts	210,452
Total to be accounted for	4,439,337
Transfer In	12,763
Transfer Out	12,763
Disbursements	128,359
Outstanding Warrants	22,131
CD & Petty Cash	22,702

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

**Insert October Claims Here**

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

Gauer moved to approve the water tower and the water project loan payments for \$15,403.25. Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Moffitt moved to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the BBB fund to the General Fund to pay for Golf water. Nollett seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Peterson moved to approve the transfer of \$22,000 from the Street Improvement savings to the General Fund to cover Street Improvement expenses. Moffitt seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Natural Hazard Mitigation Resolution 2024-10:** BC Emergency Manager Jeff Sisco informed the council that FEMA has accepted the plan and they are just waiting on the city and the county to approve it. The

county has already passed their resolution. Peterson moved to approve Resolution 2024-10. Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

Resolution 2024-11

Resolution Adopting Bennett County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Martin supports the contents of the Bennett County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Bennett County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2024 will be utilized as a guide for planning related to FEMA Hazard Mitigation and other purposes as deemed appropriate by the City of Martin City Council.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the City of Martin hereby adopts, supports; and will facilitate the Bennett County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2024 implementation.

Adopted by the City of Martin this 9 day of October 2024.

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Gary Rayhill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jean Kirk, Finance Officer

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**Community Thrift Store:** Roz Bolzer addressed the council concerning the community thrift store that she and other community members are opening in the boy scout building. They have formed a 501C3 and are running it under Badlands RC&D. Since they are just starting out she asked the council if they would donate the month water bill, Nollett moved to not charge the thrift store for their monthly utility bill from the city. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Peterson moved to

donate \$500 dollars from the BBB fund to the thrift store to help them get started. Nollett seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Law:** There were 140 calls for service, 57 traffic tickets, and 9 arrests. Nollett moved to go into executive session concerning personnel (SDCL 1-25-2.1) with mayor, council, city attorney. Police Chief Lucero, and Finance Officer Kirk. Claussen seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried. Into executive at 6:10 p.m. Out of executive session at 6:16 p.m. No action taken.

**Supplemental Budget Ordinance # 260:** The first reading of Supplemental Budget Ordinance #260 was held. Gauer moved to approve the first reading. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Souls:** A short discussion was held on Souls. Peterson moved to have Samantha Little Eagle come to the next meeting in November to appraise the council on what her plan is to get current with her city bills. Moffitt seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Poultry In City Limits:** A discussion was held on poultry being kept inside city limits. The city has an ordinance against keeping livestock in the city limits. Peterson moved to publish the ordinance 2-4-1 into the Booster. seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Second Reading Appropriation Ordinance #259:** Nollett moved to approve the second reading and publish Appropriation Ordinance #259. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**School Water Line:** Foreman Noel informed the council that the school was putting in some new water line and tap it into an existing line by the new Jr High Building. They also wanted the city guys to do the digging. Peterson moved to donate the city's labor for digging the new line and that the school needed to install the line correctly and have two shut-off valves so that the line could be isolated if needed. Nollett seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Utility Billing Software & Web Site:** Finance Officer Kirk informed the council that she had looked at some different companies for utility billing software and a new web site and they were more expensive than gWorks. Nollett moved to accept gWorks quote for the new software and web-site. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Audio and Live Streaming Meetings:** Getting better audio and cameras for live streaming the meetings was discussed. Councilmen Peterson said that he would check with school administration and see if they were willing to pay for part of the equipment. Nollett moved to get a full quote for everything needed to live stream the meetings. Peterson seconded the motion, all voting aye, motion carried.

**Building Permits:** One building permit was reviewed by the council. Sarah Clifford at 507 Stover is adding a deck to her house. Claussen moved to approve the building permit. Nollett seconded the motion all voting aye, 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.

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business to come before the council at this time, motion to adjourn was entered by Gauer.

The next city council meeting will be held November 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the library community room.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2024

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Gary Rayhill, Mayor

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

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