

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF MARCH 2024.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 4th day of March 2024 at City Hall, their regular meeting place, pursuant to the call of the Mayor.

THERE were present: Jason Willis, Mayor

Mike Fuselier, Councilman

Carol Frederick, Councilman

Jonas Fontenette, Councilman (joined meeting in progress)

Janise Anthony, Councilman

Flo Chatman, Councilman

Allan L. Durand, City Attorney

THERE were absent: None

Mayor Jason Willis presiding called the meeting to order.

Due to the absence of Lorrie M Poirier, Avis Gutekunst substituted as Clerk of the Council.

It was moved by Janise Anthony duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 16, 2024, hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the bills to be paid by the City Finance Committee hereby be approved for payment.

CAO Avis Gutekunst presented the Mayor and Council the January financials with a comparative of actual budget.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that Leroy Banks be hired as Crossing Guard for SM Primary School, with a pay grade of 101 (\$10.00/hr).

Jennifer Stelly with SMEDA informed and invited Mayor, Council and the public to St. Martin Parish Career Day being held Tuesday, March 12th from 9:00am – 1:00pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall in Breaux Bridge.

Upon request of DJ Pug, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that permission be granted to hold 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the front portion of Magnolia Park on Saturday, March 30th. This event will be free to the public.

Upon request of Yvette Morris with the Newcomers Club, it was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that approval be granted to hold historical event in honor of Juneteenth Day on Saturday, June 15th. The organization would like to work with CRT Director Danielle Fontenette to attract people to the City and the event. The location of the event has not been determined yet.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that permission be granted for St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church to hold May Day Procession on Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00pm beginning at the church and going down Evangeline Blvd to New Market Street and ending at the Festival Grounds. Permission was also approved for the use of the stage to hold a children's community play. The church will place a portalet on the grounds for the event.

It was moved by Janise Anthony duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the following Committee for the Festival Grounds be appointed.

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| CRT and Main Street – Danielle Fontenette | | |
| Kiwanis - Dana Dugas | | |
| Rotary – Carol Frederick | | |
| Newcomers – Clara JeanBatiste | | |
| Chamber – Sam Hayes | | |
| Council Representatives – | M. Fuselier | Eric Martin |
| | C. Frederick | Gary Miller |
| | J. Fontenette | Ardinna Jacob |
| | J. Anthony | Lisa Nelson |
| | F. Chatman | Lisa Gardner |

Upon request of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the approval to retain an electrical engineer for the Electric Upgrade Project be added to the agenda of tonight's meeting.

The discussion of the Vacant Property Tax Ordinance was tabled.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that approval be granted to move forward with the maintenance and repair expenses for the elevator at City Hall.

The update on the lease agreement between the City of St. Martinville and Maris Stella Classical Academy was tabled.

The following resolution was offered by Carol Frederick, duly second by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO HIRE AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER IN CONNECTION WITH Act 465 2023 REGULAR SESSION CAPITOL OUTLAY APPROPRIATION TO THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville has received a 2023 Act 465 Capitol Outlay appropriation of \$800,000 and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville, intends to use the funds to complete the Electrical Upgrade Project, Planning and Construction, and

WHEREAS, the program requires the City of St. Martinville to complete a plan, scope of work and budget to the Department of Facility Planning and Control in reference to the use of appropriated funds, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville, that Mayor Willis is authorized to execute a contract with Poche Prouet Associates, LLC to provide professional engineering services for the project.

YEAS: M.Fuselier, C.Frederick, J.Anthony and F.Chatman

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: J.Fontenette

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the Council meeting held on March 4, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Lorrie M Poirier
City Clerk

It was moved by Janise Anthony duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the City Council go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding Daylan Spencer.

Councilman Jonas Fontenette entered the meeting.

The City Council reconvened after executive session upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony.

Following executive session, upon recommendation of Mayor Willis it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick, with Flo Chatman abstained that the employment of Daylan Spencer be terminated for poor job performance.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, Mayor Willis adjourned the meeting upon motion of Carol Frederick and duly seconded by Mike Fuselier.

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK