

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 18th day of September, 2023 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

Janise Anthony, Councilman

Flo Chatman, Councilman

Allan L. Durand, City Attorney

THERE were absent: Jonas Fontenette, Councilman

Mayor Jason Willis presiding, called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 5, 2023, hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

CAO Avis Gutekunst presented a financial report to Mayor and Council.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the Louisiana Audit Compliance Questionnaire for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 be hereby accepted.

Dean Leblanc, candidate for St. Martin Parish President, introduced himself to Mayor and Council.

Dee Batiste with SMSH Quarterback Football Club, Principal Lang of SMSH and Chief Ricky Martin updated Mayor and Council regarding plans for Homecoming Parade scheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2023. Parade will begin at SMSH and end at the Festival Grounds.

Upon request of Mrs. Adelia Mercier, it was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried a variance be granted to allow Mr. & Mrs. Mercier to place a mobile home that is older than 15 years old at 126 St. Bernard Street and within the next month a process be established for approval of requested variances. The mobile home has passed inspection by City Inspector and is in excellence condition. Photographs established that the mobile home appears to be brand new despite its age.

Upon recommendation of Chief Ricky Martin, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that Brandon Simon be hired as a full-time non-post certified Police Officer with a rate of pay of \$14.10/hr, beginning, September 27, 2023.

Mayor Willis requested tabling the adoption of resolution for Capital Outlay Priority List for 2024-2025. Mayor requested that council members submit recommendations to submit for funding through Capital Outlay.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be hereby authorized to sign Amendment #1 to maintenance agreement with DOTD including mowing and litter pickup for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that approval be granted for the expenditure of Recreation Bond Funds in the amount of \$5,198.00 to paint 2 pickle ball courts and install sleeves & net. Home Improvement Specialties was the lowest bidder (\$3,800.00) for painting the courts.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman, with Janise Anthony abstaining that pay increases for employees be approved as presented, retroactive to July 26, 2023.

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

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK