

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 15th day of December 2025 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, Councilwoman

Jonas Fontenette, Councilman

Janise Anthony, Councilwoman

Flo Chatman, Councilwoman

Allan L. Durand, City Attorney

THERE were absent: None

Mayor Jason Willis presiding called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman and unanimously carried to add a Resolution for CWEF and LGAP Grants to the agenda of tonight's meeting.

It was moved by Councilwoman Chatman duly seconded by Councilman Fontenette and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held December 1, 2025, hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Mayor Willis asked if anyone had questions regarding the Financial Report prepared by CFO Katy Bujard and include in council packets. There were no questions.

Errol Greig, Jr voiced complaint of excessive loud music being played on the south end of the City and asked if the City has any ordinance regarding this matter. It was agreed that City Attorney Allan Durand will research this matter and Mr Greig's concern be placed on the agenda of the next council meeting.

Councilwoman Anthony entered the meeting.

Upon request of Blair Boudreaux owner of nuisance property located at 322 Columbus Street, it was moved by Councilman Fuselier duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman and unanimously carried to grant Ms. Boudreaux 90 days to demolish the dilapidated structure and remove all debris located at said address.

It was moved by Councilwoman Chatman duly seconded by Councilman Fuselier and unanimously carried to grant Delanny Johnson 30 days to demolish the dilapidated structure and remove all debris located on his property at 204 Governor Mouton.

Councilwoman Frederick inquired about the timeframe to receive requested information from the utility department when there are discrepancies in customer's utility billing. City Attorney Allan Durand recommended Mayor speak to the utility department regarding the implementation of automated water meters and the potential for an increased number of billing errors, asking the department to be sensitive and try to respond as quickly as possible to customers. Mayor assured everyone that the goal is always to strive to do better.

ORDINANCE 25-16

An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville Abandoning the dedication of Solitude Street and Solitude Lane

WHEREAS the City Council or the City of St. Martinville, after thorough review, has determined that neither Solitude Street or Solitude Lane has never been paved, maintained, or used in any manner as a public thoroughfare since their dedication to the City, and that the City has no use for the said Street or Lane now or in the future, and

WHEREAS, the name of the owner of the adjoining property, to whom the abandoned property accrues by state law is Sara Beth Wood Fournet, and the City adopts this ordinance to authorize said abandonment,

THEREFORE be it ordained that the following Miscellaneous Ordinance is adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Martinville does hereby irrevocably and permanently abandon any and all rights and rights of way which it has or may have in either Solitude Street or Solitude Lane, as shown on that plat of survey by Mohammed Borazjani attached hereto, located on the east side of the Bayou Teche, with the said property passing to the adjoining landowner, Sara Beth Wood Fournet, Apt. 2141, 2201 Verot School Road, Lafayette, La. 70508, by operation of state law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jason Willis, Mayor, is authorized to sign any acts or documents necessary or useful in connection with this ordinance.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Councilman Fontenette, duly seconded by Councilwoman Anthony, and upon being submitted to a vote, the vote was :

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Ordinance was thereon declared adopted on the 15th day of December, 2025.

JASON WILLIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor _____

Received from Mayor _____

ORDINANCE 25-17

An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville changing the meeting time for the regular meetings of the City Council from 6:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of St. Martinville has determined that it is in the best interest of the efficiency of City Council meetings for the City Council meetings to commence at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month, and that the Ordinance governing the meeting time should be amended accordingly,

THEREFORE be it ordained that Section 2.7 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of St. Martinville be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The regular meetings of the Mayor and City Council shall be on the first and third Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m.”

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Councilwoman Chatman, duly seconded by Councilwoman Anthony, and upon being submitted to a vote, the vote was :

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Ordinance was thereon declared adopted on the 15th day of December, 2025.

JASON WILLIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor _____

Received from Mayor _____

ORDINANCE 25-18

An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville amending Ordinance 08-04 relating to permits for use of City rights of way and similar matters.

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of St. Martinville finds that it is necessary to update its 2008 Ordinance on the issuance of permits for use of City rights of way by businesses operating in the City, and

WHEREAS the Council finds that the Director of the Utilities Department should have the final word on the issuance of such permits with regard to City utility rights of way,

THEREFORE be it ordained that Section 12 of Ordinance 08-04 of the City of St. Martinville be and the same is hereby added to read as follows:

“12. With regard to permits for operations involving City utilities or the rights of way for City utilities, the application for permit shall be addressed to the Director of the City Utility Department, who shall be the proper authority to make the determination with regard to any proposed work that may have an effect on the City’s electric utilities. The application for the permit shall contain all information otherwise required for any permit application under this Ordinance, and any such permit shall contain all standard provisions required by this Ordinance.”

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Councilman Fontenette, duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman, and upon being submitted to a vote, the vote was :

Yeas: M.Fuselier, C.Frederick, J.Fontenette, J.Anthony and F.Chatman
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Ordinance was thereon declared adopted on the 15th day of December , 2025.

JASON WILLIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor _____

Received from Mayor _____

RESOLUTION

A by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated funding for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for rehabilitation, improvements and new construction projects for community potable water systems; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit applications to the Louisiana Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Local Government Assistance Program and also the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Local Government Assistance Program to renovate the St. Martinville Tourism Information Center and the purchase of a UTV for maintenance of the tourism grounds area and execute any and all documents should this grant be funded ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program for electrical control upgrades at the water plant and the installation of VFDs to run the wells and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Chatman, duly seconded by Councilman Fontenette, and upon being submitted to a vote, the vote was:

Yeas: M.Fuselier, C.Frederick, J.Fontenette, J.Anthony and C.Chatman

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Resolution above was thereon declared adopted on the 15th day of December, 2025

Jason Willis, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and fully correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the St. Martinville City Council on the date shown above.

Lorrie M. Poirier, City Clerk

Mayor's Report

Thanks to SM Garden Club for another great Tour of Homes w/35 vendors

St Lucy's was a huge success – lot of people attended

Thanks to Mr. George Choplin and his committee for the beautiful Christmas
Parade

Christmas Festival was a success thanks to SMSH Alumni and SM Economic
District Committee

Supper on the Square will be held on December 19th @ 6:00pm & 7:00pm

Omega & Friends Community Gumbo on December 21st @ noon

Water meters will be changed to automated meters – if anyone has issues, please
contact utility department

Utility Department working with new software

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Next meeting Tuesday, January 20th @ 5:30 pm

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

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK