

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
HELD ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026 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

THERE were absent: Allan L. Durand, City Attorney

Mayor Jason Willis presiding called the meeting to order.

Mayor Willis asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Mayor Thomas Nelson.

It was moved by Councilman Fuselier duly seconded by Councilwoman Frederick and unanimously carried that discussion of the dangerous dog ordinance be added to the agenda of this meeting.

It was moved by Councilwoman Chatman duly seconded by Councilman Fuselier and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held of April 6, 2026, 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 included in council packets. Councilman Fontenette inquired about SM Parish Government reimbursing the City for repairs to the Evangeline Lift Station caused by the SMP jail, where bulk debris was repeatedly clogging the sewer line. Mayor reported he spoke to Parish President Delcambre, provided information that was requested and feel confident that the parish will make payment for repairs. There were no further questions.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Otis Chatman gave an update on the following nuisance properties:

- Myndal James & Jennifer Munro property located at 440 S. Vivier – City employee Cary Jones has boarded up the structure per council's request
- Blair Boudreaux sold property located at 215 Honore – Structure has been demolished and debris has been removed.
- Blair Boudreaux property located at 322 Columbus - pictures provided of progress being made to demolish structure on property
- Cornelius Broussard recently purchased property located at 314 LaSalle  
Mr. Broussard was present at the meeting and stated he was not informed property was previously condemned prior to purchasing. He would like to repair the structure and bring up to code. This matter was tabled for Planning & Zoning Coordinator Otis Chatman to perform further research into the requirements for repairing a condemned structure.

Mayor Willis requested to table the presentation of two sponsorship programs and the soccer program until the next meeting due to the absence of Parks & Recreation Director Brian Phillips.

It was moved by Councilman Fuselier duly seconded by Councilwoman Anthony and unanimously carried that the summer employment agreement for lifeguards at the pool be approved contingent upon City Attorney Allan Durand review and approval. According to the agreement the total cost of the course is \$300.00 and the City will contribute \$100 of the cost if employee enrolls in a City-approved course.

Councilman Fuselier discussed the vicious dog ordinance. Michelle Terral expressed her disappointment of how police handled the incident when a pitbull dog mauled and killed her dog. Mayor Willis explained there was a communication breakdown with the St. Martin Parish Animal Shelter regarding dogs that are brought to the facility on behalf of the City. Mayor has spoke with Parish representatives and feels things have been worked out. Ms. Terral was instructed to call the police department if she sees the dog running loose again.

It was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilman Fuselier and unanimously carried that a utility assistance vouchers policy be created. The policy will allow 60 days to receive payment from SMILE Crisis vouchers, St. Theresa Center and Catholic Charities of Acadiana programs for which funds are guaranteed. No late fees or penalties will be assessed if the customer pays any difference between monthly bill and stays current with utility bill. City Attorney will review and approve policy which will be retroactive to February 2026 utility bills.

#### Mayor's Report

- \*Funeral services for Former Mayor Thomas Nelson will be held Saturday
- \*Artwalk will be held Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> on New Market Street
- \*Love the Boot Trash Bash will be held Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>
- \*CRT Open House will be held Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- \*Main Street Sidewalk Enhancement project has begun

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

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JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK