

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 3rd day of August 2026 at City Hall, their regular meeting place, pursuant to the call of the Mayor.

THERE were present: Jason Willis, Mayor

Brad Horton, Councilman

George Choplin, Councilwoman

Jonas Fontenette, Councilman

Monica Charles, Councilwoman

Allan L. Durand, City Attorney

THERE were absent: Flo Chatman, Councilwoman

Mayor Jason Willis presiding called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Councilman Choplin duly seconded by Councilwoman Charles and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 6, 2026, hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Pam Granger with McBade Engineering & Consultants, LLC presented an update on projects that are taking place in the City.

It was moved by Councilman Choplin duly seconded by Councilman Horton and unanimously carried the presentation of financials be added to added to this agenda.

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

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Otis Chatman presented an inspection report from City Inspector Rodney Richard for 516 Martin Luther King Dr, owned by Brenda Jones stating the property consisting of a mobile home and a smaller structure is found to be dilapidated and in dangerous condition, which endangers the public welfare. Based on the inspection report, it was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilwoman Charles and unanimously carried that the property be condemned.

It was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilman Choplin and unanimously carried that three bids be obtained to demolish the condemned structure and remove debris from the property located at 516 Martin Luther King Street Dr., owned by Brenda Jones. The bid will be awarded to the lowest bidder.

The following ordinance was introduced and will be considered for adoption at the August 17, 2026 council meeting.

ORDINANCE 26-05

An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville amending its present Ordinances with respect to abandoned or junked Nuisance Vehicles

The following resolution was offered by Councilman Horton, seconded by Councilman Choplin and unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana, that the council’s appointment of Councilman Jonas Fontenette to serve as Alternate Director on the Board of Directors of Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (“LEPA”) is hereby approved.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: G. Choplin, B. Horton, J. Fontenette, and M. Charles

Nays: None

Absent: F. Chatman

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 3rd day of August 2026.

Mayor

City Clerk

Mayor Willis presented former Chief Ricky Martin a service award for 8 years of service as Chief of Police.

It was moved by Councilman Horton duly seconded by Councilwoman Charles and unanimously carried that the City Council go into executive session to discuss the property located at 2085 Terrace Hwy.

The City Council reconvened after executive session upon motion of Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilwoman Charles.

City Attorney Allan Durand stated that Executive Session was held due to the possibility of litigation between the City and Mr. Greg, the nuisance property owner of 2085 Terrace Hwy to discuss a possible settlement of proposed litigation. No action was taken.

Mayor's Report

- *Interim Police Chief is Andrew Broussard
 - Four individuals have applied for Police Chief
 - Test will be administered
 - Interviews will be held with Hiring Board
 - Hiring Board will provide recommendation

- * Moment of silence for New Iberia Chief of Police Todd D'Albor

Councilman Fontenette stated the Pool Party sponsored by Hall of Flame was a success.

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

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK