

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 31st DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 31st 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

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 Councilwoman Charles duly seconded by Councilman Choplin and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 17, 2026, hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

It was moved by Councilman Choplin duly seconded by Councilwoman Charles and unanimously carried that permission be granted for Knights of Peter Claver to hold a Cancer Walk on Saturday, October 17th beginning at 9:00am on Gary Street, proceeding to Main Street and ending on New Market Street. Permission was also granted to close S. New Market Street.

Mr Joe Paris was not present at the council meeting to report on status of request to form Friends of Magnolia Park organization. Councilman Choplin stated he would like to delay any further progress on forming an organization until a new Park Director is hired, following the retirement of Park Director Danielle Fontenette.

Planning & Zoning Director Otis Chatman presented pictures of the nuisance property located at 229 Stagg Street owned by Cassidy Kately Jr. Based on the pictures provided, it was moved by Councilwoman Chatman duly seconded by Councilwoman Charles and unanimously carried that 30 days be granted to remove vehicles and property be brought into compliance with City Ordinances.

ORDINANCE 26-07

An Ordinance Approving the Sale of Tax Sale Property by the City of St. Martinville

WHEREAS the City of St. Martinville owns property on the corner of Berard and St. Martin Streets in the City of St. Martinville, acquired by tax sale for unpaid taxes, and

WHEREAS the City of St. Martinville has never made any use of these properties, nor does the City of St. Martinville have any reasonably expected future need or use of the lot, and

WHEREAS the City of St. Martinville has investigated and determined by due proof that the purchaser below owns property adjoining the property being sold, and furthermore has maintained the property for over one year, and therefore the City has determined to sell the property without advertisement to the adjoining landowner and purchaser shown below, as authorized by La. RS 47:2202(B).

WHEREAS City of St. Martinville proposes to sell the said property to ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT, without warranty of title or fitness, at the amount of \$9,200.00;

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

APPROVAL OF SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY: The Mayor of the City of St. Martinville is hereby authorized to execute an act of sale without warranty of title or fitness conveying the following property owned by the City of St. Martinville located on Bridge Street in the city of St. Martinville, La.,(and more particularly described below), to St. Martin Parish Government for the sum of \$9,200.00, by cash sale.

The property to be sold is described as follows:

Those certain lots or parcels of ground, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereunto appertaining, located in the City of St. Martinville, on the west side of the Bayou Teche, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as that lot fronting on St. Martin Street at its intersection with Berard Street, and bounded on its north and east sides side by St. Martin Parish Government, on its south side by Berard Street, and on its west side by St. Martin Street.

This lot is assessed under St. Martin Parish parcel number 17201B1148.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Ordinance was thereon declared adopted on the 31st day of August, 2026.

JASON WILLIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor _____

Received from Mayor _____

It was moved by Councilwoman Charles duly seconded by Councilman Choplin and unanimously carried that the recommendation by University of Louisiana to reappoint Anastasia Landry-Potier as college list board member of the Police Civil Service Board be hereby accepted.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Councilman Horton duly seconded by Councilman Chatman and unanimously carried Floyd Johnson be hired as Director of Administration. Mr Floyd will replace Office Manager Candy Bertrand.

Mayor's Report

*District 2 Community Walk will be held on September 2nd at 5:00pm

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 Charles.

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK