

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF JULY, 2022.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 5th day of July, 2022 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

Jonas Fontenette, Councilman

Janise Anthony, Councilman

Flo Chatman, Councilman

Allan L. Durand, City Attorney

THERE were absent: None

Mayor Jason Willis presiding, called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 20, 2022 hereby be approved as written and prepared for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Mr. Fuselier's motion being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was:

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

Nays: J. Anthony and F. Chatman

Tiffany Jones of Republic Services presented a check to the Mayor and Council to be used for community cleanup projects.

Candy Bertrand of Our Saviors's Church, invited the mayor, council and the community to join in a Serve Day planned for July 16, 2022 being held at Early Learning Center School.

City Attorney Allan Durand entered meeting.

Electrical Engineer Jim Poche of Poche Prouet Associates, LLC introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Poche will continue to inform the council in the next few months in regards to the City's options pertaining to its electrical wholesale contract which ends December 31, 2022.

Mayor Willis requested that the agenda items requested by Main Street Association be removed from the agenda.

The following resolution was offered by Carol Frederick, seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER SECTOR PROGRAM AND THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville intends to apply for funding for sewer and water system improvements under the Water Sector Program and the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, the program requires the signature of a City official on various documents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville, that the Mayor Jason Willis is hereby authorized to sign and submit all of the necessary applications, agreements, reports, studies, plans, contracts, permits, Contractor Invoices, Engineering Invoices, and any other documents required in connection with the Sewer and Water System Improvements Project under the Water Sector Program and the American Rescue Plan Act.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this 5th day of July, 2022.

***** CERTIFICATE

I, Lorrie M. Poirier, City Clerk of the City of St. Martinville, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 5, 2022, at which time a quorum was present and voting.

Lorrie Poirier
City Clerk

Councilman Fuselier voiced his concerns of the condition that Centerpoint Gas Co is leaving the streets in following repairs of gas lines. City Attorney Allan Durand stated the agreement for right of way between the City and Centerpoint Gas Co is being researched to determine the company's obligation following said repairs.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that payment to Kincaid for invoice # 51822 in the amount of \$71,064.00 be approved for work that has been completed to date. It was the general consensus that bids for the completion of the total splash pad project be presented for approval at the next council meeting.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that payment to A&M Training Group, LLC in the amount of \$2,800.00 for the training of 8 lifeguards be approved.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the employment status of the following employees be changed from Lifeguard (\$9.00/hr) to Recreation Assistant (\$8.00/hr) effective 6-24-22, as a result of testing:

Marcus Bourda	Najah Johnson	Kylen Chretien
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It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the employment status of the following employees be terminated effective June 24, 2022 as a result of testing:

Kameron Landor	Bryce Houston	Brooke Fontenette
Amarie Allen	Oki Johnson	Dustin Smith
Mark Manzo		

It was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the City Pool be opened every Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm starting Wednesday, July 6, 2022.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that admission for City Pool be set at \$2.00/day per person under 12 years of age and \$3.00/day per person over 12 years of age.

It was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that two sessions of swimming lessons be held at the City Pool beginning in July. Each class will be a two week session; one will be held from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and the other from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. The cost will be \$20.00 per week.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the status of CPO certification be tabled.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that Allan Durand be appointed as City Attorney and Mayor Willis be authorized to execute said contract.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that Eddie Guidry be appointed as City Magistrate for the ensuing four years and Mayor Willis be authorized to execute said contract.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that McBade Engineer & Consultants, LLC be appointed as City Engineer and Mayor Willis be authorized to execute said contract.

Mayor Willis announced that the council has decided to appoint Mayor ProTem for a one year term. Mayor opened the floor for nominations of Mayor ProTem.

Councilwoman Carol Frederick nominated Councilman Mike Fuselier

Councilwoman Flo Chatman nominated Councilman Jonas Fontenette

The vote was called for Councilwoman Frederick's nomination of Councilman Mike Fuselier, the vote thereon was:

Yeas: M. Fuselier and C. Frederick

Nays: J. Fontenette and F. Chatman

Abstain: J. Anthony

The vote resulted in a tie.

The vote was called for Councilwoman Chatman's nomination of Councilman Jonas Fontenette, the vote thereon was:

Yeas: J. Fontenette, J. Anthony and F. Chatman

Nays: M. Fuselier and C. Frederick

Abstain: None

Councilman Fontenette was appointed as Mayor ProTem for one year.

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 Janise Anthony.

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, SECRETARY
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT