

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
HELD ON THE 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2022.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Upon request of Janise Anthony, it was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the employment status of Kenya Bourda be added to the agenda of this meeting.

It was moved by Janise Anthony duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 1, 2022 and special meeting held July 5, 2022 hereby be approved as written and prepared for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Father Champagne presented information to the mayor and council regarding the many services provided by Community of Jesus Crucified.

Upon request of Mr Mark Pratt, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that permission be granted for the use of the Festival Grounds to hold A Night of Prayer on July 23, 2022 beginning at 5:00 pm.

The following resolution was introduced by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously adopted:

**R E S O L U T I O N**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is responsible for approving all sign on State Highways; and

WHEREAS, Maw & Paw's Treats is located at 113 E. Bridge Street (Hwy 96) in the corporate limits of St. Martinville; and

WHEREAS, the owners of Maw & Paw's Treats, has requested (2) two *30 minute parking sign* in front of business.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana in regular session convened that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development be hereby requested to issue a permit to the City of St. Martinville for the installation of (2) two *30 minute parking sign* in front of Maw & Paw's Treats.

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I, LORRIE M. POIRIER, SECRETARY, City of St. Martinville, Louisiana do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville in Regular Session convened this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2022.

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CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE

Danielle Fontenette of Planning & Zoning updated the Mayor and Council regarding street repairs by Centerpoint following repairs to gas line. A representative will obtain a permit from City Hall and a 45 day period will be allowed to complete said repairs, then an inspector from the City will verify work has been completed.

Upon request of Mr. Michael Leblanc, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be authorized to sign Extension of Purchase Agreement for the Duchamp Opera House to extend the Due Diligence Period until August 15, 2022. The closing date shall be 15 calendar days after expiration of the extended Due Diligence Period.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried Mayor Willis and City Attorney Allan Durand be authorized to negotiate the lease between the City and the Old Evangeline Downs, L.L.C. (Races & Aces) for a section of the building formerly known as the Wal-Mart Building. Mayor Willis is further authorized to sign said lease for not less than the existing lease.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that City Attorney Allan Durand be authorized to submit a request for an Attorney General Opinion to determine if Mayor's Court can order restitution for criminal damages.

It was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that payment for COO Kimya Cruz's registration fees (\$300.00) for the LMA Convention be ratify.

Upon recommendation of Danielle Fontenette, Occupational License Department, it was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that approval be granted for citations to be issued to businesses whose occupational license taxes are delinquent. It was further decided that in the future the following procedures be followed: renewal notices be sent out in December, reminders be sent out at end of March and citations be issued in July.

Upon request of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the hiring of an Office Manager and a Docent for the museums be tabled for clarification of job duties.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the employment status of Zodah Leach be changed from lifeguard to lead guard with a pay grade of 103 + 4%.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the employment status of Claden Francis be changed from part-time maintenance laborer to full-time maintenance laborer with a pay grade of 103.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried the employment status of Ernest Etienne be changed from part-time grass crew laborer to full-time grass crew laborer with a pay grade of 103.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that Jeffery Flugence and Carlos Lindon be hired as full-time grass laborer (pay grade 103) with a 90 day probation period to evaluate need for positions.

Upon request of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the hiring Water/Wastewater Trainee Assistant be tabled to allow more time to review the job description.

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## RESOLUTION

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It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the employment status of Kenya Bourda be temporarily changed to Aquatic Administrative Assistant at \$12.00 / hr when performing duties for the remainder of this summer session.

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 Jonas Fontenette.

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JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LORRIE M POIRIER, SECRETARY  
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT