

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 1st DAY OF AUGUST, 2022.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 1st day of August, 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 Janise Anthony duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 18, 2022 and special meeting held July 26, 2022 hereby be approved as written and prepared for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that authorization be granted to execute the full requirement service agreement between St. Martinville and Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA).

Representative Blake Miquez presented Mayor, council and community a recap on the last legislative session.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that permission be granted for the use of barricades for the annual Kuts 4 Kids being held on August 7th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.

Councilwoman Flo Chatman exited the meeting.

Upon request of Sam Hayes of Robert's Lounge, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that permission be granted to hold 75th Anniversary Old-Time Fais-do-do on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 5:00 pm until 11:00 pm. Permission was granted for the following:

- Closure of Old Market Street between S.Main Street and St. Martin Street
- Special event permit
- Open container permit
- Street closure of Old Market St.
- Placement of port-o-lets
- Beer trucks for canned beer
- Security – hiring of city police
- Barricade use from city
- Bandstand use from city

Upon motion of Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be hereby authorized to enter into and sign maintenance agreement with DOTD including mowing and litter pickup along state highways in the incorporated areas of the City of St. Martinville for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be authorized to sign rental agreement with Xerox for copier/printer at City Hall.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that funds from the Recreation Bond be used to payoff existing mower lease to allow mowers to be transferred to Recreation Department and authorization be granted to enter into new lease to purchase 2 new commercial mowers. Councilwoman Janise Anthony asked that it be noted that she is requesting that funds be kept from the Recreation Bond for a project she would like done at Adam Carlson Park.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that Alex Boyer be hired as Water/Wastewater Operator with a pay grade of 110 plus on call pay.

Upon recommendation of Danielle Fontenette of Planning & Zoning, it was moved by Janise Anthony duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that City Attorney Allan Durand prepare amendment to R-3 Zoning Ordinance to adjust setbacks for mobile homes to be a minimum of 20 feet on all sides.

It was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the hourly fee be waived for the St. Martin AARP to hold monthly meetings to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A contract must be completed and deposit fee of \$150.00 will be paid by the organization.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that City Attorney Allan Durand file suite to remove the mobile homes that were moved without proper permits at the following addresses: next to 307 Honore Street, 131 S. Vivier Street and 139 S. Vivier Street. It was further recommended that City Inspector Rodney Richard be contacted to inspect the structure located next to 307 Honore Street and all three of the property owners be contacted to appear at the next council meeting scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2022.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that Clara Jean Batiste be hired to replace Laura Alexander, as part-time docent for the museums with a pay rate of 101.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the hiring of Donald Steward as a part-time recreation laborer be tabled due to application not being complete.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the position of Electrical Superintendent/Co-Superintendent of Public Works with a pay grade of 120 + 22.5% be created and Mike Douet be hired to fill said position.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the low bid for concrete work at the Splash Pad be awarded to Bulliard Construction in the amount of \$20,533.00. Recreation Bond Funds will be used for the funding of this project.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that a budget of \$15,000.00 be allocated for the fencing around the Splash Pad and Mayor Willis be granted permission to award bid to low bidder once said bids are received. Councilman Fuselier requested council be able to review the proposed fencing prior to Mayor awarding bid. Recreation Bond Funds will be used for the funding of this project.

Upon recommendation of Chief Ricky Martin, it was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the new Police Department Manual be adopted as presented.

Mayor Jason Willis gave Mayor's report on the following: grass cutting throughout the City, grants that have been applied for, the city website and app that will be launched to enhance communication with residents and spoke of Lifeguard Landon Kately's rescue at City Pool.

Mayor Willis gave Jessie Derouen the option to go into executive session to discuss his employment status. Mr. Derouen stated he would like to go into executive session.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the City Council go into executive session to discuss a Jessie Derouen employment status.

The City Council reconvened after executive session upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony.

Upon recommendation of City Attorney Allan Durand, it was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that action be deferred until results are obtained follow professional examination of Jessie Derouen as he advised in executive 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 Janise Anthony.

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, SECRETARY
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT