

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

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 5th day of December 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 Carol Frederick duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 21, 2022 hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Upon motion of Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the bills to be paid by the City Finance Committee hereby be approved for payment.

Upon request of Tracy Frederick of the Acadian Memorial Foundation, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that permission be hereby granted to close Evangeline Blvd and South New Market Street to hold the Annual Acadian Memorial Festival on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Permission was also granted for the sale of alcohol.

Following proposed ordinance amendments presented by Richard Lanthier of Historic District Advisory Commission, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the adoption of said ordinance amendments be tabled until the next meeting.

Blair Boudreaux was previously granted until October 1, 2022 to remove the vehicles, trailers and campers she owns from City Property located on the corner of RR Ave and Columbus Street. This deadline was not met; therefore, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that Planning & Zoning Administrator Danielle Fontenette contact Blair Boudreaux to attend the next council meeting to present plans to remove vehicles, mobile home and the campers from said property.

The condition of the railroad property located on Terrace Highway was discussed. City Attorney Allan Durand will perform research to determine the owners of said property.

The council having been advised by the City Attorney in open session that it initially appears that the applicant may have been entitled to a permit at the time they initially applied in July to locate a mobile home in the 400 Block of Maraist Street, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the written agreement between the Mayor and Mr & Mrs Larry Pratt regarding the moving of the trailer is hereby ratified by the council.

Mr. Lurry Sigue, property owner of 114 Oak Drive presented Mayor and Council a complaint of Public Works Utility Crew cutting branches of his live oak tree that were in the electrical lines. Mr. Sigue stated that he contacted a professional tree service that informed him that the tree is in shock due to the excessive number of branches being cut and weight of the heavy equipment used in the process. It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that City Attorney Allan Durand research the plat of Mr. Sigue's property, meet with professional tree service and present his recommendations at the next meeting.

Upon request of Mr. Leo Bourge, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that his donation of an oak tree in memory of his deceased daughter to be planted in Magnolia Park be accepted. Mr. Bourge stated that he would maintain the tree by making sure it is properly watered.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette, with Janise Anthony opposed, that the utility gone list/ uncollectable bills for 2022 in the amount of \$ 39,964.36 be written off, however collections were not waived.

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 Carol Frederick.

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CLERK
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT