

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
HELD ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023 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 Flo Chatman that the minutes of the regular meeting held December 19, 2022 hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

A substitute motion was made by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Janise Anthony to table the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held December 19, 2022 in order to allow time for City Attorney Allan Durand to finalize the amended Historic District Commission Ordinance.

Ms. Frederick's motion being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was:

Yeas: M.Fuselier, C.Frederick, J.Fontenette, J.Anthony and F.Chatman

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ms. Lawana Stokes of SLCC, presented information regarding the programs offered by the local Evangeline Campus.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the following Board Members of the Main Street Association be approved:

Giselle Bulliard	Clara Jean Batiste	Candy Bertrand
Eleanor Batiste	Carol Frederick	Lisa Birdsong
Wanda Vital	Laura St. Julien	Ryan Williams
Eric Martin	Lois Batiste	Chief Ricky Martin
Robert Chevalier	Esther Perkins	

Upon request of Danielle Fontenette of Main Street Association, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the following dates be approved to hold Pop Up Shops in 2023:

January 8	March 5	May 7
July 2	September 3	November 5

Mrs Fontenette stated that funds from the events will be used to purchase an old-time clock that will be placed downtown. Approval was further granted for the closure of a section of Evangeline Bvd.

It was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the approval of Board Members for the Historic District Commission be tabled until the amended Historic District Commission Ordinance is adopted by the council.

Corporate Authorization Resolution

This is to certify: That a meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, LA, duly called and held on January 3, 2023 the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the credit limit on the City of St. Martinville credit card account be increased from \$7,500.00 to \$17,5000.00:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that three cards be issued for said credit card with the following criteria:

Mayor Jason Willis	Establish Limit of \$ 3,750.00	Existing Card
CFO Avis Gutekunst	Establish Limit of \$ 3,750.00	Existing Card
City of St. Martinville	Establish Limit of \$10,000.00	New Card

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Mike Fuselier, duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette, and upon being submitted to a vote, the vote was:

Yeas: M.Fuselier, C.Frederick, and J.Fontenette,  
Nays: None  
Abstain: J.Anthony, and F.Chatman  
Absent: None

The Resolution above was thereon declared adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by name as Clerk of the Council and have caused the corporate seal of said corporation to be hereto affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023.

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Clerk of Council

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the employment status of Jereon McGilvery be changed to Lineman III with a paygrade of 119 plus \$1.00 on call (\$31.00/hr).

Mr Michel Murdock, husband of City employee Carolyn Murdock who was also in attendance, requested an explanation about the change of employment status for Mrs. Murdock. Mayor Willis explained that Ms. Murdock signed a statement accepting her change of employment status and declined her opportunity to appeal the action to the council; therefore, he was unable to discuss the matter in open meeting. City Attorney Allan Durand stated that if Mrs. Murdock does not wish to revoke her consent to the proposed action, the matter cannot be discussed further. Mr. Murdock did state that Mrs Murdock does not wish to rescind the previous agreement she signed regarding her employment. It was made clear that Mr. & Mrs Murdock can make an appointment to meet with Mayor Willis in order to discuss the reasons for the action, and evidence supporting the Mayor's recommendation.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried to approve the employment status change for Carolyn Murdock from Utility Billing Supervisor to Cashier with a pay grade of 107 plus 2% (\$13.36/hr).

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, Mayor Willis adjourned the meeting upon motion of Janise Anthony duly seconded by Flo Chatman.

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JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LORRIE M POIRIER, CLERK  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT