

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 17th 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 Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held December 19, 2022 and January 3, 2023 hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

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

CAO Avis Gutekunst presented a financial report to Mayor and Council.

Mary Desormeaux, President of St. Martinville Garden Club, informed the council that the fence around the Evangeline Oak is complete and signage has been ordered. Once sign has been installed, a dedication will be schedule with the Garden Club, the Woodmen of the World and the City of St. Martinville. Mrs Desormeaux also advised that seedlings from the Evangeline Oak are being sold to help defray the cost of maintenance for Evangeline.

Upon request of Mary Desormeaux, President of St. Martinville Chamber of Commerce, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that permission be granted to hold a contest to name the offspring of the Evangeline Oak and the following dates be adopted to hold readings of Evangeline Poem in conjunction with SM Garden Club:

April 1 st	9:30am – 10:30am	Evangeline Oak (permission granted to close street)
April 5 th	6:30pm – 7:30 pm	SMP Library
April 8 th	9:30am - 10:30am	Acadiana Memorial (use of building granted)
April 19 th	6:30pm – 7:30pm	SMP Library
April 22 nd	9:30am – 10:30am	Evangeline Oak (permission granted to close street) Official Naming of the Evangeline’s offspring

The contest to name the offspring of the Evangeline Oak will be open to the public. The name will be determined by a committee consisting of Mary Desormeaux of the Garden Club, Jude Theriot of St. Martin Tourism and Mayor Willis or his appointee.

Upon request of Richard Lanthier of Historic District Commission, it was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the following board members be accepted and appointed to the Historic District Commission:

Richard Lanthier	Sally MacInerny	Clara Jean Batiste
Giselle Bulliard	Eric Martin	Father Jason Vidrine
Lisa Birdsong		

Meetings must be held at least every 45 days but will be held once a month at this time. All records, including recording of meetings and minutes will be maintained at City Hall and kept by Danielle Fontenette.

Upon recommendation of Chief Ricky Martin, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that Elizabeth Tozal be hired as full-time dispatcher, following successful completion of all pre-employment testing. Ms. Tozal’s rate of pay will be \$9.75 per hour.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, Mayor Willis adjourned the meeting upon motion of Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Carol Frederick.

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CLERK
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT