

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 6th DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 6th day of March 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 Janise Anthony duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 20, 2023 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 Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the bills to be paid by the City Finance Committee hereby be approved for payment.

Upon request of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that council going into executive session to discuss the return of the Urgent Care contract deposit be added to the agenda of this meeting.

Upon request of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried to move the discussion of 225 Gov Mouton to the top of the agenda.

Following discussion of the condition of the vacant dilapidated structure located at 225 Gov Mouton, owned by Ms. Mary Duplantis, it was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the property be revisited at the next meeting.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette with Janise Anthony abstained, that approval be granted to hire Ragin Cajun Commercial Fleet Wash to pressure wash and disinfect the playground equipment in Magnolia Park & Adam Carlson Park and tennis court in Magnolia Park. The charge is \$500.00 for all playground equipment and \$800.00 for the tennis court.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be authorized to enter into agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to replace fleet vehicles in the Public Work Department.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that Leroy Robertson be hired as full-time grass laborer with a pay grade of 103(\$9.63/hr.)

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that Bonnie Gardner be hired as part-time receptionist for City Hall with a pay grade of 101(\$8.00/hr.), effective March 29, 2023. Ms. Gardner's hours will be 8:00am until 12:30pm, Monday thru Friday.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that Calder Hebert be hired as part-time Planning & Zoning Coordinator/Project Manager with a pay grade of 116(\$25.00/hr.)

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be authorized to enter into agreement with the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office for dispatcher services for the Police Department, effective July 1, 2023.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the City Council go into executive session to discuss the employment status of Jessie Derouen and the return of the Urgent Care contract deposit with Hutton, LLC.

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

Following executive session, Chief Ricky Martin testified that Officer Jesse Derouen has pleaded guilty to offense of assault in District Court and charged with theft in District Court. Based on this evidence and Chief Martin's recommendation, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that Mr. Derouen be terminated.

Following executive session, it was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that based on City Attorney Allan Durand's recommendation permission be granted to file appropriate litigation to recover funds the City is entitled to under the purchase agreement with Hutton, LLC for the Urgent Care contract deposit.

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.

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CLERK
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT