

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 31st DAY OF JULY, 2023.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 31st day of July, 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

THERE were absent: Allan L. Durand, City Attorney

Mayor Jason Willis presiding, called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 17, 2023, hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

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

Previously at the December 5, 2022 council meeting, 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, the council ratified the written agreement between the Mayor and Mr & Mrs Larry Pratt regarding the moving of the trailer.

Upon Mr. Larry Pratt's request to be granted a 90-day extension to settle legal matters regarding setbacks for mobile home located in 400 Block of Maraist Street, it was moved by Mike Fuselier to grant a 30-day extension.

A substitute motion was made by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Mike Fuselier that a 45-day extension be granted to allow time to move the mobile home located on Mr. Larry Pratt's property located in the 400 Block of Maraist Street.

Mr. Joseph's motion being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was:

Yeas: M.Fuselier and J.Fontenette

Nays: C.Frederick and J.Anthony

Abstain: F.Chatman

The vote of the motion, resulting in a tie, was voted on by presiding Mayor Willis in favor of Mr. Fontenette's motion to allow 45-day extension to move the mobile home located on Mr. Larry Pratt's property located in the 400 Block of Maraist Street.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that permission be granted for the use of barricades to hold annual Kutts for Kids on Sunday, August 13, 2023 from noon to 4:00 pm at J's Cut Above the Rest.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that a special events permit be granted to SM Chamber of Commerce to sell alcohol for The Phantom of the Opera Murder Mystery Dinner being held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Duchamp Opera House.

ORDINANCE 23-03

An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville to Extend Lease of a Portion of the JB Talley Building owned by the City

WHEREAS the City of St. Martinville owns the old JB Talley building at the corner of Madison and New Market Streets, and

WHEREAS Alcee John Durand, Jr. has leased the enclosed portion of the building for \$250 per month since August 1, 2021 and desires to extend the lease for an additional two years beginning August 1, 2023, and

WHEREAS the City of St. Martinville has no present or anticipated use for the property to be leased, and the lease extension would be in support of one of the largest employers in the City,

THEREFORE be it ordained that the following Miscellaneous Ordinance is adopted:

"Approval of Extension of lease of public property." The Mayor of the City of St. Martinville is hereby authorized to execute an act extending for one year the existing lease of the following property at a monthly rental of \$250 per month, with all other conditions to remain in force:

The enclosed portion of the JB Talley mechanic's shop in the building is located at the corner of Madison and New Market Streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Jason Willis is authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to affect the purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick, and upon being submitted to a vote, the vote was:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Ordinance was thereon declared adopted on the 31st day of July, 2023.

JASON WILLIS, Mayor

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the hiring of Washington & Wells Attorney at Law as Special Counsel be tabled until a later meeting.

It was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried the proposal from Moneta Enterprises (formerly CSDC) for implementation of Occupational License Management for a one-time fee of \$5,375.00 and an increase in annual fee of \$735.00, resulting in an annual fee of \$2,299.50 be approved.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Janise Anthony duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that Kerry Jones be hired as Cement Finisher/Master Carpenter with a pay grade of 112 + 7% plus \$1.00 on call (\$22.00/hr), beginning Monday, August 7, 2023.

It was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the employment status of Dana Chevalier be changed from part-time Docent to part-time Mayor's Court Clerk with a paygrade of 107 (\$13.10/hr), beginning Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette to create an ordinance to allow City of employees the use of City Recreation Buildings for employees' repast with no rental fee; however, the refundable deposit fee will be collected. This applies only in the event of an employees' death, not the employee's family members.

A substitute motion was made by Janise Anthony duly seconded Carol Frederick to create an ordinance to allow City of employees the use of City Recreation Buildings for employees' repast with no refundable deposit fee; however, the rental fee will be collected. This applies only in the event of an employees' death, not the employee's family members.

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

Yeas: C.Frederick and J.Anthony

Nays: M.Fuselier, J.Fontenette and F.Chatman

Absent: None

Mr Fuselier's motion being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was:

Yeas: M.Fuselier, J.Fontenette and F.Chatman

Nays: C.Frederick and J.Anthony

Absent: None

Mr. Durand will prepare an ordinance allowing City of employees the use of City Recreation Buildings for employees' repast with no rental fee; however, the deposit fee will be collected. This applies only in the event of an employees' death, not the employee's family members.

Councilman Fuselier expressed his disappointment of the condition that the City streets are being left in following repairs being made by outside utility and construction crews.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator/Project Manager Calder Hebert will check into this matter and make sure the permitting process is being followed.

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

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK