

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 21st DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 21st day of August, 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 Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 31, 2023 and August 14, 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.

Upon request of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the clarification of payrate for Kerry Jones and pay adjustment of Alex Boyer be added to the agenda of this meeting.

Mayor Willis informed the community on September 5th agenda the council will consider the adoption of a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of St. Martinville to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein, making application to the State Bond Commission and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Upon request of Kimberly Smith Dauterive with Phillip Poppa III Foundation, it was moved by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously seconded that permission be granted to sell alcohol for the Poppa Bash fundraiser being held on Saturday, October 7th in Magnolia Park from 8:00am – 5:00pm. Several activities are planned for the day.

Upon request of Delores Bourda with St Martin Parish Democratic Executive Committee, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the rental fee be waived for the use of the Magnolia Recreation Center to hold a political forum on Monday, September 18th. A refundable deposit fee will be paid.

The variance requested by Michael Mercier was tabled.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be authorized to execute Expedited Housing Assistance Waiver of Land Use Form to allow for temporary housing and shelter following a national declared disaster.

It was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be authorized to execute Partnership Proposal with TextMyGov at a fee of \$7,000.00 the first year and then \$5,000.00 each year following.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the \$400,000.00 approved by officials during the recent legislature’s session for the purchase of large equipment be disbursed as follows:

Digger truck:	\$ 154,000
Bucket truck:	\$ 109,000
Street Sweeper:	\$ 85,000
Dump Truck:	\$ 50,000
Excavator Bucket	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Total:	\$ 399,000

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that existing contract with D'France Construction & Fencing, LLC for the construction of restrooms in Magnolia Park be cancelled as a result of unacceptable workmanship. The construction will be completed by City employees.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that Lynn Leger be hired as full-time IT Coordinator with a pay grade 102 + 3% (\$70,000.00/year), effective August 23, 2023.

It was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the employment status of Purvis Cormier, Troy Batiste and Willis Thibodeaux be changed from part-time to full-time grass crew laborers with a pay grade of 103(\$9.63/hr), effective August 21, 2023.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that employment status of Emily Segura be changed from full-time receptionist (\$1150/hr) to full time receptionist (warrants) with a pay rate of \$12.83/hr, effective August 22, 2023.

It was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried to change the employment status of David Vincent be changed from CID Sergeant(\$19.81/hr) to Patrol Sergeant (\$18.90/hr), effective August 9, 2023.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried to change the employment status of Andrew Broussard be changed from Patrol Sergeant(\$18.90/hr) to CID Sergeant (\$19.81/hr), effective August 9, 2023.

It was moved by Janise Anthony duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the pay of the pay grade for Cement Finisher/ Master Carpenter Kerry Jones be clarified. Mr. Jones' pay should be pay grade 113 + 3% plus \$1.00 on call (\$23.00/hr) retroactive to August 7, 2023.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the pay of Alex Boyer be increased by \$1.50 per hour due to successful completion of Class 1 Water Treatment and Class 1 Water Distribution.

It was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the City Council go into executive session to discuss options for City Dump Site on Duchamp Rd.

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

Mayor Willis reported that in executive session City Attorney updated Mayor and Council regarding litigation pertaining to the City Dump on Duchamp Rd. No action was taken following the executive session.

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 Janise Anthony.

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK