

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 16th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 16th day of October 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 October 2, 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 Flo Chatman 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 Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried to add the following items to tonight's agenda:

Mayor Willis present information regarding upcoming tax on November 18th ballot

George Choplin discuss Christmas Parade

Request approval to install new roof at Police Station

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the council consider adoption of resolution congratulating native Jeff Landry as new Governor and request State install signage acknowledging St Martinville as hometown of Governor Elect Landry.

CAO Avis Gutekunst presented Mayor and Council August financials with comparative of actual budget.

Upon request of Monique McBride of SM Garden Club, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that permission be granted to hold annual Tour of Homes with the following accommodations:

Friday, December 1 st	Electrical Box and Barricades
Saturday, December 2 nd	Use of Maison Duchamp
Sunday, December 3 rd	Use of Maison Duchamp
	City Hall - Tour of Homes 1:00pm – 5:00pm
	Close Evangeline Blvd in order for Vendors to set up

Jimmy Poirier, owner of Synlawn South Louisiana gave a presentation for the installation of artificial grass and turf in the City’s playgrounds. Mr. Poirier spoke of the safety, low maintenance and beautification benefits. Information was taken under advisement.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that Gilbert St. Julien be hire as full-time Water/Wastewater Repairer, with a paygrade of 106 + 5% (\$12.74/hr) + \$1.00 on call, effective 10-23-23.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that Constance Boudreaux be hired as Human Resources Assistant with a pay grade of 112 + 2% (\$20.00/hr), effective October 18, 2023.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was by moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the employment status of Cashier Shika Hector be changed to Utility Billing Supervisor with a paygrade of 110 + 6% (\$17.70/hr), effective October 18, 2023.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette that Dale Theriot be hired as full-time Cashier with a paygrade of 106 (\$12.13/hr), effective October 27, 2023.

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

Yeas: M. Fuselier, J. Fontenette, and FChatman

Nays: C. Frederick and J. Anthony

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the discussion of the employment status of Randal Broussard be tabled.

Councilwoman Flo Chatman exited the meeting.

It was moved by Carol Frederick and unanimously seconded that Mr. George Choplin's request to wave the 60-day application period for the Christmas Parade permit be approved. Mr. Choplin will meet with Chief Martin to finalize plans. Mayor Willis advised that Mr. Choplin will solicit funds to sponsor and supply insurance for the parade. There will be no charge to participate in the parade.

Mayor Willis gave a presentation on the upcoming tax that will be on the November 18th ballot.

It was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the lowest bidder D.A. Fuselier Contractors (\$46,105.84) be awarded the project of installing a new metal roof over the existing asphalt shingle roof of the Police Station.

**RESOLUTION
BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville
congratulating Governor Elect Jeffery Landry*

WHEREAS Jeffrey Martin Landry was born in St. Martinville, La, on December 23, 1970, to Al and Edna Bienvenu Landry, and

WHEREAS Landry attended and graduated high school in St. Martinville. He received a Bachelor of Science from University of Louisiana of Lafayette and a Juris Doctor degree from Loyal University New Orleans College of Law; and

WHEREAS Landry began his serving his country at a young age when he enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 17. While serving in the Louisiana National Guard he was stationed at Fort Hood during Operation Desert Storm and was honorably discharged at the rank of sergeant.; and

WHEREAS Landry served his community as a St. Martin Parish Sheriff's deputy and a police officer for the Village of Parks.

WHEREAS Landry continued to serve St. Martin Parish and the State of Louisiana when he was elected as Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Louisiana's 3rd District. Landry also served as the 45th Attorney General of Louisiana.

WHEREAS Jeffrey 'Jeff' Landry was elected Governor of Louisiana in the primary election on October 14, 2023, with 52% of the votes, avoiding a runoff election.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that: The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville hereby congratulate native son Jeff Landry as Governor Elect for the Great State of Louisiana. The City will work in conjunction with St. Martin Parish Tourism to install sign at the entrances of the City of St. Martinville.

The foregoing Resolution 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 Resolution above was thereon declared adopted on the 16th day of October 2023.

JASON WILLIS, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and fully correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the St. Martinville City Council on the date shown above.

Lorrie M. Poirier, Clerk

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 Carol Frederick.

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK