

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

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 6th day of November 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 October 16 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 Flo Chatman 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.

Upon request of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the installation of a water meter at the La 31/92 roundabout and resolution for LCDBG Clearance Grant be added to the agenda of tonight's meeting.

Mr. Purvis Morrison of La Louisianne Consulting Firm gave an update on the work being performed by the firm. Mr. Morrison advised that all paperwork has been filed for the Capital Outlay Priority request. He further informed the council of funds that may be available for the City to establish a charging station for vehicles.

Mr. George Choplin updated the council on plans for the City Christmas Parade scheduled for Sunday, December 10th at 2:00pm beginning at SMSH and ending on Denier Street near the old Fred's store.

It was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that approval be granted to hold a Christmas Festival in front of City Hall on Sunday December 10th following the Christmas Parade. Permission was granted to close Catfish Alley and Evangelin Blvd from Main Street to Bridge Street to allow vendors to be set up. Keith Frank will perform until 8:00pm. Funds will be obtained from the Lt Governor's office and other business sponsorships to pay for expenses. Proceeds will be earmarked for future community events. Permission was also granted for Main Street Association to sell alcohol. Security will be provided by the Sheriff's Department and the City Police. No admission fee will be charged for this event.

The following resolution was offered by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried :

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH Act 465 2023 REGULAR SESSION CAPITOL OUTLAY APPROPRIATION TO THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville has received a 2023 Act 465 Capitol Outlay appropriation of \$200,000 and

WHERAS, the program requires the City of St. Martinville to complete a plan, scope of work and budget to the Department of Facility Planning and Control in reference to the use of appropriated funds, and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville, intends to use the funds to complete the St. Martinville Drainage Project, Planning and Construction, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville, that the Mayor Jason Willis is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City of St. Martinville in all matters pertaining to this project, including certifying request for State disbursements.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the Council meeting held on November 6, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Lorrie M Poirier
City Clerk

The following resolution was offered by Flo Chatman, duly second by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried:

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A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH Act 465 2023 REGULAR SESSION CAPITOL OUTLAY APPROPRIATION TO THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville has received a 2023 Act 465 Capitol Outlay appropriation of \$800,000 and

WHERAS, the program requires the City of St. Martinville to complete a plan, scope of work and budget to the Department of Facility Planning and Control in reference to the use of appropriated funds, and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville, intends to use the funds to complete the Electrical Upgrade Project, Planning and Construction, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville, that the Mayor Jason Willis is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City of St. Martinville in all matters pertaining to this project, including certifying request for State disbursements.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

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It was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that approval be given to fund the installation of a water meter (\$3,250.00) at the Roundabout at Hwy 31 & 92 which will allow for a sprinkler system for shrubs around the welcome signage to be erected at the entrance of the city limit.

The following resolution was introduced by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously adopted:

CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE
P.O. BOX 379
ST. MARTINVILLE, LA 70582
PHONE: (337) 394-2230

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville accepted applications for the Louisiana CDBG Clearance Demolition Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana CDBG offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide assortment of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville may be eligible to receive funds; and

WHEREAS, City of St. Martinville is committed to pay all administration cost to administer the application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Clearance Demolition Grant Program and all paperwork associated with the project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville that the Honorable Jason Willis, Mayor, is hereby authorized to pay all administration cost as he sees fit to submit application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under Clearance Demolition Grant Program

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and caused to affix the Great Seal of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana this 6th day of November, 2023.

Jason Willis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lorrie M Poirier, City Clerk

Mayor Willis gave Junie Linsay, Daylan Spencer and Randal Broussard the option of going into executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding their employment. All three chose to go into executive session.

It was moved by Janise Anthony duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the City Council go into executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding Junie Linsay, Daylan Spencer and Randal Broussard.

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

Following executive session, it was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that based on the evidence presented in executive session regarding the three personnel matters discussed the council concurs with actions previously taken and recommends no further action be taken.

It was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the November 20th council meeting be cancelled.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, Mayor Willis adjourned the meeting upon motion of Flo Chatman duly seconded by Mike Fuselier.

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK