

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 5th day of February 2024 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 Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 16, 2024, 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.

CAO Avis Gutekunst was not in attendance of the meeting to present the Mayor and Council the December financials with comparative of actual budget.

Upon request of Mary Desormeaux of SM Garden Club, it was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that permission be granted to install spotlights on the grounds of Evangeline and Bell Marie in Oak Park. The organization is funding the project.

Upon request of Raphael Livings, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that permission be granted for him to have a fundraiser for his business at the Sterling Alexander Center on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Permission was further granted for the sale of alcohol. Mr.Livings will get with Chief Martin regarding security that is required.

Upon recommendation of HDC President Richard Lanthier, it was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that Charmain Savasten be approved as commission member/secretary of the Historic District Commission.

Will Campbell of B1 Bank presented information on the bank's non-profit organization and its community outreach program.

ORDINANCE 24-01

An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville authorizing the City to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office for the purchase of a truck

WHEREAS the City of St. Martinville Police Department has a need for an additional vehicle, and

WHEREAS the St. Martin Parish Sheriff has offered to sell a vehicle to the City of St. Martinville, and the Chief of Police advises the Council that the vehicle is in good condition, worth at least the purchase price and is needed for the efficient operation of his department,

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

“The City of St. Martinville is authorized to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the St. Martin Parish Sheriff’s Office for the purchase of a 2020 F-150 4x4 Super Crew Truck bearing VIN 1FTEW1E55LKD71825 for the price of \$28,000, payable over three months, in three equal payments, with the first payment payable on delivery, and an additional payment in each of the following two months.”

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor is authorized to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement to effect this purposes of this resolution.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony, 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 5th day of February, 2024.

JASON WILLIS, Mayor

A discussion was held regarding the establishment of fines for the breach of existing ordinances.

Councilwoman Carol Frederick removed the item she had on tonight's agenda for an update on established Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilwoman Carol Frederick asked for an update on the City Employee Civil Service Board. An update of board members and the terms will be presented at the next meeting.

The dog ordinance was discussed. The possibility of hiring a school crossing guard/animal catcher will be researched.

The forming of a Committee for the Festival Grounds was discussed. Recommendations of committee members will be presented and voted on at the next meeting.

Mayor informed the council that the Lease Agreement between the City of St. Martinville and Maris Stella Classical Academy will be presented at the next council meeting.

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

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK