

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 18th DAY OF MARCH 2024.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 18th day of March 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 Flo Chatman duly seconded by Janis Anthony and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held March 4, 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.

Presentation of information pertaining to STEAM Academies by St. Martin Parish School Board was removed from the agenda by representative prior to the meeting.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the hiring of a receptionist for the police department be added to this agenda.

Upon request of Johnishia Lacey, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that permission be granted to hold an Autism Awareness Walk on Saturday, April 6th at 10:30am, starting at Early Learning Center and ending at Adam Carlson Park. Permission was also granted for the use of Sterling Alexander Center.

It was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that permission be hereby granted to close S. New Market Street and Evangeline Blvd. on April 4, 2024 (from St. Martin Street and Catfish Alley) for the annual Cycle Zydeco Event.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonase Fontenette and unanimously carried that Joshua Rogers be hired as full-time recreation laborer at Magnolia Park with a pay grade of 103 + 4% (\$10.00/hr).

It was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that Louis Davis be hired as part-time recreation laborer with a pay grade of 103 + 4% (\$10.00/hr).

Mike Fuselier made a motion to charge \$1.00 to customers that do not present utility bills when making payments.

The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

It was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be authorized to execute an agreement with Maris Stella Classical Academy for the use of Maison Duchamp provided City Attorney Allan Durand change the wording to reflect a series of 5-year auto renewals as agreed upon by both parties and a right to prohibit renewal notice 1 year prior to renewal.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the employment status of Linda Abraham be changed from recreation event worker (\$10.30/hr) to full-time receptionist for the police department with a pay rate of \$10.00/hr.

It was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the City Council go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding Sheila Choplin.

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

Following executive session, City Attorney Allan Durand advised that Sheila Choplin did not want to contest the discipline. No action was necessary.

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 Janise Anthony.

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK