

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
HELD ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 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 Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held April 1, 2024 , 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.

City Attorney Allan Duran entered the meeting.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the request for a special event permit by Magnolia Springs be added to the agenda of this meeting.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that an update on the Festival Ground Committee be added to the agenda of this meeting.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the National Day of Prayer be added to this agenda.

Councilwoman Janise Anthony entered the meeting.

The following resolution was offered by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Mike Fuselier, and unanimously adopted:

## **RESOLUTION**

### **A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION (MWPP) ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORT, REQUIRED FOR LOUISIANA POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (LPDES) PERMIT NUMBER LA0040941**

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Martinville owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) requires that the City of St. Martinville complete an annual Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report (MWPP) for the City's wastewater collection and treatment system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of St. Martinville informs LDEQ that the following actions were taken by the City Council:

1. Reviewed the City's MWPP Environmental Audit Report for the period of January, 2023 through December, 2023, which is attached to this resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the City's LPDES Permit (Number LA0040941):
  - a. Continue the City's current program of inspecting and repairing components of the City's wastewater collection system, to reduce storm water inflow and infiltration;
  - b. Continue to operate and maintain the City's existing treatment facility and make repairs thereto as may be necessary, so as to meet effluent limitations in accordance with the City's LPDES Permit.

**THEREUPON**, the above resolution was declared adopted.

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## **C E R T I F I C A T E**

I, LORRIE M. POIRIER, Secretary of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville in Regular Session convened this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April , 2024, at which time a quorum was present and voting.

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LORRIE M. POIRIER  
SECRETARY  
CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA

Mayor Willis announced the City won district for the Garden Federation Clean City Contest and will be competing for State in the next few weeks.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the employment status of Tanner Doiron be changed from Detective(\$17.39/hr) to Police Officer First Class with a pay rate of \$18.90/hr.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that permission be granted for Chez Hope to use one of the Recreation Centers to hold weekly meetings for a Batterer’s Intervention Classes, contingent on approval by Mayor Willis and CRT Director Danielle Fontenette. The council agreed to waive the deposit fee and Chez Hope will only pay for the cost of the employee that will open the building.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that a notice be mailed to utility customers and a large sign be installed stating ‘Bill is required for all transactions at the drive-thru and no more than 2 transaction per vehicle, per Mayor & Council’.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the procedures for disconnecting utilities for individuals with medical issues be tabled to allow time for City Attorney Allan Durand to research this matter.

It was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette and unanimously carried that the updated Direct Appropriation Budget below be adopted:

<i><b>2024 Name Of Project</b></i>	<i><b>Cost of Project (proposed)</b></i>
Consultant Fee	\$42,000
Pool Plaster	\$23,500
Street Sweeper	\$42,500
Pavillion near swimming pool	\$60,000
Smoke Area Canopy	\$5,000
Backhoe	\$70,000
Commercial Lawn Moyer	\$15,000
City Hall Restroom	\$46,700
Barricades	\$30,000
City Cameras	\$12,000
Police AC	\$7,300
Police Roof	\$46,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

Mayor Willis presented the Council information on the City's Finances.

Lamont Wilson was not in attendance of the council meeting to discuss a personnel matter regarding his excessive absence without contacting his supervisor. Mayor Willis recommended termination based on the telephone conversation between Mr. Wilson and City Personnel indicating he was dealing with personal issues and did not know when he would return to work. It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that Lamont Wilson be terminated.

Upon request of Dwayne Williams with Magnolia Springs Wedding & Event Center, Inc, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be authorized to sign a letter of no objection effective immediately until July 31, 2024 to La Office of Alcohol and Tobacco stating that all necessary City building permits and occupational licenses have been obtained and it is the City's' understanding Mr. Williams is in the process of submitting an application to change the classification of his business which would eliminate the requirement of obtaining a special events permit for each rental.

Councilwoman Carol Frederick stated that she would get with the Festival Grounds Committee regarding establishing first meeting. It was requested that an update be provided at the next council meeting.

Councilman Mike Fuselier announced that the National Day of Prayer will be held May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The general consensus was that permission be granted to hold the event on City Hall grounds and if the weather is inclement, it will be held at the Acadian Memorial. Permission was also granted for the use of folding chairs.

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 Carol Frederick.

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JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK