

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 2nd day of December 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 discussion of having only one meeting in December be added to the agenda of this meeting.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 18 , 2024 hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Following discussion of the dilapidated house located at 112 Labbe Street, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick to have City Inspector Cooney Richard inspect said house.

Mr. Fuselier's motion being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was:

Yeas: M. Fuselier and C. Frederick

Nays: J. Fontenette, J. Anthony and F. Chatman

Mr Fuselier's motion failed.

Chief Martin will check into the complaint of drug activity.

Mayor Willis gave an update on the work being performed by Sides & Associates on the City website.

Street closure and parking fines for the 2024 Christmas Parade were discussed. No action was taken.

It was moved by Janise Anthony duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that the City Council go into executive session to discuss the following:

- Hiring of Billy Guidry for Accountant Consultant Services
- Employment status change for Derek Fontenette
- Employment status change Dana Chevalier

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

Following executive session, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that Mr Billy Guidry be hired for Accounting Consultant Services to assist with the Accounting and Utilities Departments. An update will be provided to the council every two weeks of services rendered and to be rendered.

Following executive session, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that the employment status of Derek Fontenette be changed from Seasonal Grass Crew (paygrade 103, \$10.00/hr) to full-time Laborer Floater with a pay grade of 106 (\$13.00/hr).

Following executive session, it was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the employment status of Mayor's Court Clerk Dana Chevalier be changed from part-time (pay grade 107, \$13.10/hr) to full-time (pay grade 107 + 1% (\$13.89/hr)

Following executive session, no action was needed for agenda item regarding threatened litigation for Old City Dump on Duchamp.

It was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that only one meeting be held in December; therefore, the December 16th council meeting is cancelled.

Mayor Willis gave a report on the following:

- Main Street's Annual Lighting of the Tree was a success
- Garden Club Annual Tour of Home was a success
- Christmas Parade will be Sunday, December 8th at 2:00pm
- Thanked Mr George Choplin and his committee for organizing Christmas Parade
- Thanked Sponsors for Christmas Parade

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

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK