

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 17th day of February 2025 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.

Upon request of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried to add the approval of street closure to hold Candlelight Vigil for Ms. Shantell Brown on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 to the agenda of this meeting.

It was moved by Janise Anthony duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 3, 2025 hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried to open a Public Hearing to amend boundaries of Election District #1 & #2 of St. Martinville City Council.

There were no comments from the public.

It was moved by Janise Anthony duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried to close Public Hearing to amend boundaries of Election District #1 & #2 of St. Martinville City Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-02

An ordinance amending the boundaries between Election District 1 and District 2 of the St. Martinville City Council.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA:

Section 1. The current election plan of the St. Martinville City Council was put into effect via Ordinance No. 22-1, adopted on January 18th, 2022.

Section 2: It is the desire of the St. Martinville City Council that the boundaries between Districts 1 and 2 be adjusted to provide for improving the balance of population counts and eliminating the division of an established subdivision.

Section 3: After a Public Hearing and determination by the City Council of the fairness of the attached modified Plan of Redistricting confined to Districts 1 and 2, and in accordance with the Louisiana State Revised Statute 33:1371, the boundaries of the St Martinville City Council districts 1 and 2 are hereby redistricted so as to provide for population equality among the two districts as near as reasonably practicable by the adoption and ratification of the Plan of Redistricting as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, all in accordance with the findings of the 2020 United States Decennial Census.

Section 4. That the City Council district boundaries as redistricted and described in in Exhibit A shall become effective for the qualification and election of candidates for the St Martinville City Council for the next scheduled election in 2026 and for all purposes upon the assumption of office by the members of the St Martinville City Council in the year 2026.

At the meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of St Martinville on the 17th day of February 2025 it was moved for adoption by Mike Fuselier and seconded by Carol Frederick and the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2025

CITY OF ST MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA

Jason Willis, Mayor

ATTEST:

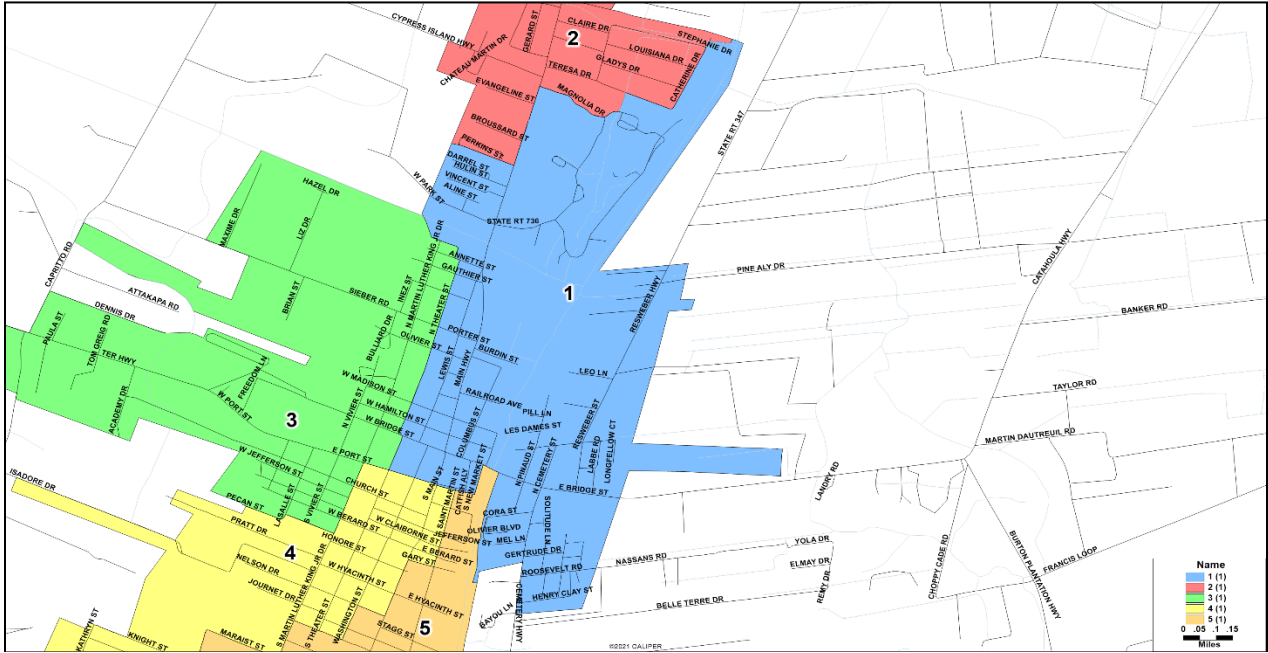
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
Revised St. Martinville Council District 1 and District 2 Boundaries
Written Descriptions

District 1:

District 1 is hereby described as follows: Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Magnolia Dr., and La. Hwy. 31, also designated as Main St., thence commencing southerly along Main St. to the intersection with the centerline of Perkins St., thence westerly along Perkins St. and an extension thereof, to intersection with the municipal boundaries of the City of St. Martinville, thence southerly along the municipal boundaries to the intersection with the midflow of an unnamed drainage lateral, thence southeasterly along the drainage lateral to the intersection with the centerline of Therese St., thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of North Theater St., thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of Annette St., thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of North Theatre St., thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of West Bridge St., thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of South Theater St., thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of East Port St., thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of South Main St., thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of Port St., thence easterly to the intersection with the centerline of South New Market St., thence northerly to the intersection with the centerline of East Bridge St., thence easterly to the intersection with the midflow of Bayou Teche, thence southerly to the intersection with an extension of Bayou Lane, thence easterly along the extension to the municipal boundaries of the City of St. Martinville, thence northerly, northeasterly, southerly, easterly, northerly, and westerly along the municipal boundaries to the intersection with the midflow of an unnamed drainage lateral, thence southerly and westerly along the drainage lateral to the intersection with the centerline of Catherine Dr., thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of Teresa Dr., thence westerly to the intersection with the midflow of an unnamed drainage lateral, thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of La. Hwy. 736, thence westerly to the intersection with the centerline of Magnolia Dr., thence westerly to the intersection with the centerline of Main St. and the Point of Beginning.

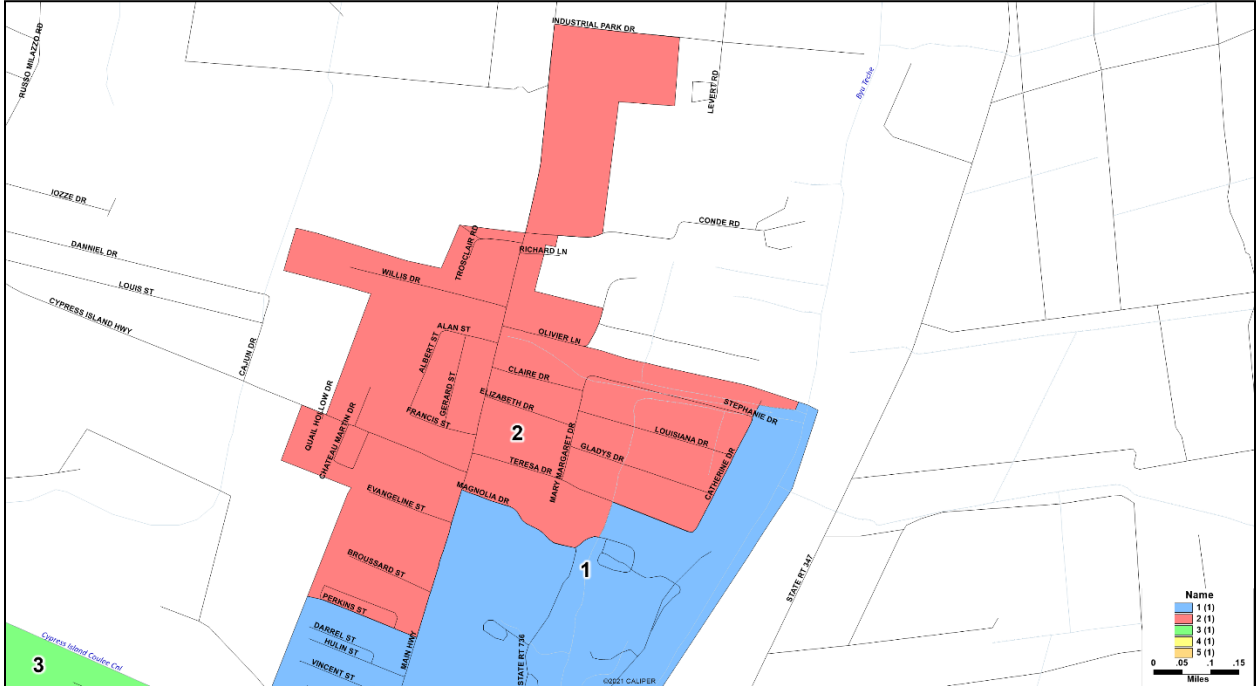
Map of District 1



District 2:

District 2 is hereby described as follows: Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of Magnolia Dr., and La. Hwy. 31, also designated as Main St., thence commencing southerly along Main St. to the intersection with the centerline of Perkins St., thence westerly along Perkins St. and an extension thereof, to intersection with the municipal boundaries of the City of St. Martinville, thence generally northerly, easterly, southerly, and easterly along the municipal boundaries to the intersection with the midflow of an unnamed drainage lateral, thence southerly and westerly along the drainage lateral to the intersection with the centerline of Catherine Dr., thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of Teresa Dr., thence westerly to the intersection with the midflow of an unnamed drainage lateral, thence southerly to the intersection with the centerline of La. Hwy. 736, thence westerly to the intersection with the centerline of Magnolia Dr., thence westerly to the intersection with the centerline of Main St. and the Point of Beginning.

Map of District 2



END OF DESCRIPTIONS

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that permission be hereby granted to close Evangeline Blvd and South New Market Street to hold the Annual Acadian Memorial Festival on Saturday, March 15, 2025. Permission was also granted for the sale of alcohol.

It was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Carol Frederick and unanimously carried that permission be hereby granted to close Evangeline Blvd and South New Market Street to hold a Candlelight Vigil in memory of Shentell Brown on Tuesday, February 25th at 5:00pm.

Upon request of Richard Lanthier of Historic District Commission, it was moved by Carol Frederick duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that Charlie Maraist, Jr be appointed as a voting member of HDC to replace Sam Hayes.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Flo Chatman duly seconded by Jonas Fontenette that Mayor Willis be authorized to enter into agreement with Karen White Consulting to educate City residents by presenting clear and concise information regarding the difference between the current legislative charter and the Lawrason Act, at a cost of \$4,800.00.

Ms Chatman's motion being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was:

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

Nays: M.Fuselier and C.Frederick

Building Code Inspector Rodney Richard gave Mayor and Council an overview of how building permits are handled.

The dilapidated house located at 112 Labbe Street was discussed. Pictures were provided to show the doors have been boarded up. Mr. Ron Beauchamp on behalf of owners was present and reiterated that he would like to repair the house. Building Code Inspector Rodney Richard informed the council that a homeowner has a right to board up a house that needs repairs for up to 2 years to complete repairs and bring up to property maintenance standards.

Councilman Fuselier requested employees complete weekly worklogs. Mayor Willis reminded the council that he is in charge of day-to-day operations. No action was taken on Mr Fuselier's request.

The discussion of adopting an ordinance to establish penalties for outside utility companies that fail to obtain permits when working on City streets was tabled to allow Mayor time to research how other municipalities handle this issue.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Janise Anthony and unanimously carried that City Attorney Allan Durand prepare an ordinance to be presented at the next council meeting implementing the installation of cut-off water valves when ownership is transferred or reconnection of utilities that require an inspection.

Carol Frederick exited the meeting.

It was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that City Attorney Allan Durand research and prepare an ordinance implementing the installation of addresses on all home and businesses within the City if the existing 911 statute does not enforce such action.

Carol Frederick re-entered the meeting.

Councilmember Carol Frederick mentioned her budget concerns of hiring another cashier for the Utility Department. It was moved by Jonas Fontenette duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that Carly Simoneaud be hired as a Cashier for the Utility Department with a paygrade of 105 (\$12.00/hr), effective March 3, 2025.

Based on Mayor Willis's testimony, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Flo Chatman and unanimously carried that Dennis Menard be terminated due to no call, no show.

City Attorney Allan Durand exited the meeting.

Interim Executive Director of Section 8 Constance Boudreaux gave an update on the program.

- Constitutes have requested the City to retain the program instead of transferring to SM Parish.
- Mayor read correspondence sent to Parish President Delcambre of the possibility of the City retaining the program.
- Ms Boudreaux was asked if she would consider being permanent Director should the HUD office approve the program staying with the City. Ms Boudreaux stated she is interested.

After discussion it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Jansie Anthony and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be authorized to sign a letter to HUD requesting to rescind the request made on January 13, 2025 to have the City's Section 8 Program transferred to St. Martin Parish Government.

Mayor did not give a Mayor's Report.

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

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK