

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
HELD ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2025.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 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

THERE were absent: Allan L. Durand, City Attorney

Mayor Jason Willis presiding called the meeting to order.

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

Following presentation by Johnny Moyer for Optimum Cable and Internet Service, it was moved by Councilman Fuselier duly seconded by Councilman Chatman and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be authorized to execute Right of Way Agreement and Pole Attachment Agreement contingent upon review and approval of Electrical Consultant Frank Ledoux.

Following request of CRT Director Danielle Fontenette for clarification of security requirements for outdoor recreational events on City property, it was moved by Councilman Fuselier duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman and unanimously carried that the discussion be tabled to allow time for Ms. Fontenette to research nearby cities to see how security is handled in their communities. Councilwoman Frederick requested the existing ordinance regarding festival on public property be reviewed as well.

It was moved by Councilwoman Frederick duly seconded by Councilman Fuselier and unanimously carried that permission be granted for Dr Kim Smith of Phillip “Poppa” Dauterive III Foundation to sell alcohol for the Annual Poppa Bash being held at Magnolia Pavillion on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Chief Martin recommend the number of security officers needed.

It was moved by Councilman Fuselier duly seconded by Councilwoman Anthony and unanimously carried that permission be granted to hold Annual Easter Egg Hunt in the front portion of Magnolia Park on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

It was moved by Councilman Fuselier duly seconded by Councilwoman Frederick and unanimously carried that permission be granted for Cecil Wiltz of Black Wallstreet to hold a Car Show and Spring-Q-Nik on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in Adam Carlson Park from 10:00am – 6:00pm.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Otis Chatman presented current pictures of the Daspit nuisance property located at 950 Sieber Rd. It was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilman Fuselier and unanimously carried that 30 days be granted for progress to be made in cleaning up the property. Mr. Chatman will provide the council an update at the April 21<sup>st</sup> council meeting.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT made at St. Martinville, Louisiana, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, between the CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA (“City”), represented herein by Jason Willis, Mayor, and the ST. MARTIN PARISH Government (“Parish”), represented by its duly authorized and empowered President, Pete Delcambre.

WHEREAS the City desires that the Parish Government assist with the City’s Durand Drainage Project by providing use of Parish equipment and labor as needed and as available to complete the installation of drainage pipe as funding will allow for material along Olivier Lane located within the Parish’s jurisdiction, contingent upon the City obtaining any required rights of way from property owners located within the City’s jurisdiction who’s property aligns on the southernmost line of Oliver Lane.

WHEREAS the City is in need of this assistance to complete the project,

THEREFORE they agree as follows:

1. The City of St. Martinville will contract for and fund all expenses related to the purchase of all necessary supplies and materials for the Durand Drainage Project from funds received from Capital Outlay appropriations specific to this project.
2. The City will advise the Parish of the equipment and labor that is needed from the Parish for the completion of the Project.
3. The Parish will provide, without cost to the City, such equipment and labor as it may have available at the times that such equipment is needed by the City,

This agreement will be automatically extended for the same period for the years 2024-2026, unless either party gives notice in writing at least 30 days prior to year-end that the agreement is terminated.

This agreement entered into at St. Martinville, Louisiana on the date first above shown.

CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE

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Jason Willis, MAYOR

ST. MARTIN PARISH GOVERNMENT

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Pete Delcambre, Parish President

Improvements to Adam Carlson Park were discussed. The football field is ready. The possibility of purchasing bleachers and a scoreboard was also discussed.

Upon recommendation of Mayor Willis, it was moved by Councilman Anthony duly seconded by Councilman Chatman that Jasper Savoy be hired as full-time meter reader with a paygrade of 107 (\$14.20/hr), effective March 19, 2025.

Councilwoman Anthony'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

Absent: None

Mayor Willis advised the council that the bids have been accepted for the Pavilion in Adam Carlson. Dana Dugas Affordable Homes was the lowest bid at \$148,934. Construction will begin soon.

#### ORDINANCE 25-04

*An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville increasing the fines for tampering with utilities.*

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of St. Martinville believes that the fines presently in force for tampering with City utilities is insufficient and should be increased, and

THEREFORE be it ordained that Section 20-1 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of St. Martinville be and the same is hereby amended to increase the fine for the first offense of tampering with any City equipment involved in the delivery of electricity, water and/or sewer services from \$200 to \$250 per utility service, and to increase the fee for a second such offense to \$500.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that the City may refuse to provide service to any person who has committed two (2) or more such offenses.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Councilwomen Frederick, duly seconded by Councilman Fuselier, and upon being submitted to a vote, the vote was :

Yeas: Mike Fuselier, Carol Frederick, Flo Chatman, Jonas Fontenette, Janise Anthony

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Ordinance was thereon declared adopted on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

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JASON WILLIS, Mayor

Councilwoman Chatman exited the meeting.

Mayor Willis spoke of the large amount of adjudicate properties owned by the City. Mayor also mentioned the need to keep properties clean and suggested consideration be given to selling the properties that City is able to sell. Danielle Fontenette will contact an attorney that specializes in the sale of adjudicated property.

Mayor Willis gave a report on the following:

- Clearance Grant will demolish 10 dilapidated structures
  - Next round of funds will open in May. City qualifies for \$750K
  - La Louisianne will apply on behalf of the City with no administration fee
  - La Louisianne working on City Ordinance regarding dilapidated structures
- Street lights have been replaced
  - Company coming in to replace rotten poles/pending FPC approval
  - F. Ledoux working on Pole Attachment Agreement
- Safe Route to Public Places – Kick Off - \$500K/No Match
  - Sidewalk from SMSH to Magnolia Park
- MPO - Survey City Streets next month
  - Help City apply for Federal Grant/No Match
- Sales Tax – transferring \$10K/mth in Reserve for Improvement/Repairs in Parks
- Catherine James – great turn out for Greif Walk
- Town Hall Meetings – great turn out

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

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JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK