

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF MAY, 2025.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 5th day of May 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.

It was moved by Councilman Chatman duly seconded by Councilwoman Anthony and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held April 21, 2025 hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

The following resolution was introduced by Councilwoman Anthony duly seconded by Councilman Chatman and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by city of St Martinville:

	MILLAGE
General Alimony	3.90 Mills
Public Improvement Bonds	4.11 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St Martin, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: M.Fuselier, C.Frederick, J.Fontenette, J.Anthony and F.Chatman
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 5, 2025, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

St. Martinville, Louisiana, this 6th day of May, 2024.

(Signature of authorized person of the taxing district)

Mayor Willis presented Financial Report prepared by CFO Katy Bujard.

Following discussion and based on multiple pictures provided by Planning & Zoning Coordinator Otis Chatman of the property owned/and or occupied by David Daspit located at 950 Seiber Rd, it was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman, (with Councilman Fuselier opposed due to inconsistency in handling nuisance property), that the property is declared a nuisance under the City Ordinance and City Attorney Allan Durand be instructed to file for injunctive relief to require the owner and occupant to abate the nuisance.

It was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilman Anthony and unanimously carried that CH Fenstermaker and Associates, LLC submit a TAP Application to LaDOTD for widening sidewalks with pedestrian lighting from Madison Street to SSMH and that Mayor Willis be authorized to enter into contract with Fenstermaker & Associates, LLC for Design and Construction contingent upon successful awarding of the project.

Danielle Fontenette, CRT Director presented activities planned for the summer and informed the council that Angelle Pickney will return as Lead Lifeguard and Adam Stelly will return as Lifeguard along with other lifeguards from last year.

It was moved by Councilwoman Chatman duly seconded by Councilwoman Anthony and unanimously carried that the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement for use of the baseball field in Magnolia Park be presented to SMPSB for consideration. Once verbiage is agreed upon it will be presented to the council for final approval.

Due to successful completion of Police Academy, it was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman that the employment status of Hunter Dominique and Indea Kately be changed from Non-post Certified (\$15.51/hr) to Post Certified Police officer with a pay of \$18.22/hr, effective April 30, 2025.

Mayor Willis removed the personnel matter regarding Derek Fontenette because it was already taken care of.

Mayor Willis read a statement thanking the community for approving the implementation of the Lawrason Act form of government.

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

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK