

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
HELD ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2025.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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

Jonas Fontenette, Councilman

Flo Chatman, Councilman

Allan L. Durand, City Attorney

THERE were absent: Carol Frederick, Councilman

Janise Anthony, Councilman

Mayor Jason Willis presiding called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Councilwoman Chatman duly seconded by Councilman Fontenette and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 5, 2025 hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Upon recommendation of Pam Granger of McBade Engineering and Consultants, LLC, it was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman and unanimously carried that the contract for Contract #2 Sewer Main Extension Project be awarded to the low bidder of LeLeaux's Construction LLC in the amount of \$869,238.24, pending approval from the Water Sector Program and DEQ Revolving Loan Funds.

It was moved by Councilwoman Chatman and duly seconded by Councilman Fontenette and unanimously carried that the following ordinance to amend the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for FY 2024-2025 be introduced:

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## City of St. Martinville, Louisiana

AMENDED BUDGET ORDINANCE---FYE 6/30/25

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

*An Ordinance adopting an Amended Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025--See attached Budget FYE 06/30/2025- Estimated Amounts.*

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNCILMAN OF City of St. Martinville, LOUISIANA, in general session convened that:

SECTION 1: The attached detailed estimate of Revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operation Budget of Revenues for the City of St. Martinville, during the same period.

SECTION 2: The attached estimates of Expenditures by departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a budget of Expenditures for the City of St. Martinville during the same period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included with the 2024-25 budget document, presented as Estimated amounts.

SECTION 5: The Mayor of the City of St. Martinville shall have the authority to make changes within each department's operating budget to the extent that the department's total budget allocation is not modified without approval by the governing authority (Board of Councilman). Modifications which change a department's total budget allocation must be approved by the Board of Councilman. Additionally, all modifications to budgeted capital outlay must be approved by the Board of Councilman.

The above ordinance was adopted on a vote taken by yeas and nays entered on the minutes of the clerk as follows:

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

The ordinance is declared PASSED AND ADOPTED AT St. Martinville, Louisiana, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2025

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Jason Willis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chief Financial Officer

Upon motion of Councilman Fontenette and duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman and unanimously carried that the following ordinance to adopt the Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for FY 2025-2026 be introduced:

CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
BUDGET ORDINANCE---FYE 6/30/26

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

*An Ordinance adopting an Operating Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 -- See attached Budget FYE 6/30/2026.*

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNCILMEN OF City of St. Martinville, LOUISIANA, in general session convened that:

SECTION 1: The attached detailed estimate of Revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an Operation Budget of Revenues for the City of St. Martinville, during the same period.

SECTION 2: The attached estimates of Expenditures by departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as a budget of Expenditures for the City of St. Martinville during the same period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of this Operating Budget of Expenditures be and the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included with the 2024-25 budget.

SECTION 5: The Mayor of the City of St. Martinville shall have the authority to make changes within each department's operating budget to the extent that the department's total budget allocation is not modified without approval by the governing authority (Board of Councilman). Modifications which change a department's total budget allocation must be approved by the Board of Councilman. Additionally, all modifications to budgeted capital outlay must be approved by the Board of Councilman. The above ordinance was adopted on a vote taken by yeas and nays entered on the minutes of the clerk as follows:

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

The ordinance is declared PASSED AND ADOPTED AT St. Martinville, Louisiana, on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2025.

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Jason Willis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Chief Financial Officer

It was moved by Councilman Chatman duly seconded by Councilman Fontenette and unanimously carried that a Budget Hearing be set for Monday, June 2, 2025 at 4:30pm.

It was moved by Councilwoman Chatman duly seconded by Councilman Fontenette and unanimously carried that acceptance of the results from the May 3, 2025 Adoption of the Lawrason Act Election be approved and declared to be in effect.

Following presentation by Planning & Zoning Coordinator Otis Chatman, it was moved by Councilwoman Chatman duly seconded by Councilman Fontenette and unanimously carried that based on Mr Chatman’s recommendation, the following list of properties meet the definition and are declared nuisances. These properties will be included in the upcoming Clearance Grant Program. Should the properties not be accepted in the grant, the property owners will be responsible for cleaning the nuisance properties.

1.	112 Denbas
2.	126 S. Martin Luther King Jr
3.	130 St.Bernard
4.	204 Governor Mouton
5.	215 Honore
6.	215 Stagg
7.	245 Stagg
8.	314 Lasalle
9.	410 W. Hamilton
10.	501 N. Theater
11.	522 Governor Mouton
12.	608 Ethel
13.	726 1/2 St. Ann
14.	805 Pratt
15.	817-A St Martin Street
16.	822 S. Main
17.	931 Governor Mouton
18.	1001 S. Martin Luther King Jr
19.	1005 1/2 Governor Mouton
20.	1330-B S. Main

Father Champagne presented the mayor and council a proposal for the Police Department to lease a portion of the St. Teresa Center for the Works of Mercy located on Martin Luther King Jr Drive. The Chief will make arrangements for the council to tour the facility and Mr. Durand will work on a lease agreement to present to the council at a future meeting.

It was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman and unanimously carried that Mayor Willis be authorized to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement relating to the re-designation of the Lafayette Metropolitan Planning Organization as the Acadiana Metropolitan Planning Organization.

It was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman and unanimously carried that the City Council go into executive session for City Attorney Allan Durand to provide an update on litigation and the discussion of possible partial settlement of the suit with the owners of the Foco Road.

The City Council reconvened after executive session upon motion of Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilman Chatman.

Mayor Willis reported that City Attorney Allan Durand provided an update on litigation of the suit with the owners of the Foco Road and that no action was needed at this time.

Mayor's report

- Slab has been poured for the pavilion in Adam Carlson Park
- Large fan has been ordered for the pavilion in Magnolia Park

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 Fontenette.

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JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK