

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 21st DAY OF JULY, 2025.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 21st day of July 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 Councilwoman Chatman duly seconded by Councilman Fontenette and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 7, 2025 hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Mayor Willis presented Financial Report prepared by CFO Katy Bujard.

CRT Director Danielle Fontenette presented information regarding the National Day of Acadie Celebration to be held August 15th on New Market Street. The celebration will be family friendly evening of games, music, dancing food and drinks starting with a tintamarre and ending with Chad Huval and Friends band. This event is being held in conjunction with the Fete Dieu Du Teche promoted by Fr Champagne of Jesus Crucified.

Ms Sharon Batiste informed the Mayor and council of her wishes to move forward with the demolition of the dilapidated structure located at 604 Ledoux through the City's current Clearance Grant.

Councilwoman Chatman requested to table her agenda item to discuss demolition of dilapidated structures and adjudicated properties within the City limits. The general consensus was to allow E&P Consulting Services, LLC to handle sale of adjudicated properties starting with the properties that have dilapidated structures.

It was moved by Councilwoman Chatman duly seconded by Councilman Fontenette and unanimously carried to add the discussion of the adjudicated property adjacent to City Hall (corner of Evangeline Blvd and Catfish Alley) in the name of Laverne Foster to the agenda of this meeting.

It was moved by Councilman Fontenette duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman and unanimously carried that Change Orders #1 & #2 of the 21 LCDBG-CV LLOP Grant for the Festival Grounds be approved. The funding of the change orders will be obtained from the Capital Outlay Electrical Upgrade Grant.

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY
TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND
SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS
FOR SAFE ROUTES TO PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM THROUGH LaDOTD**

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville has submitted an Application for Safe Routes To Public Places Program through LaDotd,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of City of St. Martinville that Mayor Jason Willis is hereby authorized to sign all the necessary documents in connection with said project.

Name: Jason Willis

Position/Title: Mayor

Telephone Number: 337-394-2230

Email Address: jwillis@stmartinville.net

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilwoman Anthony, duly seconded by Councilman Chatman, and upon being submitted to a vote, the vote was:

Yeas: M.Fuselier, C.Frederick, J.Fontentte, J.Anthony and F. Chatman

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Resolution above was thereon declared adopted on the 21st day of July, 2025

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and fully correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the St. Martinville City Council on the date shown above.

Lorrie M. Poirier, City Clerk

Councilman Mike Fuselier exited the meeting.

Following the discussion of the renewal of the lease with Domino's Pizza, the agenda item was tabled to allow time to determine a reasonable monthly rent amount.

Councilman Mike Fuselier re-entered the meeting.

It was moved by Councilwoman Frederick duly seconded by Councilwoman Anthony and unanimously carried that E&P Consulting Services, LLC be authorized to prepare and complete all paperwork to transfer the adjudicated property adjacent to City Hall (corner of Evangeline Blvd and Catfish Alley) in the name of Laverne Foster to the City of St. Martinville.

It was moved by Councilwoman Frederick duly seconded by Councilwoman Anthony and unanimously carried that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-09

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

Section 1. The Code entitled "Code of Ordinances, City of St. Martinville, Louisiana," published by CivicPlus LLC, consisting of chapters 1 through 46, each inclusive, is adopted.

Section 2. Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of the Code or any ordinance, rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall be punished according to code Sec. 1-8. Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall continue or occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the city may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

Section 3. Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the city to make the same as part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

Section 4. Ordinances adopted after Dec. 18, 2023, that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code, shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon Mayor's signature.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The ordinance is declared PASSED AND ADOPTED AT St. Martinville, Louisiana, on this the 21st day of July 2025.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Jason Willis, Mayor

Delivered to Mayor _____

Received from Mayor _____

It was moved by Councilwoman Anthony duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman and unanimously carried that the City Council go into executive session to discuss litigation regarding the Foco property next to the Sewer Pond.

The City Council reconvened after executive session upon motion of Councilwoman Anthony duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman.

Following executive session, City Attorney Allan Durand stated that he gave the Mayor and Council an update on recent developments in the litigation filed by the FOCO's to terminate the right of way currently being used by the City for access to the Sewer Pond. Upon Mr Durand's recommendation, it was moved by Councilwoman Chatman duly seconded by Councilwoman Anthony and unanimously carried that an accurate survey and appraisal be obtained for the purpose of the City's defense of said litigation.

Mayor's Report

- Splash Bash will be held August 9, 2025
- Pavillion in Adam Carlson is under construction – Large fan will be installed
- Large fan ordered for pavilion in Magnolia Park
- Mulch was delivered to the parks for the playgrounds – hopefully turf in the future
- Clearance Grant update – Demolition of 4 house have been completed

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

JASON WILLIS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, CITY CLERK