

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 4th day of August 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 Anthony duly seconded by Councilwoman Chatman and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 21, 2025 hereby be approved for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

It was moved by Councilwoman Frederick duly seconded by Councilman Fuselier and unanimously carried that the discussion of utility readings for Eldorado Apartments be added to the agenda of tonight's meeting.

Mr. Eddy Greig's son, Jeremy Greig, updated the Mayor and Council on the nuisance property that Mr Eddy owns located at 2085 Terrace Hwy. Jeremy advised that the grass has been cut and poisoned, repairs are being made to the skid steer & the bushhog and he will work on moving the large wooden timbers. The culverts are too large to be moved with the equipment he does have. The council requested Mr. Greig provide an update once a month at the council meeting and Planning & Zoning Coordinator Otis Chatman take pictures to provide to the council at said meeting.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Otis Chatman provided inspection reports performed by City Inspector Rodney Richard stating that the properties listed below are public safety hazard, and recommending the properties be condemned and demolished. Based on the evidence provided in the reports, including color photographs clearly showing the properties are a danger to public safety, it was moved by Councilman Fuselier duly seconded by Councilwoman Anthony and unanimously carried that the properties listed below be declared a public nuisance, and that their owners be notified to abate the nuisance:

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| 1. Ellis Guillory, Sr & Dianna Guillory | 215 Mary Ann |
| 2. Karl Boudreaux & Blair Marie | 322 Columbus |
| 3. Parfait Robertson Jr | 220 Denbas |
| 4. Deborah Melancon Rentals LLC | 311 W. Madison (15801J2535) |
| 5. Deborah Melancon Rentals LLC | 315 W. Madison (15801J2535) |

Councilwoman Frederick stated she received a call regarding utility bills for a section of the Eldorado Apartments. Several residents have received bills with zero consumption for electricity and are being billed the minimum fee. Mayor Willis stated that he will look into the matter and give Councilwoman Frederick a call back once the error is identified. Ms. Frederick also requested that a new bill be generated and mailed to the residents.

City Attorney Allan Durand stated he did not have any update on the Foco's lawsuit.

It was moved by Councilwoman Frederick duly seconded by Councilwoman Fuselier and unanimously carried that the City Council go into executive session for City Attorney Allan Durand to provide an updated on the Old City Dump on Duchamp Rd.

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 reported to the council on the final conclusion by the environmental law experts that were hired to determine the City's legal responsibilities under Louisiana law with regard to any further remediation and/or restoration of the Old City Dump on Duchamp Rd. Mr Durand presented to the council the findings, as well as finding of subcontractors of the environmental attorney with regard to their inability to find any records relating to the Old Dump at the Dept of Environmental Quality or Department of Natural Resources. The conclusion of the environmental law expert was that the City had no liability under Louisiana law with respect to the Old Dump.

Mayor's Report

- City won LMA Award 1st place for Art on Fire Hydrant Project
- Splash Bash will be held August 9, 2025
 - Ribbon Cutting for pavilion near pool
 - Hall of Fame will pay for children swimming and provide food
- Two vigils were held for Iris Davis – PD working on every lead – SMSO assisting
- Pavillion in Adam Carlson is under construction – 70% complete
- Two large fans installed under pavilion in Magnolia Park
- Clearance Grant update – Demolition of half the houses have been completed
- Kuts 4 Kids and distribution of school supplies will be held August 10th

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