

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
HELD ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2019.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019 at City Hall, their regular meeting place, pursuant to the call of the Mayor.

THERE were present: Melinda Mitchell, Mayor  
Mike Fuselier, Councilman  
Craig Prosper, Councilman  
Dennis Williams, Councilman  
Edmond Joseph, Councilman  
Juma Johnson, Councilman  
Allan L. Durand, City Attorney

THERE were absent: None

Mayor Melinda Mitchell presiding, called the meeting to order.

Upon motion of Dennis Williams duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the minutes of the budget hearing and the regular meeting held June 24, 2019 hereby be approved as written and prepared for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Upon motion of Craig Prosper duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 1, 2019 hereby be approved as written and prepared for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Upon request of Chief Ricky Martin, it was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that proposed salary increases for the Police Department be added to the agenda of this meeting.

It was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Dennis Williams to add a personnel matter regarding Morris Simon to the agenda of this meeting.

Mr. Prosper's motion being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was:

Yeas: M.Fuselier, C.Prospcr, D.Williams, and J.Johnson

Nays: E.Joseph

Mr. Prosper's motion failed due to a unanimous vote.

Upon motion of Dennis Williams duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the bills to be paid by the City Finance Committee hereby be approved for payment.

Upon request of Cesal Wiltz, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Edmond Joseph and unanimously carried that the City contribute up to \$1,000.00 to St. Martinville Girls Basketball Summer League toward the purchase of league shirts and awards, to be paid directly to the vendors.

Upon request of Cesal Wiltz, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that permission be granted for Louisiana Youth Elite Tigers to hold a Red-Light Drive on Saturday, August 10, 2019 to help pay expenses for equipment.

Upon request of Cesal Wiltz, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that the rental fee for Magnolia Recreation Center be waived to hold a back to school drive dance for the youth. Items collected will be donated to St. Martinville public schools.

Kelly Cantu of Chez Hope presented information to the mayor and council regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser that will be held Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Cade Community Center.

Upon request of Joni Borel, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that permission be granted for the use of the Festival Grounds to hold Festival de la Ville on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 8am – 4pm to benefit Innerfaith Prison Ministries Little Lambs. This benefits children whose parents are incarcerated.

Elaine Clement, Director of Tourism presented information regarding forming an advisory committee to create a campaign and raise funds to have work done to the Evangeline Oak. It was recommended that Ms. Clement contact County Agent Stuart Gauthier for his expertise.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that the following policy be accepted as payment for Animal Control Officer:

1. Animal Control Officer will get paid according to the hours worked.
2. There will be a two hour minimum per call out.
3. Animal Control Officer must document hours worked.

Upon recommendation of Chief Ricky Martin, it was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that the following promotions be approved, due to score results of recent Civil Service Exams:

Chase Guidry	Police Officer First Class	\$16.42 per hour
David Vincent	Police Officer First Class	\$16.42 per hour

Upon recommendation of Chief Ricky Martin, it was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that the following Police Department employees' salaries be increased at presented:

City Attorney Allan Durand entered the meeting.

Mayor Mitchell recommended to the council that Delashia Marshall be hired as Cashier of the Utility Department with a pay grade of 105 without 6% increase.

It was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried to hire Gaynell Batiste as Cashier of the Utility Department, pending successful completion of pre-employment physicals.

Councilman Fuselier requested City Attorney Allan Durand update the council on the negotiations of an agreement with Ms Jeanella Ledet, following her building permit to locate a business on Main Street being revoked by the council on May 7, 2018. Mr. Durand stated that an offer was made to Ms. Ledet and he had not heard back from her. Ms. Ledet stated she had responded to his offer; however, Mr. Durand still has not received the response. Ms. Ledet stated she will send something in writing to Mr. Durand.

No action was taken on Mayor Mitchell's recommendation to have only one monthly council meeting.

It was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Mike Fuselier that the City Council go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

The City Council reconvened after executive session upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Juma Johnson.

City Attorney Allan Durand stated that no action was suggested following executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, Mayor Melinda Mitchell adjourned the meeting upon motion of Craig Prosper duly seconded by Dennis Williams.

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MELINDA MITCHELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LORRIE M POIRIER, SECRETARY