

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
HELD ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 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  
Juma Johnson, Councilman  
Edmond Joseph, 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 Juma Johnson and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 6, 2018 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 Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Juma Johnson and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 20, 2018 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 Dennis Williams duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried that the bills to be paid by the City Finance Committee hereby be approved for payment.

Upon request of Mrs. Dolores Bourda of the Democratic Committee, it was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that permission be granted for the use of Magnolia Park, at no charge, on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 to hold a public forum for the upcoming election.

Mr. Jimmy Charles inquired about plans to improve Adam Carlson Park. Councilman Juma Johnson stated that there are plans to improve the parks in the near future.

Pool Manager Edna Landry gave an end of season report of all the summer activities held at the swimming pool.

Upon request of Wanda Johnson of African American Museum, it was moved by Edmond Joseph duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that permission be granted to close New Market Street and Evangeline Blvd at noon on Friday, October 5, 2018 to hold annual Okra Cook-off. Permission was also granted to sell alcohol for the event.

Upon recommendation of Electrical Engineer Jim Poche, it was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that the wholesale electrical proposal be awarded to the low bidder, CLECO, contingent upon further review by Mr. Poche's office and City Attorney in regard to the contract language and as it relates to the RFP proposers. It was further decided that a Special Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018 if needed for any changes.

Upon recommendation of Planning & Zoning Commission, it was moved by Dennis Williams duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the variance petition requested by Shermaine Ned to locate a mobile home near 812 Washington Street, in a Residential-2 zone be approved.

Safety and Zoning Administration Shedrick Berard, presented information regarding the Three Troublesome Nuisances of Louisiana Communities.

Councilman Mike Fuselier discussed his concerns of procedures of grass cutting and property/structures out of compliance. Safety and Zoning Administration Shedrick Berard stated that other options are being looked into to improve the process.

Upon request of Burt Borel, it was moved by Dennis Williams duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that permission be granted for the use of the Festival Grounds to hold Festival de LaVille, a gospel music festival, on Saturday, October 20, 2018. Proceeds will be benefit Teen Challenge and Military Bible Sticks. The organizers will provide portalets and clean up of grounds.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that Superintendent Kirk Lasseigne obtain quotes for constructing six dog kennels at the St. Martin Parish Animal Control Facility to be used for dogs impounded by the City.

Upon recommendation of Glenda Kately, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that Carlos Batiste be hired as full-time Park Maintenance Laborer with a rate of pay of \$8.48 per hour.

Upon recommendation of Chief Ricky Martin, it was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that Cody Malette be hired as part-time Police Officer with a rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour, pending successful pre-employment exams.

Upon motion of Craig Prosper duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that pay request for the DOTD Pedestrian Improvement Project submitted by JD Rebar & Construction, Inc in the amount of \$1,576.83 is hereby approved for payment.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Juma Johnson and unanimously carried the proposed ordinance to amend the personnel policy relative to vacation and sick leave be tabled.

The following resolution was introduced by Dennis Williams duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously adopted:

CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE  
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WHEREAS, the Louisiana Office of Community Development has announced that applications are being accepted for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Local Government Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide assortment of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville is eligible for a grant up to \$20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper for the City of St. Martinville to submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Local Government Assistance Program to purchase and equip a police patrol vehicle for the St. Martinville Police Department for public safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville that the Honorable Melinda Mitchell, Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Local Government Assistance Program.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and caused to affixed the Great Seal of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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Melinda Mitchell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Upon request of Ashley Jones, on behalf of Dustin Fauchaux, it was by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that permission be granted for the use of the front soccer fields and concession stand in Magnolia Park for youth football league to hold practices and games from now to November 1, 2018.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC assist with the advertising and interview process for a Chief Administrative Officer, due to the resignation of current CAO Donna Lasseigne.

It was moved by Dennis Williams duly seconded by Juma Johnson 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.

Upon recommendation of Chief Martin, it was moved by Councilman Craig Prosper to terminate the employment of Police Officer Alonza Jordan due to complaints about the way he conducts himself.

Mr. Prosper's motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Upon Mayor Mitchell's recommendation, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried a Officer Jordan be suspended without pay until the next regular council meeting scheduled for September 17, 2018 for further investigations.

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and City Council, Mayor Melinda Mitchell adjourned the meeting upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Juma Johnson.

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MELINDA MITCHELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LORRIE M POIRIER, SECRETARY