

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
HELD ON THE 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 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 Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that the final approval for the sale of property to O'riely Auto Parts be added to the agenda of this meeting.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried that Legend's Louisiana State Disc Golf Championships be added to the agenda of this meeting.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that an update from City Attorney Allan Durand on his communications with representatives from Longfellow State Park be added to the agenda of this meeting.

Upon motion of Juma Johnson duly seconded by Edmond Joseph and unanimously carried that the minutes of the special meeting held September 14, 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 Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the minutes of the special meeting held September 17, 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 Craig Prosper and unanimously carried that the bills to be paid by the City Finance Committee hereby be approved for payment.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that the council approved the budget to actual expenses as of August 31, 2018 as presented.

Upon request of George Choplin of the Knights of Columbus, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that permission be granted to hold their annual Tootsie Roll Red Light Drive on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Proceeds are to benefit the mentally disabled.

Maysie Celestine, 2018 NAM Miss Louisiana Princess, presented a piece of her artwork to Mayor Mitchell as part of her community project.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried that the discussion of the buildings in the 200 block of S. Main be tabled until the November 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Meanwhile this project will be turned over to Main Street Association to meet with the building owners and create a comprehensive plan addressing the concerns of said buildings and report back to the Mayor and Council.

Upon recommendation Chief Ricky Martin, it was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried to hire Tracy Delahoussaye as part-time dispatcher with a rate of pay of \$9.17 per hour, pending successful completion of pre-employment physicals.

Upon recommendation Chief Ricky Martin, it was moved by Dennis Williams duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the employment status of Cody Mallett be changed from part-time to full-time with a rate of pay of \$13.97 per hour.

Upon recommendation Chief Ricky Martin, it was moved by Dennis Williams duly seconded by Edmond Joseph and unanimously carried that the employment status of Paul Rochon be changed from reserve to part-time with a rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour.

Upon request Chief Ricky Martin, it was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that approval be granted for the purchase of 10 Pro-Vision Bodycams including docking station at a cost of \$4,145.00.

The following resolution was introduced by Mike Fuselier and duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously adopted:

## **RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville intends to submit budget requests to the Division of Administration for Capital Outlay Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville does not have the financial resources necessary to fund projects of this size; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Martinville has selected and authorized the submission of the following State Capital Budget Requests for year 2019-2020;

**Priority #1**

Water Drainage Project	\$200,000
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**Priority #2**

Automated Water Project for Fire Protection	\$150,000
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**Priority #3**

Automated Utility Project	\$350,000
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Martinville, in regular session convened this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2018, does hereby certify to the Division of Administration, Facility Planning and Control, that it does not have cash or bond funding available to fund these projects.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, thereon was as follows:

YEAS: M.Fuselier, C.Prospier, D.Williams, J.Johnson and E.Joseph

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018.

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Melinda Mitchell, Mayor  
City of St. Martinville

The following resolution was introduced by Dennis Williams and duly seconded by Edmond Joseph and unanimously adopted:

Corporate Authorization Resolution

This is to certify: That a meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, LA, duly called and held on Oct. 1, 2018, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that all checks of this corporation drawn on any bank and orders for transfers or withdrawal of funds of this corporation on deposit in said Bank, in whatever form, shall be signed by two representatives, Mayor Melinda Mitchell, and one of the following:

Kimberly A. Duplechain, Accounting Specialist  
Raephelle Olivier, Receptionist

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Bank is hereby authorized and directed to honor and pay any checks so drawn as above set forth, whether or not such checks be payable to the order of one of the foregoing persons either in his individual or official capacity or deposited to his individual credit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by name as Secretary and have caused the corporate seal of said corporation to be hereto affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2018.

I, Lorrie Poirier, Secretary of said corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a copy of the resolution passed as therein set forth.

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Secretary to Mayor and Council

Upon recommendation of City Attorney Allan Durand, it was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that approval be granted for the settlement in the amount of \$3,433.98 with DEQ for 2013 violations with regards to the water treatment facility record keeping.

Upon recommendation Mayor Mitchell, it was moved by Dennis Williams duly seconded by Edmond Joseph and unanimously carried to hire Malcolm Thomasee as Part-time Maintenance Laborer for City Hall with a rate of pay grade of 101, pending successful completion of pre-employment physicals.

Upon motion of Dennis Williams duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the employment status of Donna Lasseigne be changed from full-time to part-time on a temporary, as needed basis thru transition to the new Chief Administrative Officer at the Mayor's discretion.

ORDINANCE 18-07

*An Ordinance Approving the Sale of Public Property by the City of St. Martinville*

WHEREAS the City of St. Martinville owns a building and parking lot donated to the City by Walmart, located on Main Street in the City of St. Martinville , and

WHEREAS the City Council finds that the City of St. Martinville has never made any use of the southwest corner of the parking lot of said property, located at the corner of Main Street and Olivier Lane, nor does the City of St. Martinville have any reasonably expected future need or use for that portion of the lot, and

WHEREAS the City of St. Martinville has complied with all requirements of law necessary for the authorization of this sale, including the required advertisements, public hearing, and findings; and

WHEREAS City of St. Martinville proposes to sell the said property, 0.630 acres in size, to O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc., or assigns for the sum and price of \$123,500, which the Council has determined equals or exceeds the fair market value of the property;

THEREFORE be it ordained that the following Miscellaneous Ordinance is adopted:

**“APPROVAL OF SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY:** The Mayor of the City of St. Martinville is hereby authorized to execute an act of sale (as well as any other documents which she finds useful or necessary) to convey 0.630 acres, more or less, occupying the southwest corner of the parking lot of the old Walmart location, said 0.630 acre tract being located at the corner of Main Street and Olivier Lane (and more particularly described below), to O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc., or assigns, for \$123,500, by cash sale, without warranty of any type.

The property to be sold is described generally (but any more accurate description may be used for the act of cash sale to be executed) as follows:

That certain lot or parcel of ground located in the southwest corner of the property described under St. Martin Parish Assessor Parcel Number 15801B4737, fronting 105.74 feet, more or less, on Main Street, by a depth of 259.35 feet, more or less, on its northern boundary, and 259.51 feet, more or less, on its southern boundary, with a rear or eastern line of 105.91 feet, more or less; and bounded north and east by the balance of the property described under St. Martin Parish Assessor Parcel Number 15801B4737, south by Olivier Lane, and west by Main Street.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Mike Fuselier, duly seconded by Dennis Williams, and upon being submitted to a vote, the vote was:

Yeas: M Fuselier, C Prosper, D Williams, J Johnson, and E Joseph

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Ordinance was thereon declared adopted on the 1st day of October, 2018.

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MELINDA MITCHELL, Mayor

Upon request of Brady Delhomme, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried that permission be granted to hold Legand's Louisiana State Disc Golf Tournament on Sunday, November 18, 2018. Permission was granted to block traffic at the recreation center parking lot, except for boats and trailers.

City Attorney Allan Durand updated the Mayor and Council on his communications with representatives from Longfellow State Park indicating that were very willing to enter into negotiations to lease an additional portion of the park to the City.

It was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Dennis Williams that the City Council go into executive session to for City Attorney Allan Durand to report on the following litigation matters: New development in the Jeanella Ledet lawsuit, Bianca Davis, and Nolan Carmouche litigation.

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

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

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MELINDA MITCHELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LORRIE M POIRIER, SECRETARY