

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
HELD ON THE 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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  
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 request of Mayor Mitchell, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that Nicole Bradley of the St. Martinville Garden Club be added to the agenda of this meeting to discuss the flowerbed at the corner of Bridge Street and Main Street.

Upon motion of Dennis Williams duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 16, 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 Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Proper and unanimously carried that the bills to be paid by the City Finance Committee hereby be approved for payment.

Upon request of April Viator with SSMH Reach Club, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that permission be granted to hold an Anti-Bully Walk/Color Run on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from SSMH to Magnolia Park Pavilion from 9:00am until noon. A ceremony and Color Run will be held at Magnolia Park following the walk.

Ms. Cammie Mautrin, candidate for State Representative District #96, introduced herself to the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Edmond Joseph entered the meeting.

Mr. Patrick Wiltz, candidate for State Representative District #96, introduced himself to the Mayor and Council.

Kelli Cantu of Chez Hope, Inc informed the Mayor, Council and the public of the Domestic Violence Awareness Event being held on October 17, 2019 at 6:00pm at Parc Hardy Pavillion in Breaux Bridge.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried to table the discussion of amending City Ordinance pertaining to burning in the city limits to allow time for City Attorney Allan Durand to research and present language for proposed amendment at the next council meeting.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried that Leslie Formeller be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission to replace Al Landry.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried that the camera system at City Hall be updated and monitors be installed in Mayor Mitchell's office, Chief Administrator Avis Gutekunst's office and the Police Department.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded that Craig Prosper and unanimously carried that Director of Tourism Elaine Clement assist with preparing paperwork to sell property that has been adjudicated to the City.

Upon recommendation of Director of Tourism Elaine Clement, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that Mr. Jimmy Charles and Ms. Clara Tyler Jean Batiste be hired temporarily as docents for up to 2 months. Their pay rate will be \$8.00 per hour and they will work 27.5 hours every 2 weeks.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried that Crappy to Happy, LLC be hereby granted a 30 day extension for removal of dilapidated structure located at the corner of Buchanan Street and Labbe Street.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that Burton Willis be hereby granted 60 days to demolish and remove the dilapidated structure located at 314 Cemetery Hwy.

ORDINANCE 19-07

*An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville to  
Increase the Cost of Notification of Nuisances*

WHEREAS the City of St. Martinville is authorized by La. R.S. 33:5062 to enact an Ordinance providing for nuisances and cutting of grass or weeds on any lot, place, or area within the City; and

WHEREAS the City Council has determined that the previous Ordinances should be amended to increase the cost for sending the notification to the landowner that a lot has nuisances and grass or weeds which must be cut by virtue of Section 14.52 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of St. Martinville,

THEREFORE be it ordained that Section 14.53 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of St. Martinville be and the same is hereby amended to increase the cost to be charged to the landowner for sending the notification for nuisances from twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each councilman will be notified prior to letters being mailed out to residents of their districts.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Ordinance was thereon declared adopted on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

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MELINDA MITCHELL, Mayor

Upon recommendation of City Attorney Allan Durand, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that the lease between the City and Races & Aces be extended to June 30, 2020.

City Attorney Allan Durand withdrew his request to go into executive session to discuss litigation pertaining to Jeanella Ledet.

Upon motion of Craig Prosper duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that Mayor Mitchell be granted authorization to sign and enter into Intergovernmental Agreements with St. Martin Parish Government for Public Works Maintenance Matters as requested.

Mr. Mark Pratt spoke of the need for a homeless shelter and a recreation center for the youth of the community. No action was taken.

Upon request of Nicole Bradley with St. Martinville Garden Club, it was moved by Craig Prosper duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the City supply manpower, dirt, and mulch to complete the flower bed at the corner of Bridge Street and Main Street.

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

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MELINDA MITCHELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LORRIE M POIRIER, SECRETARY