

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA  
HELD ON THE 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 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  
   Juma Johnson, Councilman  
   Allan L. Durand, City Attorney

THERE were absent:      Dennis Williams, Councilman  
   Edmond Joseph, Councilman

Mayor Melinda Mitchell presiding, called the meeting to order.

Upon request of Mayor Mitchell, it was moved by Juma Johnson to add Mayor Mitchell's request to this agenda for council approval to hire a legal representative paid for by the City to represent the office of mayor, executive branch, in reference to the 'Petition for Declaratory Judgment'.

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

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper, with Juma Johnson opposed, that the letter from Mayor Mitchell to veto the council's attempt to make the mayor's position a part time position that was attached to the minutes of the regular meeting held October 5, 2020 be removed and said minutes hereby be approved as written and prepared for publication in the Teche News, the Official Journal of the City of St. Martinville.

Mayor Mitchell requested that the record reflect that although she requested bills be presented for approval by the City Finance Committee, no documentation was presented on the agenda.

Keith Thibodeaux, candidate for 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Judge, introduced himself to the Mayor and Council.

Upon the request of Mr. Lanza, attorney for Mark Brignac and Evangeline Mobile Home Park, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Juma Johnson and unanimously carried that the discussion of electrical issues with the mobile home park be postponed for two weeks due to the technical issues with reviewing documents previously requested concerning this matter.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried Paul J Allain Architect APAC be hired to create master plan drawings for the Bayou Teche Shoreline Development & adjacent Festival Grounds Park.

Danielle Fontenette, Planning & Zoning Administrator presented information to Mayor and Council regarding dilapidated structure owned by Adair Management located at 124 Governor Mouton Street. The general consensus of the council was to have City Inspector Rodney Richard evaluate said structure and provide the council a written recommendation at a later meeting.

Councilman Fuselier discussed obtaining detailed information for 3<sup>rd</sup> party requested items to be placed on the agenda. The general consensus of the council was that the current procedures requiring detailed information be enforced. It was stated that any form not containing detailed information be rejected until further information is provided.

Councilman Fuselier and citizens from the community requested support of Amendment #1 “Do you support an amendment declaring that, to protect human life, a right to abortion and the funding of abortion shall not be found in the Louisiana Constitution?” on November 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot. No action was taken.

Councilman Fuselier exited the meeting.

Upon motion of Craig Prosper duly seconded by Juma Johnson and unanimously carried that Mayor Mitchell be authorized to enter into contract with Dubroc Engineering, Inc for engineering services.

Upon motion of Craig Prosper duly seconded by Juma Johnson and unanimously carried that Walkene Batiste and Dwayne Anthony be employed as temporary emergency grass crew laborers to assist with storm recovery, with a rate of pay of \$8.00 per hour. Superintendent Brian Touchet stated he will need the laborers for an additional 2 to 3 weeks. Mr. Touchet will use his discretion on the length of time their services are needed.

Councilman Mike Fuselier reentered the meeting.

Councilman Prosper requested Utility Supervisor Carolyn Murdock create criteria for issuing utility bill emergency disaster extensions and present to the council for approval.

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