

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ST. MARTINVILLE, LOUISIANA
HELD ON THE 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of St. Martinville, Louisiana met in Regular Session on the 19th day of November, 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 Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 5, 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 Juma Johnson and unanimously carried that the bills to be paid by the City Finance Committee hereby be approved for payment.

The Council and Jim Poche, consultant, discussed changes to the contract which had been requested and agreed to by Cleco.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that the following ordinance be given final approval.

ORDINANCE TO 18-08

An Ordinance by the City Council of the City of St. Martinville approving a contract with CLECO under certain specified conditions

WHEREAS the City of St. Martinville desires to enter into a contract for the purchase of wholesale electrical power for resale to its residents, and

WHEREAS Cleco has offered a contract to sell wholesale electricity to the City beginning January 1, 2019 which is acceptable to the City, and

WHEREAS, preliminary reading and approval having been given to the contract at the regular meeting of this Council on November 5, 2018,

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

The City of St. Martinville hereby accepts and contracts with Cleco for the purchase of wholesale electrical power according to the terms of that contract providing for the sale of wholesale electricity for the period beginning January 1, 2019, and the Mayor is authorized and directed to sign said contract.

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 19th day of November, 2018.

MELINDA MITCHELL, Mayor

Upon motion of City Attorney Allan Durand it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper and unanimously carried that the agenda of this meeting be extended to include the discussion of entering into a non-exclusive contract with Poche Prouet Associates, LLC for engineering services.

Upon motion of Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Craig Prosper that Mayor Mitchell be authorized to enter into a non-exclusive contract with Poche Prouet Associates, LLC for engineering services from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

A substitute motion was made by Juma Johnson duly seconded by Edmond Joseph that Mayor Mitchell be authorized to enter into a non-exclusive contract with Poche Prouet Associates, LLC for engineering services from July 1, 2018 to the completion of negotiations for Cleco contract.

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

Yeas: J.Johnson and E.Joseph

Nays: M.Fuselier, C.Prosper, and D.Williams

Absent: None

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

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

Yeas: M.Fuselier, C.Prosper, and D.Williams

Nays: J.Johnson and E.Joseph

Absent: None

Mr. Fuselier's motion passed.

City Attorney Allan Durand recommended an item be added to the agenda of this meeting to discuss enforcement of occupational licenses. Mayor Mitchell preferred to attempt to contact business owners first and wait to a later meeting before discussing further.

Donnie Bulliard spoke to the Mayor and Council of his wishes to form a Promotional Tourism Committee. Mr. Bulliard will present more information at the next regular council meeting.

Upon request of Kevin Savoy, it was moved by Dennis Williams duly seconded by Mike Fuselier and unanimously carried that 30 days be given for him to report back to the council on the transfer of property located at 115 S. Vivier Street from his family, Mrs. Ana Angelique Narcisse c/o Thomas Savoy into his name. Mr. Savoy will also present his plans for the dilapidated structure located on said property.

For clarification purposes of the council's previous appointment of Shedrick Berard to Chief Administrative Officer, it was moved by Mike Fuselier duly seconded by Dennis Williams and unanimously carried that Shedrick Berard be appointed to said position until the end of the next audit in approximately 6 months. Mr. Berard will remain as Chief Administrative Officer upon completion of auditor's review and is satisfactory order. Should that not be the case, Mr. Berard will be given the opportunity to return to his previous position of Planning and Zoning Director; therefore, the position for Planning and Zoning Director will not be filled at this time. Shekinah Hines, Planning and Zoning Administrator Assistant is assisting with Planning and Zoning duties.

Upon motion of Dennis Williams duly seconded by Edmond Joseph and unanimously carried that the following Corporate Authorization Resolution hereby be 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 Nov. 19, 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:

Shedrick Berard , Chief Administrative Officer
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 19th day of November, 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.

Secretary to Mayor and Council

Councilman Mike Fuselier voiced his concerns of drainage issues, especially on Main Street between Bridge Street and Madison Street. Mayor Mitchell stated she would get with Danielle Fontenette, Main Street Manager to see if the newly installed planter boxes are causing any drainage issues in that area.

Councilman Mike Fuselier requested St. Martin Parish Government be contacted regarding availability of dog kennels at the Parish Animal Shelter.

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 Craig Prosper.

MELINDA MITCHELL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LORRIE M POIRIER, SECRETARY