

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 6, 2019

The St. Martin Parish Council met in Regular Session convened at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2019, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Dean LeBlanc.

The Invocation was read by Laci Laperouse, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Byron Fuselier.

The following members were present: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr. Members absent: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused). Also present: Parish President Chester Cedars, Director of Administration Calder Hebert, Director of Finance Sean Hundley and Director of Public Works Martin Poirrier.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Byron Fuselier to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Council Regular Meeting of February 5, 2019.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert,
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

Mr. Elwood Scully, resident of Stephenville voiced his concerns of flood protection. Mr. Scully requested the formation of a "drainage district." After hearing his concerns and reason for this district, Parish President Chester Cedars stated he would first like to address that a district needs to be treaded lightly as it creates its own governing body. Parish President Chester Cedars then gave a detailed breakdown of the Bayou Estates Flood Project and other assistance St. Martin Parish Government has done to provide flood protection to the residents of the Southern part of the Parish. Mr. Scully thanked St. Martin Parish for everything done and looks forward to the Bayou Estates Flood Protection project being complete.

Lt. Col. Terry Guidry, Executive Director of the St. Martin Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness informed everyone of an important phone survey that will take place during the months of March through May 2019. Lt. Col. Terry Guidry stated the survey is being conducted by Louisiana State University and will impact ten (10) Southwest Louisiana parishes (Acadia, Assumption, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion). Lt. Col. Guidry discussed the importance of all residents participating in a survey on individual preparedness actions when threatened by a hurricane.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Jill Hebert to open the Public Hearing to obtain public comments regarding the ordinances being considered for final adoption.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert,
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

Vice-Chairman Dean LeBlanc asked for public comments regarding the proposed ordinance being considered for final adoption.

Clerk of the Council Laci Laperouse read the ordinance summary.

Upon requesting and hearing no comments from the audience regarding the proposed ordinance being considered for final adoption, the Vice-Chairman requested a motion to close the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the Public Hearing be closed.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert,
Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 19-03-1256-OR

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-18 – POLLING PLACES, OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO THE LOCATION OF PRECINCT 50.

The Council of the Parish of St. Martin does ordain as follows:

SECTION I: That Section 2-18 (Polling Places) is hereby amended as follows:

delete District 9, Precinct 50: Old Cecilia Senior High School Gym
1038 School Extension Road
Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517

SECTION II: That Section 2-18 (Polling Places) is hereby amended as follows:

add District 9, Precinct 50: Cecilia Junior High School Main Entrance
1038 School Road Extension
Breaux Bridge, Louisiana 70517

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the St. Martin Parish Council and the signature of the Parish President.

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

- YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the Ordinance was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-020-RS

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish meets the requirements to participate in the Summer Nutrition Program as established by the United States Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, due to the success of last year's Summer Nutrition Program, St. Martin Parish Government is again interested in sponsoring such a program in St. Martin Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby endorse the participation of the St. Martin Parish Government in the Summer Nutrition Program for the year 2019 and authorize the St. Martin Parish President to sign all necessary documents for application into said program.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard,
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-021-RS

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government wishes to hire Ms. Connie Horton (an independent contractor) for the duties related to the opening, closing and cleaning for events scheduled at the Coteau Holmes Civic Center at 1814 Coteau Holmes Highway, St. Martinville, Louisiana 70582 and that she will work on as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Connie Horton's contract is effective March 6, 2019, and will expire on March 6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Chester Cedars to execute a contract in behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government with Ms. Connie Horton.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard,
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Jill Hebert that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-022-RS

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government wishes to hire Mr. Travis Meche (an independent contractor) for the duties related to the opening, closing and cleaning for events scheduled at the Coteau Holmes Civic Center at 1814 Coteau Holmes Highway, St. Martinville, Louisiana 70582 and that he will work on as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Travis Meche's contract is effective March 6, 2019, and will expire on March 6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby authorize Parish President Chester Cedars to execute a contract in behalf of the St. Martin Parish Government with Mr. Travis Meche.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard,
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Jill Hebert that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-023-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council is interested in reappointing members to the St. Martin Parish 911 Emergency Board of Commissioners whose terms have expired.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby reappoint Mr. Gerard Durand, Jr., Mr. Ronald Solari, Mr. Sherbin Collette and Mr. Troy Guidry to serve as members of the St. Martin Parish 911 Emergency Board of Commissioners for four (4) year terms; said terms will expire on March 1, 2023.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard,
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

A motion was made by Byron Fuselier and seconded by Jill Hebert that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-024-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Mr. Calder Hebert as a member of the St. Martin Parish Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chip Durand has been recommended to fill the vacancy of the St. Martin Parish Planning Commission created by Mr. Hebert's resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mr. Chip Durand to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Calder Hebert, expiring on June 14, 2021, to serve as a member of the St. Martin Parish Planning Commission.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard,
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Jill Hebert that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-025-RS

WHEREAS, during the 2008 regular session of the legislature, Act No. 373 enacted La. R.S. 28:912, *et seq*; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 28:912, *et seq* establishes an integrated human service delivery system composed of several districts organized by region; and

WHEREAS, the said human service districts are governed by a newly created Local Government Entity (LGE) with local accountability and management of behavioral health and developmental disability's services as well as public health or other services contacted to the district by the Department of Health and Hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Region IV of the LGE is composed of the parishes of Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermilion; and

WHEREAS, each LGE shall be governed by a board whose membership consists of residents of the respective regions and the number of members on the board shall consist of one representative from each parish in the region who is appointed by the local governmental authority and the membership shall also include three appointees by the governor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Ms. Alison Boudreaux to serve as a member on the Region IV LGE Board, representing St. Martin Parish. Said term is a three (3) year term expiring on March 3, 2022.

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

- YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard, Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
- NAYS: None.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Jill Hebert that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-026-RS

WHEREAS, the St. Martin Parish Council regretfully accepted the resignation of Ms. Evelina Broussard as a member of the St. Martin Parish Waterworks District No. 3 (Cade); and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Hayes has been recommended to fill the vacancy of the St. Martin Parish Waterworks District No. 3 (Cade) created by Ms. Broussard's resignation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby appoint Mr. John Hayes for a three (3) year term expiring on March 6, 2022, to serve as a member on the St. Martin Parish Waterworks District No. 3 (Cade).

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard,
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

A motion was made by Daniel Richard, Jr. and seconded by Chris Tauzin that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-027-RS

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross fulfills a unique and vital role in our state, providing help and hope in the face of emergencies and disaster, and is a true reflection of the humanitarian and volunteer spirit of the American people; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 101 years, Presidents have called on the American people to support the Red Cross and its humanitarian mission. In World War I, President Woodrow Wilson ordered the Red Cross to raise funds to support emergency aid to the military, as mandated by the Red Cross Congressional Charter. At that time, the American Red Cross set a goal of \$125 million and in less than six weeks donation totaled \$146 million – a tribute to the overwhelming generosity of the American public; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first president to proclaim March as Red Cross Month and called on Americans to “rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross.” President Roosevelt’s call to action nearly 76 years ago started a tradition of designating March as Red Cross Month, a time to recognize and support the valuable work of the American Red Cross by making a financial contribution, donating blood, taking a life-saving class, or volunteering to help the Red Cross perform its mission; and

WHEREAS, every day, sometimes more than once a day, the volunteers of the South Louisiana Region of the American Red Cross are there to save the day when a neighbor’s house burns down. They are there when, as so often happens here in Louisiana, a weather-related disaster strikes. The Red Cross is there when someone needs life-saving blood, or the comfort of a helping hand. It connects military families with their loved ones in service, and provides training in CPR, aquatics safety, and first aid. It spreads humanitarian aid and goodwill to people around the world; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana depends on the American Red Cross more than many states, because of our location on the Gulf Coast. Because it is not a government agency, the Red Cross depends on support from the public to continue its humanitarian work. This is especially true in these challenging economic times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin Parish Council, in Regular Session convened this 6th day of March, 2019, does hereby proclaim the month of March 2019 as

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, and respectfully requests that each citizen of ST. MARTIN PARISH become partners in preparedness with their local Red Cross Chapters and to become active participants in advancing the noble mission of the Red Cross.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard,
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

A motion was made by Chris Tauzin and seconded by Jill Hebert that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby extend the agenda for Resolution Summary No. 028-RS.

This motion to extend the agenda having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard,
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the motion to extend the agenda was declared carried by unanimous vote this 6th day of March, 2019.

A motion was made by Jill Hebert and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-028-RS

A Resolution declaring that a certain metal building located on property of the City of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, at 100 Clifford Street is of no value or use to the St. Martin Parish Government and is therefore deemed to be surplus property.

WHEREAS, St. Martin Parish Government is the owner of that certain moveable metal structure situated at 100 Clifford Street in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the immoveable property upon which the structure is located is owned by the City of Breaux Bridge; and

WHEREAS, prior to 2000, the building was situated on the said property and served as a voting precinct until 2015; and

WHEREAS, the building has been vacant and unoccupied since 2015, and is currently in disrepair; and

WHEREAS, the structure is no longer of any use to St. Martin Parish Government and upon inspection by Parish personnel has been determined to be of no substantial value; and

WHEREAS, the City of Breaux Bridge has requested that the building be removed from its property:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the certain metal moveable building situated at 100 Clifford Street in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, be deemed to be of no value or use to St. Martin Parish Government and is thus surplus property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parish President be directed and authorized to take any and all action deemed proper as a consequence of this declaration.

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

YEAS: Byron Fuselier, Neil Thibodeaux, Chris Tauzin, Jill Hebert, Albert Menard,
Dean LeBlanc and Daniel Richard, Jr.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Lisa Nelson (excused) and Jason Willis (excused).

And the Resolution was declared adopted this 6th day of March, 2019.

Clerk Laci Laperouse read the ordinances introduced for publication, as follows:

SUMMARY NO. 1257-OR (Introduced by Dean LeBlanc, District 8)

An Ordinance to provide for the abandonment of a portion of St. Peter Street previously dedicated to the St. Martin Parish Government (formerly the St. Martin Parish Police Jury) by virtue of an act of dedication dated October 1, 1987, and filed of record in Book 1052, Page 793, under Entry Number 242602 of the Conveyance Records of St. Martin Parish, Louisiana.

SUMMARY NO. 1258-OR (Introduced by Neil Thibodeaux, District 4)

An Ordinance to allow for the front yard setback lines of thirty (30) feet be reduced to twenty (20) feet along the roadways, Cypress Creek Road and Cypress Creek Loop, at Lots 7 through 48 of Cypress Creek Estates.

SUMMARY NO. 1259-OR (Introduced by Chris Tauzin, District 5)

An Ordinance awarding an exclusive franchise to the successful respondent to formal Request for Proposals for St. Martin Parish's mandated waste disposal program, setting a franchise fee in connection with the aforesaid franchise, and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

Prior to adjournment, Parish President Chester Cedars gave an update on the flooding in the Southern portion of the parish. President Cedars personally thanked Lt. Col. Terry Guidry for his expertise and keeping in constant contact with up-to-date information with him. Parish President Chester Cedars also updated the Council Members of the Flood Plain Ordinance, which he is hopeful will become effective July 2019. Parish President Chester Cedars reminded the Council Members the Request For Proposals regarding the solid waste contract will be due March 20, 2019. President Cedars mentioned about seven (7) companies have showed interest during the pre-proposal meeting.

Council Member Chris Tauzin congratulated the Breaux Bridge High School Tigers basketball team for their first place LHSSA Class 4-A championship title.

Council Member Dean LeBlanc reminded everyone that the next Council Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at the Henderson Recreation Center, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Albert Menard and seconded by Byron Fuselier that the St. Martin Parish Council does hereby adjourn. Motion was unanimously approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE:



LACI LAPEROUSE
CLERK OF THE COUNCIL