**Public Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Town of Madisonville**

**403 St. Francis St.**

**August 28, 2019**

**7:00pm**

Call to Order- Mayor Jean Pelloat

Roll Call- Alicia Watts- all present but Councilman Bouey

Pledge- Councilman Bounds

**Parks and Recreation:**

Committee Members- Councilman Bounds

Councilman Hitzman

* Gar Rodeo- Casey Revere stood to inquire why he needs to donate to a Town nonprofit. Councilman Bouey arrived. Mayor Pelloat answered that any event using town property should benefit a local 501c3. Mr. Revere stated that what is a rule for him should be for everyone else as well. He reads a Facebook post from the Mud Boat Poker Run as saying the town has given permission for people involved with the Poker Run to park at the boat launch and they will not receive tickets. Mayor Pelloat said that the organizer had spoken with him several times prior and would be donating to a local nonprofit. The Mayor reiterated several times that Mr. Revere had not spoken with him prior to the event and in future would need to.
* Mayor Pelloat announced the Sunset in the Park on September 8, 2019 from 4-6pm.

**Operations and Maintenance:**

Committee Members- Councilman Haddox

Councilman Bouey

* Town Hall Options- Mayor Pelloat informed the Council that an architect had been hired to see the feasibility of using the Danner property to house all the Town's entities. Councilman Doran asked if the property would hold the Council Chambers and the Mayor said yes. Amy Arnoult asked if the money could be better used by building where the current Town hall and fire department is. Councilman Doran asked the short and long term plans for the current hall is. The Mayor said that would need to be discussed. Councilman Bounds said Danner's building will work perfectly according to the Master Plan. Councilman Doran asked how this would be funded, Mayor responded the funds are in the bank.
* Ordinance to Amend the Town's Charter (as Amended) and the Recodification Thereof Changing the Day and Time of the Regular Council Meetings. Councilman Doran suggests changing the Public Committee meeting time as well.
* Ordinance to Adopt and Enact a New Code for the Town of Madisonville, Louisiana; Providing for the Repeal of Certain Ordinances by Non-Inclusion Therein; Providing a Penalty/Fine for the Violation Thereof; Providing for the Manner of Amending Such Code; and Providing When Such Code and This Ordinance shall Become Effective. Mr. Danner said the " fines not to exceed 500" portion of the proposed code is standard language used in almost every municipality. It only applies when there is not an already designated fee associated. Councilman Hitzman encourages everyone to go to Municode website and look at other municipality codes and see how it relates to Madisonville's.
* Stacey Domingue- She was not present but the Mayor discussed her request for no parking signs in front of her home and the worry that the car line exhaust fumes are hurting her registered tree. She will be present for the September 11, 2019 Town Council meeting.

**Finance:**

Committee Members- Councilman Hitzman

Councilman Haddox

* Council Salary- Mayor Pelloat stated that the present Council is doing more than previous Councils and should consider a raise for the incoming 2020 Council. Councilman Haddox said he is ok with an increase for the next Council. Councilman Hitzman said if it had not been addressed in twenty years, then it probably should be. Councilman Bounds said the Council does what they do for love of the Town, not money. He is curious what neighboring municipalities' Council make. Councilmen Doran and Bouey both stated they don't care either way.
* FY18/19 Amended Budget- on agenda in error

**Public Safety:**

Committee Members- Councilman Doran

Councilman Bounds

* Ordinance to Amend Town of Madisonville Code of Ordinance to Add New Section Regarding Excessive False Fire Alarms- no discussion

Councilman Bounds stated some people are afraid the Town will be known as a ticket town. He spoke with Chief Tyrney about this and asked what the percentage of tickets are from residents. Chief Tyrney said there was less than 1%. Councilman Bounds thinks the Town should stay vigilant.

**Public Comment Period: members of the audience will have three (3) minutes to make a statement or express a concern. (Anyone having or expressing a concern tonight may or may not get an answer due to the fact that the council is hearing the concern for the first time. All statements will be considered and everyone will receive an answer in the near future).**

* Adjourn- Motion made by Councilman Bounds, seconded by Councilman Haddox and passed by all.