Public Committee Meeting Minutes

Town of Madisonville

403 St. Francis St.

June 26, 2019

7:00 pm

Call to Order- Mayor Jean Pelloat

Roll Call- Alicia Watts- Councilmen Bouey and Hitman absent

Pledge- Councilman Haddox

Parks and Recreation:

Committee Members- Councilman Bounds

Councilman Hitzman

Operations and Maintenance:

Committee Members- Councilman Haddox

Councilman Bouey

* Annexation- Mayor Pelloat read the cost analysis, citing approximately $165,000.00, for the cost of extending the water main along Hwy 21 to Motichek Rd. Mr. Coates has withdrawn his interest in building a subdivision to be annexed by the Town. He will be moving forward with the Parish. Councilman Haddox believed Council would regret giving the Parish control over that property. The Mayor stated that annexing that property would have covered the cost of extending the utilities and lessened the amount of homes impacting the Town. Councilman Haddox stated that the Town should decide what happens right outside its borders, and not the Parish. Councilman Bounds stated he had not heard any negatives about annexing and Councilman Doran said he had. Councilman Bouey arrived during this discussion. Councilman Doran stated repeatedly that he thought the people should vote, since the subdivision could increase the Town population so much. The Mayor and Councilman Haddox both said that this topic has been discussed for many months and the people have had plenty of time to be informed. Councilman Bounds again asked Councilman Doran what negatives he had heard from the citizens. Councilman Doran said they did not want the Town to increase. Councilman Bounds said the only way to control the growth is to annex so the Town has authority over it. Mayor Pelloat asked again for direction. Councilman Bounds asked Councilman Doran if he was comfortable annexing to Motichek Rd. and Councilman Doran said it made sense. Councilman Haddox said yes to Motichek Rd. extension. Councilman Bounds said yes to Motichek Rd, but also pursue the subdivision and Councilman Haddox agreed. Councilman Bouey said yes to Motichek Rd. extension.

Finance:

Committee Members- Councilman Hitzman

Councilman Haddox

Public Safety:

Committee Members- Councilman Doran

Councilman Bounds

* Fire Department- Joey Sanders stated that in February, the Parish adopted a nuisance fire alarm ordinance to regulate fire alarm systems and provide for penalties for repeat false alarms. This would allow the fire department to be more proactive. Mr. Sanders asked the town to prepare a similar ordinance and adopt it. This topic will be discussed at July public committee meeting.

The Mayor presented an email from Councilman Bouey about an offer from the owners of the Dendinger property. He stated there were three options:

1. Renovate the Town Hall.
2. The Mayor was approached by a representative of the Dendinger house with an offer to get that property in exchange for the Town Hall and Fire Department and the ability to build condos there.
3. Bruce Danner will be selling his offices on Hwy 22 and offered it to the Town at a discount.

Both the Dendinger house and Mr. Danner's offices are big enough to condense all Town business into one building. The Mayor wanted the Council to be aware and think about the options.

Public Comment- none

Adjourn- Councilman Haddox made a motion, seconded by Councilman Doran, motion passed with all present in favor.