**Regular Town Council Meeting**

**Town of Madisonville**

**403 St. Francis St**

**Wednesday October 9, 2019**

**7:00 pm**

Call to Order- Mayor Jean Pelloat

Roll Call- Alicia Watts- all present

Invocation- Councilman Haddox

Pledge- Councilman Bounds

* September 11, 2019 Town Council Meeting Minutes- approved
* September 25, 2019 Public Committee Meeting Minutes- approved
* August 2019 Financials- approved
* Public Comment Period: members of the audience will have three (3) minutes to make a statement or express a concern at the outset of the meeting. (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)
* Stacey Domingue- 103 Renee- said she was almost hit by a parent bringing their child to school. Mayor Pelloat agreed that speeding is a problem throughout the town, which is why there is a larger police presence. Chief Tyrney said they may put the speed trailer out by Ms. Domingue's house.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

* Quiana Wiggins- 2020 Census- Ms. Wiggins requested a Resolution to show support for the Census from the Town. She stated the 2010 Census caused Louisiana to lose 1.5 million dollars, due to an incorrect count. She also stated the 2020 Census will be online, so easier to answer. The Resolution would act as an endorsement from the town, encouraging people to fill out their Census'. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Haddox and approved by all.
* Mayor Pelloat spoke of the Resolution to Support Preparation and Submittal of an Application for Funding through the Division of Administration Community Water Enrichment Fund. This will notify the Public Works department when a disruption in service occurs, or there is a problem at the site. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Bounds and passed with all in favor.
* Mayor Pelloat said the Resolution to Support Preparation and Submittal of an Application for Funding through the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) would provide a new Police car for Chief Tyrney. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Bounds, seconded by Councilman Doran and approved with all in favor.
* Council Salary- The Council discussed the salary of $750.00 per month that was agreed upon at the Public Committee Meeting. A motion to introduce an Ordinance increasing their salary to $750.00, becoming effective on July 1, 2020, was introduced by Councilman Haddox and seconded by Councilman Hitzman. Councilmen Haddox, Hitzman and Doran approved, Councilmen Bounds and Bouey opposed. Motion passed.
* Monthly Department Reports:

1. Engineering- Mr. Harmon gave the status of some projects throughout town. The Emergency Water Connection, WWTP Improvements, and the Sanitary Sewer Study is in process. Approval for the Town Park Improvement project to go forth with soil samples was made by motion by Councilman Hitzman, seconded by Councilman Haddox and approved by all. A motion to approve a soil sample at the boat launch was made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Bounds and approved by all. A motion to approve to make the first payment to the contractor for the rehabilitation of the sewer lift station was made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Hitzman and approved by all. A motion to approve the advertisement for bids for the Highway 1077 gas regulator improvement was made by Councilman Bounds, seconded by Councilman Haddox and approved by all.
2. Police- Chief Tyrney recited citations for September 2018 were 168 and September 2019 were 105, with some arrests resulting from people damaging Lake Rd. Chief Tyrney attended a meeting about SRO's, a school principal meeting, and a few Wooden Boat Festival meetings.
3. Maintenance/ Utility- Mr. Matthews stated there were 28 new customers and they were almost finished installing AMR meters in Town. Also, that the sanitary study on the water system passed with no recommendations and Town employees attended a chlorine safety training meeting.
4. Permits- Mr. Courouleaux stated there were 12 open permits in September and Eros would be opening October 11, 2019.
5. Town Attorney- Mr. Danner recited a few things he worked on in September: the Town census, Public Committee and Town Council meetings, Mayor's Court, the donation of the sub drainage strip and the servitude donation and many more.

* Council Comments- No comments except Councilman Doran inquired why the Steering Committee was not present and the Mayor said he had received an email just prior to meeting stating they would not be present.
* Mayor's Comments- Mayor Pelloat recited upcoming events in Town.
* Adjourn- A motion was made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Bounds and passed with all in favor.