**Regular Town Council Meeting**

**Town of Madisonville**

**403 St. Francis St.**

**Wednesday March 13, 2019**

**7:00 pm**

**Call Meeting to Order**- Mayor Jean Pelloat

**Roll Call**- Alicia Watts- all present

**Invocation**- Councilman Doran

**Pledge**- Councilman Haddox

* February 13, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes Approved
* January 2019 Financial Statements Approved
* January 23, 2019 Public Committee Meeting Minutes Approved
* February 27, 2019 Public Committee Meeting Minutes Approved
* Public Comment Period-

A. Madisonville Jr. High teacher, Mr. Cefalu, receives Mayor's letter of recognition for the $11892.00 he has applied for and gotten from grants for Town beautification. He also announces Madisonville Jr. High's Gumbo Cook Off on March 30, 2019 on the river front.

B. Louis Ogle stands for the Chamber of Commerce to announce the Chamber's Membership Drive Crawfish Boil on May 2, 2019 at 6pm.

C. Ken Dutruch explained his plans to build 4 duplexes on one lot in a multi- family zoned area. Councilman Doran questioned whether multi-family needs to come in front of the council and Mayor Pelloat told him no and showed him the ordinance stating only commercial and institutional building has to be approved by Council.

D. Lisa Hebert, 1203 Main St., expressed her concern on several issues, including: annexation, variances granted, and the adherence to the Town Master Plan.

**Old Business**-

* Nuisance ( Rooster/ Noise)- Mr. Danner reads proposed ordinance governing animals/ noises. Several of the Town's people stood to voice their opinion either for, or against the Ordinance, with some offering suggestions on wording and what to add/ omit. Mayor Pelloat asks for each of the Council's opinions. Councilman Doran expresses his concern that if the " roam at large" chickens/ roosters are banned, the Town's resources will be depleted by having to trap these animals. He asks if the Council is for or against the free roaming chickens and suggests listening to the residents. Councilman Hitzman suggests removing the line about dogs urinating on public property, then approve it. Councilman Bounds thinks the intent of the ordinance should be addressing the nuisance. If the free roaming chickens aren't bothering anyone, leave them alone, and address the ones that are a nuisance. Councilman Haddox agrees with Councilman Bounds, the nuisance aspect needs to be addressed. He thinks the ones causing an issue should be addressed, the rest left alone, and questioned the number allowed. Councilman Doran thinks once free roaming chickens are excluded by ordinance, the Police department will be on a mission to catch the roosters. He is not opposed to free roaming chickens, as long as they are not a nuisance. Councilman Haddox suggests moving forward. The Council gives their suggestions for omissions and changes. Mr. Danner will make the changes stated and it will be brought to the April Public Hearing and then Town Council Meeting for approval.
* Sawmill Docks- no one present

**New Business**-

* Municode- Wayne Morlier gives an outlined process with dates on finishing and approving the new Municode proof and adopting the Ordinance.
* Monthly Department Reports:

A. Engineering- Mr. Joe Harmon tells the status of several grants applied for. One for an amphitheater and stage, for $90,000.00 with a $90,000.00 Town match, was approved. Also, LGAP awarded $6760.00 from a possible $25000.00 grant for a new maintenance truck.

B. Police- Chief Barney Tyrney was attending a Police chief convention in Lake Charles and unable to report.

C. Maintenance/ Utility- Kyle Matthews reported several tasks completed and in process for the month.

1. There are nine new gas customers.

2. The new gas main extension on Hwy. 190 is almost complete.

3. Road overlays and shoulder work done throughout town.

4. The Police Station renovation is approximately 40% complete.

5. The sidewalk replacement and iron fence installment at the cemetery will be started soon.

D. Permits- Al Courouleaux reported 1 new permit ( Eros) and tells the outcome of the March 12, 2019 Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting.

E. Cultural Arts- Iris Vacante told how the Krewe of Tchefuncte parade had gone well and lists upcoming events, as posted on the website. She mentioned that at the upcoming two Sunset at The Park events, local organizations will be selling refreshments.

F. Town Attorney- Mr. Danner recites some of the things he has been working on:

1. The proposed animal ordinance

2. The Census and Town Charter status with the Governor's office

3. The legal title for the building at 407 St. Tammany (Friends)

4. Mayor's Court

* Council Comments-

A. No councilman has comments except for Councilman Doran, who states the need for reflective tape on the crossing guard's uniform. Officer Kast stated that all Town Officers have reflective tape.

* Mayor's Comments- Mayor Pelloat lists several upcoming events, and recognizes the Garden Club's success at their show and recognizes Samantha Goodwin and Keep Madisonville Beautiful for their efforts in town. He also tells of Lt. Governor Nungesser's visit.
* Adjourn- motion made by Councilman Haddox, seconded by Councilman Doran, motion passed with all in favor.