Regular Town Council Meeting

403 St. Francis St.

Wednesday July 10, 2019

7:00pm

Call to Order- Mayor Jean Pelloat

Roll Call- Alicia Watts- all present

Invocation- Councilman Bounds

Pledge- Councilman Bouey

* June 12, 2019 Town Council Meeting Minutes Approved
* June 26, 2019 Public Committee Meeting Minutes Approved
* May 2019 Financials Approved
* Public Comment Period:
* Madisonville Master Plan Steering Committee- Louis Ogle spoke of the trip to Fairhope, Alabama that Mayor Pelloat, Kyle Matthews, Nick Icamina and himself took. They went to observe some of the things the city has that is in the Master Plan for Madisonville. Some were pedestrian crossings, a concrete pier, lots of landscaping and they even sold bricks to benefit the beautification and featured them in the walkway. Mr. Ogle traveled to Natchitoches on a separate occasion and observed the matching outdoor furniture, decorative street signs and posts, public restrooms and docking. These all were things that could be incorporated into our town. Mr. Ogle has contacted a civil engineer who has agreed to put together some ideas for the riverfront.
* Jennifer Montz requested a 6' fence from the front to the side of her house. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the variance and she requested the Council do the same. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Doran, passed by all in favor.
* Donald Stein requested permission to use the riverfront on September 1, 2019 for the Homegrown Festival. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Bounds, seconded by Councilman Haddox and passed with all in favor.

Old Business: - none

New Business:

* State Representative Mark Wright gave a Legislative session recap of the important things that were discussed. He reported a surplus in the budget from the previous year, an increase in teacher's salary, the upcoming fall election and Senator Donahue leaving office. Councilman Hitzman asked Rep. Wright about his biggest concerns and Rep. Wright answered that DOTD reform was his biggest. This subject had three major concerns he was working on: Widening I-12, the Bush Highway (La-41 to I-12 to Bogalusa), and the Bogue Falaya bridge. Mayor Pelloat spoke about the Town's repeated requests to change the speed through town to 25mph and to add a safe crossing zone to Hwy 22 to Rep. Wright. Mayor Pelloat also said if there was a cost involved to add the crossing zone, the Town would pay for it.
* Regional Planning Committee was not able to make it due to the weather.
* The Advocate and the St. Tammany Farmer were discussed as options for the Official Journal. The farmer was chosen by a motion made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Bounds, passed with all in favor.
* Proposed Meeting Changes- At the July Planning and Zoning Meeting, Mr. Morris requested the meetings be moved to the first Wednesday of every month to give the Council time to consider any requests. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Haddox, passed with all in favor. Mayor Pelloat also wanted the Councilman to consider changing the time of the Council meetings to 6:00pm. This will be discussed at the Public Committee Meeting.
* Monthly Department Reports:
1. Engineering- Mr. Joe Harmon reported that the Sanitary Sewer Study was approved by Lake Pontchartrain Foundation and awaiting approval from the EPA. Boat launch improvements are awaiting approval and the Sewer Lift Station rehab is scheduled to start on July 15, weather permitting.
2. Police- Chief Tyrney reported 18 mooring citations for June of 2018, and 8 for June of 2019. There were 55 citations for June 2018 and 26 for June 2019, and he contributed the decrease to increased compliance. He also reported 345 traffic citations in 2018, and 372 in 2019. Chief Tyrney also recognized two of his officers that were promoted to Sergeant- Mike Kast and Leonard Holloway. Mayor Pelloat complimented Chief on the people he has hired and the two he chose for promotions.
3. Maintenance- Mr. Matthews reported 18 new gas customers, that phase 3 of Silver Hill was completed, and that St. Mary St and Cedar St were overlayed. He also reported that 80% of the in town customers were now on AMR (electronic read) meters.
4. Permits- Mr. Courouleau reported 2 permits in June. Also, that Riverfront Properties is almost ready to occupy the 3rd floor and Ferrara's Dentistry is finishing up the parking lot and landscaping.
5. Cultural Arts- Mayor Pelloat stated the cemetery fence was complete and the gate would be installed soon.
6. Town Attorney- Bruce Danner recited some things he had worked on in June. Besides the Committee Meeting, the Council Meeting and Mayor's court, he has consulted on several matters for the Town.
* Council Comments- Councilman Haddox stated he wants to do something with the fence around the playground and he appreciated the participation in the first annual Rooster Crowing Contest on the 4th of July. Councilman Doran commended Mr. Ogle for his work on behalf of the Town. No other Council comments.
* Mayor's Comments- The Mayor spoke of the success of the 4th of July.
* Adjourn- Motion made by Councilman Bounds, seconded by Councilman Bouey, passed with all in favor.