**PH and Regular Town Council Meeting**

**Town of Madisonville**

**403 St. Francis St**

**Wednesday September 11, 2019**

**7:00 pm**

Public Hearing:

Call to Order- Mayor Jean Pelloat

Roll Call- Alicia Watts- Present: Hitzman, Haddox, Bounds and Bouey

Absent: Doran

* Ordinance Amending the Town's Charter (as Amended) and the Recodification Thereof Changing the Day and Time of the Regular Council Meetings- Joey Mahone requested a review of the amendments to the Charter. He stated he objected to the Town changing the Charter, that the town did not have the authority.
* Ordinance Adopting and Enacting 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. Mel Lamp stood to object to changing Ordinances without enough time for the public to review. He asked if any existing Ordinances were changed and was told that it was mainly a verbage change and removing redundancies that was done. Mr. Lamp asked about the fines in Chapter 4 of the proposed Ordinance and Mr. Danner told him it was a "catch all" clause, only applying if there was a violation without an existing fine. Mr. Mahone asked why the Town changed the fine to $500.00 per day and was told again that it was a catch all that only referred to violations that don't already have fines assigned. Councilman Hitzman told Mr. Mahone that he had already had his "15 minutes at the microphone" to which Mr. Mahone told the secretary to make sure that was recorded. Councilman Bounds told Mr. Mahone that if he found a violation that does not have a fine attached, to please bring it to the Council so they could fix it. Stacey Domingue explained the Mayor has to use discretion to make his decisions during Mayor's court.
* Ordinance Amending Town of Madisonville Code of Ordinance to Add New Section Regarding Excessive False Fire Alarms- no objections made.

Adjourn- Motion made by Councilman Haddox, seconded by Councilman Bouey, and passed with all present in favor, absent Doran.

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Invocation- Councilman Bouey

Pledge- Councilman Hitzman

* August 14, 2019 Town Council Meeting Minutes approved
* August 28, 2019 Public Committee Meeting Minutes approved
* July 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)
* Chief Randy Hess, Fire District 2, thanked the Town for replacing two outdated hydrants and planning on replacing others.
* Julie Miramon Knight- Running for Division F District Court Judge- did not appear as requested.
* Madisonville Master Plan Steering Committee- Louis Ogle reported the Parish President Candidate Forum was a success. The Master Plan was presented to the candidates at the beginning of the forum in hopes of support. Mr. Ogle reported the next meeting will be on September 30, 2019 and there was a committee working on the bike path plan. Councilman Bounds commended Mr. Ogle for the forum.

**Old Business:**

* Ordinance Amending the Town's Charter (as Amended) and the Recodification Thereof Changing the Day and Time of the Regular Council Meetings- Mr. Mahone objected to any Charter changes without going through advertising and state approval. Mr. Danner stated the town was doing everything according to Charter and Ordinances. A motion to adopt the Ordinance was made by Councilman Bounds, seconded by Councilman Haddox, passed with all present in favor.
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* Ordinance Amending Town of Madisonville Code of Ordinance to Add New Section Regarding Excessive False Fire Alarms. A motion to adopt was made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Bounds and passed with all present in favor.

**New Business:**

* A Resolution Designating Mayor Jean Pelloat, Town of Madisonville, to Act on Behalf of the Town in All Matters Pertaining to the Emergency Water System Improvements and Fire Hydrant Replacement, Planning and Construction with the Office of Facility Planning and Control. A grant for $445,000.00 from the State Capital Outlay, administered by the Office of Facility Planning and Control, requires a Resolution for the Mayor to be able to sign paperwork involved. A motion to approve Resolution was made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Bounds and passed with all present in favor.
* Stacey Domingue- Requests No Parking Signs in Front of Home. Ms. Domingue stated that during school events, people block the street and park in front of her home. Also, during car line, the cars sit there for an hour and the exhaust is killing her registered oak tree. Mayor Pelloat stated there were no cars parking on her side of the street and she agreed. Police Chief Tyrney will schedule a visit to talk with her about possible solutions, so the decision was postponed until that happens.
* Linda Chatellier, 904 Pine, requests to subdivide her property. This request was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Haddox and passed with all present in favor.
* David Dykes, 409 Bordeaux Ct, requests variance for a 6' front facing fence. This variance was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Bounds, seconded by Councilman Haddox and passed with all present in favor.
* Monthly Department Reports:

1. Engineering- Mr. Joe reported the status of several projects. The Emergency Water Connection project is awaiting the paperwork, the Town met with the state for a kickoff meeting for the amphitheater, and the contractor is currently working on the rehabilitation of the sewer lift stations.
2. Police- Chief Tyrney reported the school had completed a lock down drill and a fire drill. There was an alligator apprehended under a citizen's vehicle, many Wooden Boat Fest meetings, and Chief attended the ribbon cutting of the new Safe Haven Drug Treatment and Mental Health Facility. August 2018 citations were 185, August 2019 were 145.
3. Maintenance/ Utility- Mr. Matthews reported 18 new gas customers and that he had signed up two new subdivisions, which would result in about 900 new customers. The Town is still installing commercial water meters and a new sidewalk will go in on 5th st. Also, two hydrants had been replaced with more still to do.
4. Permits- Mr. Courouleau reported 3 new permits: 1 deck/ patio, 1 swimming pool, and 1 fence.
5. Cultural Arts- none
6. Town Attorney- Mr. Danner reported work on annexation, Ordinances, public records requests and a sidewalk dedication. He attended Mayor's Court, a Council Meeting and a Public Committee Meeting. He also reviewed some contracts for the Town.

* Council Comments- none
* Mayor's Comments- Mayor Pelloat reported that the Sunset at the Park was a success. The next one will be October 27, 2019. He spoke of the kickoff meeting with the state and thanked the Council for all of their work.
* Adjourn- Motion made by Councilman Haddox, seconded by Councilman Bouey and passed with all present in favor, absent Doran.