**Public Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Town of Madisonville**

**403 St. Francis St**

**Wednesday January 27, 2021**

**6:00 pm**

Call to Order- Mayor Jean Pelloat

Roll Call- Alicia Watts- all present but Councilman Bouey

Pledge- Councilman Bounds

Councilman Bouey arrived

**Finance:**

Committee Members- Councilman Hitzman

Councilman Haddox

**Operations and Maintenance:**

Committee Members- Councilman Bounds

Councilman Hitzman

* Water Street One Way- No update
* Proposed Ordinances:

1. Blighted Property- Mayor Pelloat stated the need for an Ordinance, and cited two properties. Mr. Danner is working on this Ordinance.
2. Cemetery Preservation- Bonnie Dennis, Friends of the Madisonville Cemetery, stated the Cemetery Board had created an Ordinance to provide a protocol for burials and to prevent damage to the site. Mayor Pelloat asked the Council to review the Ordinance and submit any changes to the Town Hall.
3. Golf Carts- Councilman Haddox spoke of the Ordinance created to allow golf carts to be driven in Town. Mayor Pelloat opined that when DOTD gives permission for the highway to be crossed by golf cart, then the next steps could proceed. Councilman Bounds stated that carts should comply with state law or the Town could face financial liability. The next step would be to apply to the DOTD for crossing and signage permission. Councilman Haddox asked the Councilmen for direction and the following comments were made: Councilman Bounds said if there is no liability to the Town, he would like it to go forth. Councilmen Hitzman, Dennis and Bouey all agree.
4. Tree Preservation- Councilman Dennis asked for input on this proposed Ordinance. This will be reviewed and all suggestions/ changes will be directed to Councilman Dennis.

* Proposed Projects/ Council Priority- Mayor Pelloat went over the Council priority list, stating which projects had already begun, and noting that there was a general consensus by Council on the order of projects.

**Parks and Recreation:**

Committee Members- Councilman Haddox

Councilman Bouey

* Update on Town Park Improvements- Mayor Pelloat stated the pavilion should be finished by weeks end.

1. Update Rental Agreement- The Mayor asked the committee members Councilmen Haddox and Bouey, to evaluate the current rental agreement and suggest changes, as he thinks there will be more rental requests with the new pavilion.

**Public Safety:**

Committee Members- Councilman Dennis

Councilman Bounds

**Public Comment Period: Members of the audience will have three (3) minutes to make a statement or express a concern. (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).**

Mayor Pelloat reported a Swamp Restoration Cypress Planting Project, entered into by Arcosa Marine, The Parish and the Town. This 12 acre site, at the beginning of Lake Rd, will get 2400 bald cypress tree plantings to help erosion. The total for this project is $44000, with the Town paying $16000. The Mayor also quoted two estimates he had gotten for a 4' black coated chain link fence for the Town Park and Playground and to replace the chain link for the north fence. Mayor Pelloat asked for direction and Councilmen Bouey and Haddox like the black fence. Councilman Haddox reported the Wooden Boat Festival had changed the dates to September 25-26, 2021 and asked the Mayor about the 4th of July. Mayor Pelloat said the fireworks had been secured for July 3rd because the 4th was already taken, and he was not sure about the July 4th festivities.

Adjourn- Motion by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Dennis and approved by all.