**Public Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Town of Madisonville**

**403 St. Francis St**

**Wednesday March 24, 2021**

**6:00 pm**

Call to Order- Mayor Jean Pelloat

Roll Call- Alicia Watts- All present

Pledge- Councilman Haddox

**Finance:**

Committee Members- Councilman Hitzman

Councilman Haddox

* Mayor Pelloat requested an amendment to the agenda to include Alan Antoine and to move the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District Presentation to the beginning of the meeting. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Haddox and approved by all.
* Alan Antoine presented a preliminary concept for the existing Town Hall. He told of how the Town Hall had been built in 1976, and had been kept up, but not improved since then. The proposal would have water resistant materials, bring the building to ADA compliance, include a gazebo in the front reaching towards the riverfront, and a courtyard on the side. Increased parking would be made by removing the old fire department and storage buildings. The building would be available for rent, but also serve as a community center, servicing the area and it's residents. Councilman Bounds stated that he liked the proposal and thought it fit perfectly with what the Town was about to do on the riverfront. Each Council member agreed the Mayor should move forward to get estimates on the concept.
* St. Tammany Levee, Drainage & Conservation District, represented by Suzanne Krieger and Cody Bruhl, and Neel Schaffer, represented by Glenn Ledet, gave a presentation. The goal of this organization is to reduce coastal storm risk and form coastal resilience, concentrating on the area south of I-12. They want to create a Parish wide Levee Board, to enable towns and cities to work together.

**Operations and Maintenance:**

Committee Members- Councilman Bounds

Councilman Hitzman

* Water Street One Way- Mayor Pelloat reported the surveying was complete and the plan is being put together to be presented to Council.
* Proposed Ordinances:

1. Tree Preservation- Councilman Hitzman questioned the amount of planting space required and suggested adding a provision in the mitigation section. Councilman Dennis will consider those and any other suggestions, make changes and bring back to Council.
2. Blighted Property- Mr. Danner is working on this Ordinance.
3. Golf Carts- The Town is waiting on a response to the appeal submitted to DOTD.

**Parks and Recreation:**

Committee Members- Councilman Haddox

Councilman Bouey

* Town Park Rental Agreement- Mayor Pelloat asked for all suggested changes to be submitted.
* Mayor Pelloat showed the Council a sample street sign and explained that it was in this year's budget for a portion of the Town's signage to be upgraded. The Council liked the sample shown and they will be implemented.

**Public Safety:**

Committee Members- Councilman Dennis

Councilman Bounds

* St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation ​District Presentation- Agenda amended to allow earlier presentation.

**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).** None

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