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**Public Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Town of Madisonville**

**403 St. Francis St**

**Wednesday April 28, 2021**

**6:00 pm**

Call to Order- Mayor Jean Pelloat

Roll Call- Alicia Watts

Pledge- Councilman Dennis

**Finance:**

Committee Members- Councilman Hitzman

Councilman Haddox

* FY 21/22 Budget Discussion- Mr. Morlier introduced the combined budget FY2022 and the summary sheet attached. He explained the Town has a zero balance budget. Ms. Boudreaux gave a brief explanation of the expenses/ revenues and the projected surplus. This will be up for discussion and introduction at the May Council meeting.
* SBA Towers- Mr. Danner reported a buyout offer of over $700,000.00 and wanted the Council to decide if he should pursue the buyout, stay with the yearly rent, or pursue other options. Councilman Bounds suggested each Councilman bring a statement of direction to the May Council meeting.

**Operations and Maintenance:**

Committee Members- Councilman Bounds

Councilman Hitzman

* Water Street One Way- the proposal given at the April Council meeting is being prepared to submit to the DOTD.
* Proposed Ordinances:

1. Tree Preservation- nothing new to discuss
2. Blighted Property- Mr. Danner gave an outline of an Ordinance for discussion. Further work will be done and presented.

* Town Hall- 403 St. Francis St.- Alan Antoine and Vaughn, KVS Architecture, gave an itemized probable cost for the renovation of the current town hall. The new plan includes: removing the old fire department building and sheds to produce 21 parking spaces, providing ADA compliant parking spaces, bathrooms and entrances, adding a gazebo to the front of the building and reconfiguring the interior to provide a large reception room, small and medium multi purpose rooms, a catering kitchen, a utility room and storage, a small office, a lobby and a serving bar. This will be further discussed.

**Parks and Recreation:**

Committee Members- Councilman Haddox

Councilman Bouey

* Town Park Rental Agreement- After discussion, a rental fee for the gazebo was decided upon by the Council.

**Public Safety:**

Committee Members- Councilman Dennis

Councilman Bounds

* Slow Moving Vehicles- Mr. Danner sent a letter to the DOTD inquiring about "low speed vehicles" and their ability to cross highways and be driven in Town. He got a verbal response stating it would not be legal. Mr. Davis stated the only way to pursue this would be to approach state representatives/ senators to create a bill and pass it to allow highway crossing. This is the method many other municipalities use. Mr. Davis showed some Louisiana revised statutes that stated a low speed vehicle, different than a golf cart, is permitted by state. Mayor Pelloat agreed that since it was already permitted by state, The Town would defer to them.

**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).**

Adjourn- Motion made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Haddox, and approved by all present.