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**Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**Town of Madisonville**

**209 Hwy 22**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

**6:00 pm**

**Regular Town Council Meeting**:

Call to Order- Mayor Pelloat

Roll Call- Alicia Watts- Councilmen Hitzman and Haddox absent

Invocation- Councilman Bounds

Pledge- Councilman Bouey

* March 8, 2023 Town Council Minutes- Approved
* March 22, 2023 Public Committee Meeting Minutes- Approved
* February 2023 Financials- Council was given financials one week prior to meeting with budget to actuals and asked for comments or questions. During the meeting, Mayor Pelloat asked if there were any questions again, there were none. 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.
* Chris Knoblaugh- STP Coroner’s Office- Dr. Charles Preston spoke for Mr. Knoblaugh, explaining what the Coroner’s office does and how it is funded.
* Terri Tuminello- asked Council to approve a once a week exercise class in the Community Center. Mayor Pelloat proposed a trial period of eight weeks and the Council will consider it again then. Motion by Councilman Bounds, second by Councilman Dennis and approved by all present.

**Old Business:**

* 400 Cedar St.- Mayor Pelloat reported the first floor almost finished and the second floor progressing.
* Tree Preservation Ordinance- This Ordinance will be discussed further at the Public Committee Meeting.

**New Business:**

* R.C Lambert- Hwy 22 Project- Pay request #5 for up to $52,838.75. Motion by Councilman Bouey, second by Councilman Dennis and approved by all present.
* David Curtis- Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Resolution- Mr. Curtis explained the results of the Water Pollution Audit. Madisonville scored well. Motion by Councilman Bouey, second by Councilman Bounds and the Resolution was approved by all present.
* Opioid Litigation/ Settlement Resolution- Mr. Danner reported this settlement was by CVS, Walmart and Walgreens in this class action lawsuit. Motion by Councilman Bouey, second by Councilman Dennis and the Resolution to allow Mayor Pelloat to sign all documents pertaining to this matter was approved by all present.
* Resolution to Adopt 2023 Millage Rate- On motion by Councilman Bouey, second by Councilman Bounds and approved by all present.
* AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32 BY INCREASING THE

RATES FOR WATER- Introduced on motion by Councilman Bouey, second by Councilman Dennis and approved by all present.

* Proclamation for Community Development Week- Error- Should have been removed.
* Proclamation for Fair Housing Month- Error- Should have been removed.
* Monthly Department Reports:

1. Engineering- Mr. Harmon reported the status of town projects: requested retainage be paid for WWTP Improvements to be closed out. Motion by Councilman Bouey, second by Councilman Dennis and approved by all present. Pine St. Water Tank is 90% complete, Town Park Improvements request authorization to go out for bid (motion by Councilman Dennis, second by Councilman Bounds and approved by all present), Water st. Power and Water requested permission to go out for bids   
   (motion by Councilman Dennis, second by Councilman Bouey and approved by all present).
2. Police- Chief Tyrney attended a conference in Lake Charles, worked on the Water St. one way change, wrote 127 citations in March 2023 as opposed to 229 in March of 2022.
3. Maintenance/ Utility- Mr. Matthews reported 20 new customers, Springhaven Phase 3 and Fairhope Phase 2, and that the Town would be taking over maintenance for the Town owned parcels in Madison Ridge.
4. Permits- Mr. Courouleau reported 6 permits: residential re-model, fence, raising, pool, and a commercial re-model and sign.
5. Town Attorney- Mr. Danner reported attending Mayor’s Court, Council and the Public Committee meetings, working on a lease, several Resolutions, Ordinances and Agreements.

* Council Comments- None
* Mayor's Comments- Reminded about the April 14th COAST grand opening and the upcoming Maritime Museum music fest on April 22, 2023.
* Adjourn- Motion by Councilman Bounds, second by Councilman Dennis and approved by all present.