

# **APRIL 12, 2017 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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Town of Madisonville  
403 St. Francis St.  
Public Hearing  
and Regular Town Council Meeting  
April 12, 2017  
7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pelloat.

On roll call the following were present: Mayor Pelloat, Councilman Bounds, Hitzman, Haddox, Doran and Bouey.

The Pledge was led by Councilman Doran.

The Invocation was led by Councilman Haddox.

Public Hearing:

1. Proposed Ordinance #138: Groundwater Protection Ordinance – there were no questions or comments from the Council. Joey Mahon stated that the water table for the Madisonville area comes from north Louisiana and Mississippi and asked that the Council consider what they are about to adopt.

2. Proposed Ordinance #140: Increase rates for Villages at Bocage – there were no comments from the Council. Joseph Miller and Tracy Brown, residents of Villages at Bocage, presented bottles of water from each of their homes and voiced their concerns as to the quality of the water. Don Marshall of the Tangipahoa Water District Board explained the process for the project of putting in the filtration system and explained that it has to be manufactured. He reported it is scheduled to be in use by the end of July barring any unforeseen obstacles. He stated that if contractors are in the area working and open fire hydrants

incorrectly it will stir up the manganese and the water will be discolored. Ms. Brown asked about the system that was supposed to be put in a couple of years ago and Ms. Wendy Montalbano, Tangipahoa Compliance Officer, explained that it was a test filter and went on to explain how the filtration system now being manufactured should work. She stated the green sand filters are reported to work efficiently. It was explained that the rate increase is to pay for the cost of the filtration system and that customers are only paying \$11-\$12 for their water service because their bills are a combination bill which includes water, sewer and garbage fees.

John Williams with Department of Health and Hospital reported that testing results for the water were all within the requirements of the State. Mr. Williams reported that just by looking at the dark colored water he would suggest directional and unidirectional flushing of the system to get push the sediments out of the system.

3. Proposed Ordinance #141: Fireworks within the corporate limits of the Town of Madisonville – no comments from the Council. One resident asked if popping would be allowed and was given an answer of yes, just selling wouldn't be allowed. The Public Hearing was adjourned on motion of Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Doran. The motion carried.

Regular Town Council Meeting:

1. Approval of March 8, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes – there being questions or corrections the minutes were approved on motion of Councilman Hitzman and seconded by Councilman Haddox, all were in favor.

2. Approval of the February, 2017 Financial Statements – there being no questions or comments the financial statements were accepted on motion of Councilman Hitzman and seconded by Councilman Doran. The motion carried.

3. 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). - 1. Louis Ogle, 100 2nd St. – Mr. Ogle referred to the dog issue brought up a couple of months ago. He reported that the situation was okay for two weeks and now the dog has been seen going after a woman and her dog. Chief Smith reported that the owner of the dog has been spoken to about the situation. Mr. Ogle reported the dog was out again yesterday.

Terri Bermudez, 502 Water St.- reported she was cornered at the own home while out with her dog. She reported that the gates to the property where the aggressive dog lives have been removed. Chief Smith reported that citations have been issued and the Humane Society can be asked to confiscate the dog. Mayor Pelloat asked that Chief Smith contact the Humane Society tomorrow. 2. Joey Mahon – 2017 Rampart St. Requested that the sign on the side of the Friend’s building be brought into compliance and that the owner be penalized for non-compliance. He also stated the barricade on Rampart St. in violation of Ordinance #7, Section 7.1 and he asked that the trash on Rampart be cleaned up.

At this time Ms. Eckert 156 Riverlane announced that the Flower Show will be held April 26th at the Otis House from 1-3pm.

4. Policy and Procedures for park and playground rental – this item was tabled.

5. Adoption of the following ordinances:

1. Proposed Ordinance #138: Groundwater Protection Ordinance – the Groundwater Protection Ordinance was adopted

on motion of Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Haddox, all were in favor.

2. Proposed Ordinance #140: Increase rates for Villages of Bocage – the rate increase ordinance for Villages of Bocage was adopted on motion of Councilman Hitzman and seconded by Councilman Bounds. The motion carried.

3. Proposed Ordinance #141: Fireworks within the corporate limits of the Town of Madisonville – the ordinance regarding fireworks within the corporate limits of the Town of Madisonville was adopted on motion of Councilman Haddox and seconded by Councilman Doran. The motion carried.

6. Proclaim April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month – a proclamation was read to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

7. Request to hold gar rodeo – Casey Revere – Mr. Revere announced that gar rodeo will be held Friday, August 4th through Sunday, August 6th, 2017. He reported that proceeds go to the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center. Approval to hold the gar rodeo was given on motion of Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Doran, all were in favor. At this time Mr. Revere stated that a donation will be given to the Town of Madisonville for the cemetery fence project.

8. Joseph Furr Design Studio, LLC – Landscape Architecture – made a presentation depicting what his company has to offer communities. He reported that they provide quality planning and landscape architectural services. He reported that their work ranges from the site analysis and public meetings, developing the master plan, assistance in funding, construction and maintenance.

9. Fire Prevention Ordinance – Fire Chief Randy Hess – Chief Hess presented the proposed ordinance to adopt the most current editions of the National Fire Protection Life Safety Code (NFPA 101) and the National Fire Protection Association Fire

Code (NFPA 1), and to permit St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 2 to adopt the most current editions of NFPA 101 and NFPA 1. Approval to place this item on the agenda for next month was given on motion of Councilman Haddox and seconded by Councilman Bouey. The motion carried.

10. Millage renewal – Richard Bentley Smith – Mr. Smith announced there will be two meetings – April 21, 2017 at 6:30pm and one April 27, 2017 to hear where the community wants to see the park grow. He also announced the millage renewal will be on the April 29, 2017 ballot.

11. Monthly Department Reports:

Engineer – Mr. Joe Harman reported they are following the legislature to keep up with Capital Outlay. He reported they are finishing the plans and specs for the parking project on Pine St. Police Department – Chief Smith reported 17 citations, 11 arrests, 2240 calls, 6118 miles and the new unit is still at the Sheriff's Office being equipped. He reported the department has received a grant for 6 radar units.

Maintenance – Kyle reported 18 new gas customers, the line installation on Baham Rd. is finished, they are working on Joiner Rd. to Wingfield. He reported 2 extensions to Coquille and Grand Oaks which will be about 100 customers. He reported 2 slabs and the electrical have been completed, the third slab is ready to be poured and the sheds should be in by the end of the month.

Permits Department – Jewell reported 3 new houses on the horizon, he announced the Flood Plain conference will be held in Alexandria next week and the maps may be ready.

A. Report on April 4, 2017 P & Z Meeting

Lawless Group-Eric Picou – it was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission to accept the request.

Genesis Venture-landscaping material – it was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission to go forward with the project.

Pelican Sno-balls-Gary Garrigan – it was recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission to accept the request.

Jewell stated that there is an issue with the boat storage facility regarding the flood plain and expects to have an answer in the next 10 days.

At this time Councilman Doran asked about the houseboat by T Rivers and Jewell stated he has no jurisdiction on the river. Also at this time Kyle reported PEC has provided a map that will assist with determining who needs to evacuate in the event of a hurricane.

Attorney – at this time Mayor Pelloat read a list provided by Mr. Danner of activities he has

assisted with – mayor's court, pursuing finalization of the cemetery, answered a public record

request, AT&T on cable installation negotiation, damages on Morgan St. negotiation and

collection and an intergovernmental agreement with Recreation District #14.

12. Comments by Council – Councilman Hitzman reported that repairs to the lighthouse have been completed, they are investigating renaming the lighthouse, a job posting for Executive Director and an Education Director has been posted on their web-site. He also reported there will be a golf tournament on May 12, 2017 and a tea will be held April 20, 2017.

13. Mayor's report to Council – Mayor Pelloat requested to put rolling forward of the ad valorem taxes from 8.21 to 8.55 on the agenda for next month. A motion to hold a public hearing next month regarding rolling forward of the ad valorem taxes was made by Councilman Haddox and seconded by Councilman Hitzman. The motion carried.

At this time Steve Savoy announced the Tickfaw 200 will be held May 6, 2017 and that Riverside Bar is the only location in Madisonville that is a stop on the run. He asked for permission to close Water St. between Hwy. 22 and St. Joseph St., to allow the boats to dock, to have a DJ, sell food and drink. Permission to dock the boats, have music and block the street between Hwy. 22 and St. Joseph St. was given on motion of Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Doran. The motion carried.

14. Adjournment – there being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Doran, all were in favor.

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Joyce Core, Clerk