

FEBRUARY 8, 2017 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Town of Madisonville
403 St. Francis St.
Regular Town Council Meeting
February 8, 2017
7:00p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pelloat.
On roll call the following were present: Mayor Pelloat,
Councilmen Hitzman, Haddox, Doran and Bouey. Absent:
Councilman Bounds.

The pledge was led by Councilman Hitzman.
The invocation was led by Councilman Bouey.

1.Approval of January 11, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes – the minutes were approved on motion of Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Hitzman, all were in favor.

2.Approval of January 26, 2017 Public Committee Meeting minutes – the minutes were approved on motion of Councilman Haddox and seconded by Councilman Doran. The motion carried.

3.Public Comment Period: members of the audience will have three (3) minute 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 – no comments.

4.LRWA proposed ordinance – this item was postponed in order to get recommendations from the attorney.

5.Ordinance Chapter 7, Section 7.1 (all streets, roads, sidewalks, etc.) – Councilmen Haddox and Hitzman were in favor of tabling the matter. Mr. Guy Hebert-1203 Main St. suggested that a group be put together who will come up with something most people will be happy with. He also reported he had spoken with a non-profit organization from Baton Rouge who put together plans for municipalities. He reported they are currently working with the City of Covington putting together a plan addressing pedestrian traffic on Boston St. At this time Mayor Pelloat thanked Mr. Hebert for his research and reported that he has met with two landscape companies regarding the matter. Mayor Pelloat stated he would reach out to the company and schedule a meeting with them and give a report at next month’s meeting. At this time Mayor Pelloat reported that regarding recycling he has not heard back from the company he met with.

6.Policy and Procedures for park and playground rental – Councilman Hitzman reported they hope to have something finalized by next week if not next month.

7.Presentation of 2017 Mimosa Queen – at this time Ms. Beth Keith was presented as the 2017 Mimosa Queen and Mayor Pelloat read a proclamation naming her Honorary Citizen of the Year.

8.Request to hold Easter egg hunt April 8, 2017 from 10-12 at the Main St. park – Cultivation Church: Matt Donley – Mr. Donely stated the hunt will be held April 8, 2017 and the time they will need the park will be from 7a.m until 2p.m. The request was approved on motion of Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Doran, all were in favor.

9.Monthly Department reports: Engineer – Mr. Harman reported they had met with Gulf South at the Hwy. 1077 regulator station to determine if there is leakage and to ascertain if the regulator is sufficient to provide service to our customers. He reported that the proposed parking lot on Pine St. will be fully funded by

Coquille and the Town will be responsible for the lot on the east side of Pine St. Authorization to proceed with plans and specs was given on motion of Councilman Doran and seconded by Councilman Haddox, all were in favor. Police Department – Chief Smith reported 1659 calls were answered, 52 citations written, 3 arrests made and 6950 miles logged. He also reported they are waiting on some equipment for the new police unit and it should be on the streets this month. Maintenance – Kyle reported 12 new customers; her reported they had met with Gulf South to do a capacity study due to problems with getting gas from there during real cold weather. He reported Silver Hill is completed, he reported they are waiting on the agreement to do the pavilions at the boat launch; Kyle also reported they have received Corps approval to do the sidewalk to Madison Ridge; he reported he will be attending the Parish Council meeting asking right-of-way on Joiner-Wymer and Baham Roads to lay gas lines. Permits - Department – no representative. Town Attorney – Mr. Danner reported he had filed the amended petition today regarding the cemetery and could go to court as soon as the end of the month or in March. He reported he had made some suggestions regarding the proposed LRWA ordinance and the sidewalk ordinance. He reported he had answered some records requests. Mr. Danner reported he had suggested some provisions in the Iberia line of credit and is waiting on them to make the revisions and provide the documents.

10. Comments by Council – Councilman Bouey reported complaints about the roosters/chickens roaming town – not sure how to address the issue; he also reported complaints about dumpsters being emptied at 5:15 am on Saturday morning. Councilman Doran asked about the removal of the fireworks stand – Councilman Bouey stated it had been removed today. Councilman Haddox stated he is not in favor of fireworks stands in town. Councilman Doran stated they are not a necessary evil –

Councilmen Hitzman and Bouey agreed. Councilman Hitzman reported on the LPBMM meeting and stated they had three new members – Nick Chetta, Lora Haddox and Mark Milton. He reported the Museum is selling lighthouse license plates; they earned \$162,000 at the boat festival, \$11,000 at the golf tournament. He announced the Museum is looking for large corporate sponsors. Councilman Hitzman also reported the staircase had been repaired, Dependable Glass had installed new glass; and motion sensors have been installed and a new door frame has been installed.

11. Mayors' report to Council – Mayor Pelloat announced the Mardi Gras Ball is Saturday night and the parade is next Saturday; he reported that Parish President Brister's meeting was successful. At this time, he recognized Ms. Carol Olsen for her work on the Town signs and thanked her for an outstanding job.

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

Joyce Core, Clerk