

MARCH 8, 2017 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pelloat.

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

The pledge was led by Councilman Hitzman.

The invocation was led by Councilman Bouey.

1. Approval of February 8, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting minutes – the minutes were accepted on motion of Councilman Haddox and seconded by Councilman Bounds, all were in favor.

2. Approval of February 22, 2017 Public Committee Meeting Minutes – the minutes were accepted on motion of Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Doran, all were in favor.

3. Public Comment Period – Councilman Bounds reported that the Miracle League is building a synthetic field at Coquille Park for those with special needs. He reported groundbreaking will be on the 15th and there will be a fund raising golf tournament at Money Hill on the 20th.

4. Policy and Procedures for park and playground rental – Councilman Hitzman stated they would have something for next month's meeting.

5. Parish President Pat Brister – Mike Lorino and Trilby Lenfant spoke about the tax extension that failed last year and will again be on the April 29, 2017 ballot. It was reported that the time frame of the tax has been reduced by 50% or 10 years and from

20% to 1.5%. They reported the tax is for operations and maintenance of the Justice Center.

6. Coquille Parks and Recreation – no representative present.

7. Center for Planning Excellence – Ryan Benton and Haley Blakeman of Center for Planning Excellence introduced what their company can offer in planning for the future of Madisonville (i.e. small area plans, site or corridor plans, streetscape design, community engagement, outreach and education, etc.).

At this time Mike Lorino reported Regional Planning Commission highways in a study Phase I – bridge hours, Phase II new hours, Phase III red-light with new hours, Phase IV red-light with old hours. Also an on/off ramp at ramp is being study for Hwy. 22 & 1085 and I-12; and a roundabout.

Also, Trilby Lenfant added that having a plan in place has value when meeting with other departments such as DOTD.

8. Maritime Museum – Lynn Haas reported the tree planting project has been pulled and the organization would like to appear next year regarding the planting.

9. Rate Increase for Villages at Bocage – Councilman Hitzman introduced Ordinance No. 137 regarding utility rates for Villages of Bocage. It was stated the ordinance will be available for review and a public hearing will be held April 12, 2017.

10. Ordinance re: fireworks – Councilman Haddox introduced Ordinance No. 139 re: the selling of fireworks being outlawed in Madisonville. The ordinance will be available for review and a public hearing will be held April 12, 2017

11. LRWA Groundwater Protection Ordinance – Councilman Bounds introduced Ordinance No. 138 re: groundwater protection around the water wells. The ordinance will be available for review and a public hearing will be held April 12, 2017.

12. Monthly Department reports: Engineer- Joe Harman reported they are working on the plans and specs for the parking project

on Pine St.; and monitoring the capital outlay bill going through legislation. Police Department – Chief Smith reported 18 citations issued, 1899 calls answered, 6117 miles logged. He reported they are waiting on one part, which should be in Friday, to complete equipping the new unit and anticipates it being finished in a couple of weeks. Maintenance – Kyle reported 17 new gas customers, the Joiner-Wymer Rd. project has started, the bridge rails are completed, CLECO will bury the overhead electrical lines at the shelter area and Land Surveying has done the survey for the Madison Ridge sidewalk project. Permits Department – Jewell reported 9 permits have been issued, 1 elevation and 2 additions and 26 inspections associated with the permits issued. Report on March 7, 2017 P & Z meeting – Jewell reported the request by the fire department to create one parcel of land out of the three lots for the new firehouse was recommended by the Commission for approval; the request for a variance on the property line to rebuild at 303 St. Francis St. in the same footprint was sent to the Council for approval; the request to use property for the selling of landscaping materials was tabled to see what happens with the groundwater ordinance; and the request for a variance to add 10'-12' to the back of the structure was recommended by the Commission for acceptance.

The request by the fire department was approved on motion of Councilman Haddox and seconded by Councilman Doran, all were in favor. The request for the variance at 303 St. Francis St. was approved on motion of Councilman Hitzman and seconded by Councilman Haddox with all in favor except for Councilman Doran voted nay. The request for the variance at 202 St. Ann St. was approved on motion of Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Haddox with all in favor except for Councilman Doran voted nay. Attorney – Mr. Danner reported he has assisted in negotiating the Co-operative Endeavor Agreement with Coquille; helped prepare the ordinances introduced tonight,

conferred with the insurance company regarding the damages caused at Hwy. 21 and Morgan St.; investigated an internet marketing issue – which is okay and he reported the hearing for expropriation of the cemetery is set for April 5th.

13. Comments by Council – Councilman Bouey asked about the status of the tree at Main and St. Tammany Streets. Mayor Pelloat reported the property owner has been contacted. Councilman Bouey asked what was being done about the potholes around town? It was reported they are being identified and the price of hot mix is being sought. Councilman Doran reported he has heard talk about Friend's building – the restaurant Felix's is looking at it as well as a private individual. Mayor Pelloat reported he had met with the listing agent and who reported he is working with a New Orleans restaurant owner. At this time Councilman Doran asked about a letter sent out by St. Anselm regarding a capital campaign? It reported that the letter was sent to parishioners trying to generate funds.

At this time Jewell requested that the Council read the ordinances and understand how they are written.

14. Mayor's report to Council – nothing more to report since it has already been addressed- Phase III the red-light with new bridge hours.

15. Adjournment – there being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion of Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Hitzman. The motion carried.

Joyce Core, Clerk