

**MINUTES - PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017**

TOWN OF MADISONVILLE

403 ST. FRANCIS STREET

PUBLIC HEARING

AND REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

October 11, 2017

7:00P.M.

I. PUBLIC HEARING:

Call to order Mayor Pelloat

Roll call Wayne C. Morlier, all present except for Councilman Haddox

A. Proposed Ordinance No. 150, Amending Chapter 10, Article A in its Entirety and Setting Forth Those Restrictions in Connection with Flood Zones

The Proposed Ordinance No. 150 was read by Mr. Morlier. Mayor Pelloat asked if there were any comments. Ms. Judy Darby stated her opposition to the ordinance. There being no further comments, Mayor Pelloat requested a motion to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Hitzman made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Bouey, all were in favor.

II. REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Call meeting to order Mayor Pelloat

Roll Call Wayne C. Morlier, all present except for Councilman Haddox

Invocation – Councilman Hitzman

Pledge –Councilman Doran

1. Approval of September 13, 2017 Minutes

Councilman Bouey made a motion that the September 13, 2017 minutes be approved. Councilman Bounds seconded the motion, the motion passed with all in favor.

2. Approval of September 27, 2017 Public Committee Minutes

Councilman Bouey made a motion that the September 27, 2017 minutes be approved. Councilman Hitzman seconded the motion, the motion passed with all in favor.

3. Approval of August 2017 Financial Statements

Councilman Hitzman made a motion that the August 2017 Financial Statements be approved. Councilman Bouey seconded the motion, the motion passed with all in favor.

4. 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).

Mel Lamp, 1124 Main Street, apologized to the Council for losing his cool at the last meeting. He stated his frustration at a lack of planning, including a long range plan.

Ms. Vorhoff, 1313 Hwy 22 West, announced the Beach Sweep on Saturday, Oct 21st. Mayor Pelloat thanked Ms. Vorhoff for her efforts and asked her to hand out flyers.

Mr. Joey Mahon, 201 Rampart Street, asked the Council to remove the obstructions at 200 Rampart Street stating it is a hazard, may place the Town libel, and is a burden on his customers and himself. After asking Mayor Pelloat to respond, Mayor Pelloat stated he had no comment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Mahon stated that there is old business from last month's meeting as his questions had not been answered. After much discussion, it was decided that Councilman Haddox, who is not present, will have to address Mr. Mahon's question regarding whether Councilman Haddox would take over the full time Mayor position if anything happened to Mayor Pelloat and he was unable to complete his term.

Regarding Mr. Mahon's question about Mr. Biernatski's concern about Mr. Mahon's driveway, Mayor Pelloat stated that he had addressed this with Mr. Biernatski with no further action required.

In regards to Mr. Mahon's question to Councilman Bounds about the barricade at the end of Rampart Street, Councilman Bounds stated it is good for the Town to have the barricade.

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Adoption of Proposed Ordinance No. 150, Amending Chapter 10, Article A in its Entirety and Setting Forth Those Restrictions in Connection with Flood Zones

Mayor Pelloat asked if there is a motion to accept Ordinance 150 that was read and considered during the public hearing. Councilman Bounds made a motion, Councilman Hitzman seconded, the motion passed with all in favor. Councilman Haddox was absent.

6. Resolution to open bank account with Citizens Bank and Trust

Motion made by Councilman Doran to authorize Mayor Pelloat to open bank accounts with Citizens Bank and Trust, seconded by Councilman Bouey, motion passed with all in favor.

7. Proposed Ordinance 151 Increase in Utility Rates

Councilman Hitzman proposed the increase in utility rates stating an independent study supports the gas increase and that increases in water, sewer and garbage will only put a dent in the the losses in these funds. He also stated that the monthly increase would be \$8.75 or \$105 per household. Mayor Pelloat stated that there would be a public hearing on the proposed ordinance on November 8th prior to the regular monthly council meeting.

8. Monthly Department reports:

Engineer

Mr. Joe Harmon stated that the second payment on the Pine Street parking project is due and that the project is 75% complete. There was discussion about the status of the project due to rain and street flooding. In response to a question about handicap parking, Mayor Pelloat stated there would be handicap parking on both sides of Pine Street.

Police Department

Chief Smith gave the report on police activity for the month including 34 traffic tickets, 31 parking tickets, and 5 arrests. Councilman Hitzman asked about the status of the radar guns. Chief Smith stated they are all installed.

Maintenance

Public Works Director Kyle Matthews provided the report including 14 new gas installations, Mabel Drive paint and patching, use of new meter readers produced

excellent results, Village of Bocage water filter complete, Pine Street being repaired between St. John and St. Paul, and 2018 grant application is being prepared.

Permits Department

Report given by Jewell Chatellier includes less lots than approved are being developed in Madison Ridge and some lots may be donated to the Town. Mayor Pelloat stated that he asked that this be reported because there would less impact on the sewer and water system if less lots were developed. Councilman Doran stated that he heard that the lots may be purchased by another developer that lives in the subdivision.

Mr. Chatellier addressed the Warren Davie rezoning and stated that it is not a typical request and would take time before any approvals could be given as nothing is yet in stone.

Mr. Chatellier stated there are some issues with the sound and recording system; however, we are meeting with experts to assist in resolving the issues.

Ms. Bonnie Dennis stated that she wanted it on the record that at the October 3rd Planning and Zoning Meeting, there was overwhelming support to not rezone the Warren Davie property at the end of Lake Road.

Town Attorney

Mr. Danner reported that he handled the Bailey case, cemetery, Mayoral Forum ideas, review and revisions of ordinances, Pine St. millage amount for Sheriff's Office, Warren Davie Rezoning, Mayor's Court, and provides advice during regular meetings with the Mayor.

9. Comments by Council

There were no comments by any Councilmen.

10. Mayors' report to Council

Mayor praised the maintenance crew activity stating they have been very active in cleaning, improving, and beautifying the Town.

The prior week as the storm was approaching he had several days of emergency preparedness meetings with all departments. Equipment was moved out of harm's way. He stated that even though the storm did not affect the Town, it was a good opportunity to put into effect the Town's Emergency Operations Plan. He recognized all Town departments and the Fire Department.

Ms. Stacey Domingue of 103 Rene Street spoke and said she appreciates what the Town is now doing and that the Town's problems did not originate with this Council; thus it will take time to undo the problems.

Mayor Pelloat reminded everyone about the Beach Sweep on Saturday, October 21st.

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilman Bouey to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hitzman, motion passed with all in favor.

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Wayne C. Morlier, Town Clerk