

## MINUTES - REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018 AT 7PM

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Town of Madisonville

403 St Francis Street

Wednesday June 13, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Call to order - Mayor Pro Tem Haddox

Roll Call - Margra Steele

All Present except Mayor Pelloat

Invocation - Chris Hitzman

Pledge – Councilman Bouey

- Approval of May 9, 2018 Regular Town Council Minutes.

Motion made to approve the minutes by Councilman Bouey, and seconded by Councilman Hitzman, motion passed with all in favor.

- Approval of May 23, 2018 Special Public Hearing

Motion made to approve minutes by Councilmen Bouey, and seconded by Councilmen Bounds. Motion passed in all favor.

- Approval of May 23, 2018 Public Committee Meeting.

Motion made to approve minutes by Councilmen Bouey and seconded by Councilmen Doran. Motion passed with all in favor.

- Approval of April 2018 Financial Statements

Motion made to approve the financial statements by Councilmen Bouey, and seconded by Councilmen Hitzman. Motion passed with all in favor.

- 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 express 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)

- Fire Chief Randy Hess informed the council , that they will be out of the building on Main Street by the end of this month, and The Grand Opening for the new station on Highway 22 will be held on July 11, 2018 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Chief Hess informed the town of the new method of testing of the fire hydrants and if anyone would like full details of how it's now tested please call the Fire Department at 985-845-3330

He introduced the New Fire Prevention Officer Joey Sanders. Mr. Sanders gave updates on his job details and safety codes. He stated that he inspected a business in Madisonville to check things like fire extinguishers and exit signs. The business that was inspected was found to all be in compliance and no deficiencies were found. This inspection will take place annually.

- Casey Revere asked for permission from the Town to have The Gar Rodeo on July 27, 2018 to July 29, 2018 at the Madisonville Boat Launch on Lake Road. He stated that he will have a band, a camper, free food. (Mayor Pro Tem Haddox asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add the 43rd Gar Rodeo). Motion was by Councilmen Bouey and seconded by Councilmen Doran, motion passed with all in favor.

- A guest inquired about the location of the cross walk and the possible relocation of the one on Highway 22 and Main Street to Highway 22 and Pine Street. Chief Tyrney responded that this would require State Highway approval as those locations are controlled by the State.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Rewrite/Replace Ordinance #105-Chapter 9, Traffic and Criminal Regulations, was tabled to the next Council Meeting due to the absence of Mayor Pelloat.

- Monthly Department reports:

Engineer- Mr. Joe Harmon reported that the waste water station is still on the list for the grant, and the present state capital outlay bill still includes the boat, park fountain and cemetery entrance. He does not know if and when it will be approved.

Police Department- Chief Tyrney reported that the speed continues to be a problem as 244 citations were issued in May of this year while 30 citations were issued in May of 2017. Boat launching citations was 86 and 36 were issued in May 2017. Boat mooring

was 38 this year and in May of 2017, 14 were issued. Chief Tyrney gave updates on the arrival of the speed trailer and it should be in place before July of this year. Chief spoke on reducing the speed limits on Water Street, St Francis Street, St Joseph and St Tammany from 25 mph to 15 mph. Chief also gave a small discussion on the reason for increasing the court fines, which was to bring us up-to-date with the current rates.

Maintenance—Public Works Director Kyle Matthews reported that we have added 25 new customers to the gas system and gave updates on the installation of Electronic Readers for the gas meters. Kyle gave updates on sidewalk repairs that should be completed by the end of the week weather permitting. The restriping of the streets in town has been completed.

Permits Department- Al Courouveau gave updates on permits issued for the month of May; 4 permits - 2 swimming pools, 1 garage and 1 remodeling.

Town Attorney—Mr. Danner reported that he is reviewing a contract with Muni Code, to update and simplify the Town Ordinances. The 501c3 status for Friends of the Madisonville Cemetery is ongoing.

- Comments by Council--Councilmen Doran asked Chief about ticketing golf carts. Chief informed him that the carts had to be street legal and they are prohibited on state highways. Madisonville Police will continue to ticket golf carts if they are on the street and enforcements efforts will continue.
- Council Hitzman stated that he appreciated the ongoing efforts the police department is making to reduce the speeding problem and encourages them to continue the work to make Madisonville streets safe.
- Adjournment:

Councilmen Hitzman made motion to adjourn, Councilmen Bouey seconded, motion passed with all in favor.

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Margra Steele, Acting for Wayne C. Morlier

Town Clerk