

**MINUTES - REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

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TOWN OF MADISONVILLE

403 ST. FRANCIS STREET

February 14, 2018

7:00P.M.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Call meeting to order Mayor Pelloat

Roll Call Wayne C. Morlier

Present: Councilmen Haddox, Bouey, Hitzman and Doran

Absent: Councilman Bounds

Invocation – Councilman Doran

Pledge –Councilman Haddox

Approval of January 10, 2018 Regular Town Council Minutes

Motion to approve by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Haddox, motion passed with all in favor

Approval of January 24, 2018 Public Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Councilman Haddox, seconded by Councilman Bouey, motion passed with all in favor

Approval of December 2017 Financial Statements

Motion to approve by Councilman Hitzman, seconded by Councilman Doran, 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 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)

Mr. Wally Porter, candidate for Justice of the Peace, spoke about his qualifications, endorsements and requested voter support on March 24, 2018.

Ms. Toni Bazer, 1124 Main Street, expressed her displeasure regarding the removal of the shrubbery on Rampart Street stating there was no cause to do so.

Ms. Bonnie Dennis, 161 River Lane requested the Town engage a company to recycle. Mayor Pelloat agreed to recycling, however, the Town has had difficulty finding a company to do so. Mayor Pelloat stated the Town would continue to look for a recycling company.

Mr. Mel Lamp, 1124 Main Street, addressed the clearing of shrubbery on the Town's right-of-way on Rampart Street. He agreed the Town is within its rights to do so, but believed the action was wrong. He questioned the appropriateness of the Mayor's and Council's governance and stated the governance was wrong in the Rampart Street case.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Joey Mahon - Rampart Street

Mr. Mahon, 201 Rampart Street, addressed the Council regarding the shrubbery removal and that he was worried about retaliation for speaking out. He went over a timeline review and asked Mayor Pelloat how he (Mr. Mahon) did not comply with the Town's request to resolve his dispute with his neighbor. Mayor Pelloat stated that Mr. Mahon knows how he did not comply and that his statements are half-truths. Conversation between Mr. Mahon, Mayor Pelloat and the Council continued including Mr. Mahon asking Mr. Jewell Chatellier, Town Building Official, if he (Mr. Mahon) had spoken to Mr. Chatellier about resolving the dispute. Mr. Chatellier stated that Mr. Mahon had told him that he (Mr. Mahon) had resolved his dispute with his neighbor except that he would continue to fight for parking.

NEW BUSINESS:

Status of Police Chief Vacancy

Mayor Pelloat recommended that the Council approve the appointment of Mr. Barney Tyrney as the Town Marshal. Councilman Haddox made a motion to appoint Mr. Tyrney, seconded by Councilman Doran, all present were in favor. Upon roll call vote, all Councilmen present voted in favor. The Town Attorney, Mr. Bruce Danner, then swore

in Mr. Tyrney. Next, Mayor Pelloat read Mr. Tyrney's biography after which Mr. Tyrney addressed the Mayor and Council thanking them for their confidence in him and expressing that he will not let them down.

Mimosa Queens

Mayor Pelloat read a Proclamation recognizing Ms. Jeanne Comeaux as Queen and Honorary Citizen of the Year.

Request to change Riverfront Commercial Ordinance

Motion made by Councilman Haddox to table this subject to the February 28, 2018 Public Committee Meeting, seconded by Councilman Bouey, motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Mel Lamp questioned the nature of the subject. Mayor Pelloat stated that the Council would be considering a change to the Riverfront Commercial Ordinance to allow Abita Roasting Company as a fourth restaurant/bar on the Riverfront as the present ordinance only allows three.

James (Randy) Aultman – Architecture for Heritage Bank

Mr. Aultman introduced Mr. David Crumhorn, President of Heritage Bank. Mr. Crumhorn stated that Heritage Bank purchased the FNBC building at auction and is working to open up the building as a branch of Heritage Bank. He hopes the branch will be open in about 60 days. Mayor Pelloat stated that he met with Mr. Aultman and that there will be minor renovations including building handicap accessible bathrooms, improving the counter tops, painting and shutter work. Councilman Haddox made a motion to approve the new renovations to the new Heritage Bank branch building, seconded by Councilman Bouey, motion passed with all in favor.

Planning and Zoning Actions

Ms. Gladys Sloan request to re-subdivide

Mr. Jewell Chatellier, Building Official, and Blake Pennington, brother-in-law to Ms. Sloan, explained the nature of the request including approval by the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission.

2, Mr. Lloyd Bolds, Jr. request to re-subdivide

Mr. Chatellier explained the nature of the request and Mr. Bolds confirmed Mr. Chatellier's explanation. It was noted that the Town's Planning and Zoning Commission approved the request.

Motion made by Councilman Bouey to approve both requests, seconded by Councilman Doran, motion passed with all in favor.

Monthly Department reports:

Engineer – Mr. Joe Harmon reported that the asphalt paving in Madison Ridge was complete with some shoulder work remaining. He also stated that two of PEC staff would be meeting on _____ Thursday, February 15th with Mayor Pelloat on grants and gas pressure improvements.

Police Department – Mayor Pelloat reported that the new police vehicle was damaged on Mardi Gras day at the Folsom parade. The cost is approximately \$3,000 that should be paid by a third _____ party. He then stated that there is a second new vehicle ready to be placed in service. He also wanted to thank Sargeant Ryan Mahne for the outstanding job that he did as interim chief during the _____ selection process.

Maintenance – Public Works Director, Kyle Matthews, reported 23 new gas customers. He also stated he would be speaking with PEC regarding improving the Hwy 1077 distribution system to _____ provide for purchasing additional gas for future growth, that additional funds were available from Madisonville Jr. High for improving the Pine Street park, and that PEC would be helping to apply for _____ grants for the boat launch repairs, Ponchatoula Hwy trailhead, and other recreational and utility improvements. He also reported there would be a smoke test of the new Madison Ridge sewer _____ addition on Friday, February 16, 2018. Mayor Pelloat recognized the Maintenance Department for all they did to maintain the gas system pressure during the extremely cold weather and that the _____ Town's system did not lose pressure to any of its customers while other neighboring gas systems did lose service to some of its customers.

Permits Department – Mr. Jewell Chatellier reported that activity was slow but expected to pick up in the next month or two. He also stated that major items worked on included final approval of _____ Madison Ridge Phase II and new building codes passed by the State Legislature, adopting the LA IBC and 2015 IRC codes.

Town Attorney – Mr. Danner reported that among other items, he handled or was involved in the Risk Management Bailey matter, retired police chief settlement, first draft of the Town's employee _____ handbook, Municode recodification of the Town ordinances, Public Records requests, and Madison Ridge Phase II warranty and/ or indemnity when the sewer system and road is turned over to the _____ Town.

Comments by Council - None

Mayors' report to Council – Nothing additional to report

Adjournment

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