

# MINUTES FOR AUGUST 9, 2017 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

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TOWN OF MADISONVILLE

403 ST. FRANCIS STREET

PUBLIC HEARING

AND REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2017

7:00P.M.

## PUBLIC HEARING:

Call to order Mayor Pelloat – Mayor Pelloat called the Public Hearing to order.

Roll call Joyce Core – on roll call the following were present – Mayor Pelloat, Councilmen Bounds, Hitzman, Haddox, Doran and Bouey.

Ordinance No. 143 Amending Code of Ordinances to Increase Annual Salary of Mayor – No comments from Council. Mel Lamp 1124 Main St. presented a recap summary of the December 2015 and December 2016 indicating \$325,000 less this year than last year. He indicated that 42% of the budget is attributed to the Police Department. Councilman Hitzman asked that since they were just receiving his summary they be allowed to review it.

Ordinance No. 144 Amending Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 Article A, Section 10.19 Building Permits, g Fill Regulations 7a – No comments.

Ordinance No. 145 Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 8, Streets, Sidewalks, Wharves and Public Ways Section 7.2 to add Section 7.2a – no comments.

Ordinance No. 146 Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 10 Article A, Section 10.7 Districts Established to add (a) Lot Sizes – no comments.

Ordinance No. 147 Amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 10, Article A, Section 10.19 Building Permits – no comments.

Ordinance No. 148 Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 10 Article A, Section 10.10 A-Residence District Permitted Uses – no comments.

There being no further business, the public hearing was adjourned on motion of Councilman Haddox and seconded by Councilman Bounds, and all were in favor.

#### REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Call meeting to order Mayor Pelloat

Roll Call Joyce Core

Invocation – Councilman Bounds

Pledge –Councilman Hitzman

Approval of July 12 2017 Minutes – the minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting were accepted on motion of Councilman Doran, and all were in favor.

At this time, Mel Lamp stated the minutes do not reflect hid discussion regarding the advertisement of the public hearing for last month. Mayor Pelloat reported that he had found out it was not advertised and the matter has since been advertised for this month.

Approval of July 26, 2017 Public Committee Minutes – there being no corrections the minutes were accepted on motion of Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Haddox, and all were in favor.

Approval of June 2017 Financial Statements – there being no questions or corrections the June 2017 Financial Statements were accepted on motion of Councilman Hitzman and seconded by Councilman Haddox, and all were 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). 1) Dawn Davis 702 Water St. – Ms. Davis stated they are trying to correct the parking issue on Water St. She reported that people get in the garden beds when they park. Ms. Davis stated that two Councilmen and the Mayor had been spoken to about the situation. She reported that the pavers are the same height as the others in the area. Mayor Pelloat stated it was never unclear about putting pavers there. He reported some of her employees were spoken to

because it makes vehicles extend further into the street. It was suggested by two of Ms. Davis' managers the possibility of making Water St. a one-way street; move the street two feet (2') further to the river side of the street; or temporarily have compact car parking only.

It was stated that the need is understood and the Mayor and Council want to work with her. 2) Mel Lamp asked what the policy and law are for advertising of an ordinance. He stated it was his understanding that an officer had been fired/let go due to budgeting concerns. He again asked that the December 2015 and December 2016 budgets be considered due to less income and more expenses depicted in the summary he presented earlier. He suggested putting off any raises and studying the budget more. Mayor Pelloat reported that council, a meeting – minimum of 30 days to be advertised, introduces ordinances public hearing for comments and then it is voted on.

Notification was given to the Police Depart. that it was budgetary reasons for releasing the last person hired is the first let go. 3) Clem – 501 Garden Lane – asked if the Town is talking to St. Tammany about taking over Madisonville Police Dept. Mayor Pelloat stated No, that it has never been considered. 4) Tom – 204 Rampart – asked that now that school has started, can something be done when the school has an event such as yesterday. He suggested that the town and school coordinate when events are held in order to help with traffic. 5) Clem – 501 Garden Lane – stated he was upset about Marcus being fired and asked if they are leaving the police department alone. Was answered – yes. 6) Michael – 605 Arbor Ct. – reported that vehicles are flying down Highway 21 and asked if something can be done to slow them down. Chief Smith reported that they had just gotten new radar guns.

Reginald J. Laurent – Candidate for Judge, Division H – Mr. Laurant announced that he is running for Division H judge for 22nd Judicial Court. He stated he is a lifelong resident of the north shore and has practiced law for over thirty years. Mr. Laurant stated he serves as prosecutor for the City of Slidell and has 50 published federal and Louisiana appellate court briefs and decisions, and has been the attorney in over 50 private criminal and over 110 private civil cases.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Lynn Tonti-height variance-recommendation by Planning and Zoning Commission – a 1' variance was granted on motion of Councilman Doran and seconded by Councilman Bouey. In favor – Councilman Hitzman, Bounds, Doran and Bouey. Opposed – Councilman Haddock.

Height regulations-Chapter 10, Article A, Options 1 & 2 discussed at Committee Meeting – Option #2 as drafted by Jewell was introduced on motion of Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Bouey. In favor – Councilmen Bounds, Hitzman, Doran and Bouey. Opposed – Councilman Haddox. It was announced that an advertised public hearing would be held.

Public Hearing September 13, 2017 Chapter 7, Streets, Sidewalks, Wharves and Public Ways – it was announced that there was not enough time to publish for the August meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of the following Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 143 Amending Code of Ordinances to Increase Annual Salary of Mayor – Ordinance No. 143 was adopted on motion of Councilman Haddox, and seconded by Councilman Doran, all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 144 Amending Code of Ordinances, Chapter 10 Article A Section 10.19 Building Permits, g Fill Regulations 7a – Ordinance No. 144 was adopted on motion of Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Hitzman, and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 145 Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 7, Streets, Sidewalks, Wharves and Public Ways Section 7.2 to add Section 7.2a – Ordinance No. 145 was adopted on motion of Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Bounds, and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 146 Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 10 Article A, Section 10.7 Districts Established to add (a) Lot Sizes Ordinance No. 146 was adopted on motion of Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Bouey, and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 147 Amending Code of Ordinance Chapter 10, Article A, Section 10.19 Building Permits – Ordinance No. 147 was adopted on motion of Councilman Doran and seconded by Bouey, and all were in favor.

Ordinance No. 148 Amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 10 Article A, Section 10.10 A-Residence District Permitted Uses – Ordinance No. 148 was adopted on motion of Councilman Haddox and seconded by Councilman Bounds, all were in favor.

Tanya Leader – Dragon Boat races – no representative present.

Casey Revere – Gar Rodeo and Candidacy for Representative – Mr. Revere announced that he is running for State Representative. Mr. Revere also reported that the gar rodeo

was a success with 286 registered, \$6500 in prizes, winner was 7'6" 168 lbs. \$2500 prize; \$5000 for Mary Bird Perkins.

A.G. Crow and Chuck Morris – Shop Local USA – Mr. Crow and Mr. Morris reported they are seeking the endorsement from the Council of their map of good promotion of the Town and businesses.

Monthly Department reports:

Engineer – Mr. Harman reported work is ongoing on the Pine St. parking lot project and anticipate being completed in October, contractual completion date is December 15.

Police Department – Chief Smith reported 26 citations, 31 boat launch, 4 arrests, 9 accidents, and 8091 patrol miles.

Maintenance – Kyle reported 23 new customers; canon finished and back out front of building; emergency on Cedar St. with sewer line with hole 12' deep with water infiltration; Johnson St. pressure tank cleaned and inspected back online today; Pine St. well will be inspected in about a month; ball park work has been started-doing Town's portion; AT & T is burying fiber optics; completed parking for employees; and fixed entrance to Madisonville Oaks.

Permits Department – Jewell reported 18 permits, 32 inspections and 100+-calls/meetings.

Town Attorney – Mr. Danner reported contract reviews; public records requests; police retirement plan; attended mayor's court and meetings.

At this time the Agenda was amended to discuss law-suit by Officer Bailey. The agenda was amended on motion of Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Doran, all were in favor. Mr. Danner reported the insurance company has determined a settlement for \$40,000 but part of the liability is not covered - up to \$20,000 and is seeking authority from the Council. Mr. Danner stated it gets more expensive as time passes and if you want to settle now is the time to do that. On motion of Councilman Haddox and seconded by Councilman Doran authorization was given to the Mayor to pay up to \$25,000 on the settlement.

Comments by Council – no comments.

Mayors' report to Council – Mayor Pelloat announced a meeting between DOTD and the Coast Guard on August 28, 2017 4pm-7pm at the Town Hall to discuss the next step in bridge process of opening.

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

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Joyce Core, Clerk