

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12, 2018 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

---

### Approved

Town of Madisonville

403 St. Frances St.

Regular Town Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Call To Order- Mayor Jean Pelloat

Roll Call- Alicia Watts- All present except Councilman Bounds

Invocation- Councilman Hitzman

Pledge- Councilman Bouey

November 14, 2018 Town Council Meeting Minutes- Approved

October 2018 Financial- Approved

Public Comment Period

Lora Haddox spoke for the Maritime Museum, announcing free admission in December. The Wooden Boat Festival for 2019 has been scheduled for October 12 & 13th. Ms. Haddox announced the upcoming Anchor Classic Golf Tournament and suggested the Town form a team to compete.

Fire Chief Randy Hess announced the classification of Fire District 2 from a 5 to a 3, which will reduce home owner's insurance. This is a major achievement. Fire District 2 also received a new ladder truck.

Old Business

CPEX- Ryan presented the process CPEX uses to create a land use vision. Incorporating the current zoning map and the citizen requests, along with the future Municode expectations, the master plan should be finished in March.

SBA- Cell Tower Agreement- Bruce spoke about the offer for \$478,000 with 120 day option period. A motion was made to accept the offer by Councilman Haddox, seconded by Councilman Bouey, motion passed with all present in favor.

Erin Schaumberg, Eros Application- motion made to approve by Councilman Hitzman, seconded by Councilman Haddox, motion passed with all present in favor.

#### New Business

Friends- Greg Lala requested a parking variance for a mixed use of the building. The top floor would be a corporate office Monday - Friday, 8am- 5pm. Discussion ensued about employee parking, bathrooms, and future uses. Mayor Pelloat reads Resolution 2019-7, which addresses the parking and restricted uses. Mr. Lala states that the Town has "golden handcuffs" on the owners because they will spend almost 5 million on a building that they cannot sell, because the variance does not pass to a new owner. A motion to approve the variance and Resolution 2019-7 was made by Councilman Doran, seconded by Councilman Hitzman, motion passed with all present in favor.

Sawmill Docks- Brett Freret stood for Erin Poole to request the marina be subdivided, and then rezoned, to allow for a 3000sf restaurant. There was discussion by council and residents. A motion was made to subdivide the property by Councilman Haddox, seconded by Councilman Hitzman, motion passed with all present in favor.

Annexation Request- Kyle stated that there were businesses in favor of annexation along Hwy 1077/ Hwy. 21. Buddy Coates stood to request the Town annex a new subdivision he is proposing. This 27 acre property begins off Hwy 1077 and stretches to the back of Madison Ridge Subdivision, which is inside Town property. The proposal will be discussed at the January 23, 2019 Public Committee Meeting.

Animal/ Noise Ordinance- Councilman Hitzman shares his research in to other municipality ordinances pertaining to fowl being banned inside city limits. Discussion ensued about this, and that it might be addressed by Municode.

Resolution, Authorized Representative- Resolution 2019-6, stating that Mayor Pelloat has the authority to sign necessary documents pertaining to The Louisiana State Capital

Outlay Budget Appropriation for the Rehabilitation of the Madisonville Sewer Lift Stations. Motion to approve made by Councilman Bouey, seconded by Councilman Doran, motion passed with all present in favor.

#### Monthly Department Reports

Engineer- Mr. Joe Harmon, PEC, listed the grants awaiting approval and the award of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Feasibility project. Work has begun on the Hwy 190 gas main extension.

Police Department- Chief Tyrney told the Council that in November 2017 there were 27 tickets written, in November 2018 there were 209. Chief spoke of the crossing guard's condition after being hit, and that the Merry Madisonville parade went well.

Maintenance- Kyle reported 29 new gas customers, a line relocation for Christwood, and that the field by the library was repaired.

Permits- Building Official Al Courouleau reported 2 new permits and requested to change the fill ordinance to include a definition of fill. Councilman Haddox motioned to introduce the proposed amendment, seconded by Councilman Doran, motion approved by all present. Matter will be added to January 9, 2019 Council Meeting agenda.

Town Attorney- Mr. Danner listed some of the things he had worked on in November: the AG opinion on golf carts, Friends, Madison Harbor, SBA easement agreement, sewer lift station resolution, Municode, and annexation requests.

Cultural Arts Director- Ms. Vacante was not present at the time of Department Reports

#### Comments By Council

No comments by Councilmen Haddox, Hitzman, Doran and Councilman Bouey wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

#### Mayor's Report

Nothing to report

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Haddox, seconded by Councilman Doran, motion passed with all present in favor.