

# TOWN OF MADISONVILLE

## REGULAR MEETING

### APRIL 14, 2010

Mayor Gitz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. C.S.T.

On roll call the following answered: Present: Mayor Gitz, Councilmen Badeaux, Bouey, Bounds, Lange and Ostendorf. Absent: None

A motion was made by Councilman Ostendorf and seconded by Councilman Lange approving the March 2010 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Lange to approve the Financial Statements for January and February 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments were solicited from those in attendance.

Mrs. Lora Haddox presented flyers to the Council and audience concerning a Poker Walk scheduled for May 8, 2010. No formal action was taken by the Council.

Mrs. Judy Kuhlman reported that she had witnessed a man dumping off a cat on Pine Street near the ball park and her house. A policeman was called and issued a citation to the man. Mrs. Kuhlman stated that she would like to see it publicized that Madisonville would issue citations and prosecute anyone caught dumping animals in the town. A discussion followed concerning stray cats with Ms. Judy Darby stating that cats frequently go under her house at night, fight and awaken her dog and herself. A suggestion was made to attempt to catch any stay cats and turn them over to the Parish Animal Control. No formal action was taken by the Council.

Mr. Glen Hayes addressed the council to complain about the street and sidewalk in front of his property on Cedar Street. He also mentioned the drainage ditch behind his property that drains across Highway 22. He was told that the Mayor would look in to the street and sidewalk problem and that the drainage across Highway 22 was a State problem, since it is a State highway. No formal action was taken by the Council.

Joe Harmam, PEC, reported that Barriere Construction Co., LLC of Franklinton, Louisiana was the low bidder on the Street Improvement Program for paving a portion of Pine Street, including drainage improvements on Pine, St. Mary and St. Tammany Streets and alternate prices to repair and pave portions of St. Tammany and the intersection of Main and St. Paul Streets. The total Base Bid from Barriere was \$188,474.25. The total bid, including Additive Alternate Nos. 1, 2, and 3, amounts to \$283,920.50 for Barriere. R. J. Booty Construction Co., Inc. of Kentwood, LA had a Base Bid of \$211,596.20 and a total bid of \$359,706.20. Boh Brothers Construction Co., LLC of New Orleans, LA had a Base Bid of \$219,881.90 and a total bid of \$331,952.40. Mr. Harman recommended that the project, including the Base Bid and Additive Alternates be awarded to Barriere Construction Co, LLC. A motion to approve the award of the project to Barriere Construction Co., LLC was made by Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Lange. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Harman also reported that the bulkhead project near the boat launch was still in the design stage and that the design should be complete in June, 2010.

A request was made to reserve the river front north of the Highway 22 Bridge for the Tickfaw 200 Poker Run to be held on May 7, 2011. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Badeaux and seconded by Councilman Bounds. The motion carried unanimously.

A request was made by Henry Threeton to reserve the river front north of the Highway 22 Bridge for the Fireman's Poker Run to be held on June 12, 2010. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Badeaux and seconded by Councilman Ostendorf. The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor announced that the reconstruction of the Town's Maintenance Barn had begun and should be complete the following week.

Old Business: Councilman Ostendorf asked if there had been any more consideration given to the installation of a "dry hydrant" in the Mabel Drive area. He was told that the Town would get to it in the future. Councilman Bounds brought up the construction of the new library and stated that he attended the Library Board of Control meeting in Slidell last month and that he did not feel that they were going to change any of the design. The Mayor stated that he had talked to several of the members of the Board and that the design was only fifteen percent complete and he was promised that it would be compatible and it would have to go through the Council. No formal action was taken by the Council on the items discussed.

New Business: Mr. Mel Lamp presented excerpts of the "Cooperative Endeavor Agreement" between the Parish of St. Tammany, the Town of Madisonville and the St. Tammany Parish Public Library to the Council. The Mayor acknowledged that he and the Council members already had a copy of that document. Mr. Lamp stated that the Council had unanimously voted to ask the Library Board not to accept the present design of the library and the Library Board turned around one week later and voted to accept the design. Mr. Lamp "quoted" from Paragraph 5 on Page 5 of the Agreement stating that "the Mayor will have that say so" (referring to the acceptance of the final design). Mr. Lamp further stated that the Library Board's acceptance of the existing design was a breach of the contract for the land swap. Mr. Lamp presented a document, which he referred to as a "resolution", to the Council. The "resolution" stated in part that the Council "considers the agreement to have been breached". He asked for one of the council members to sponsor the "resolution" and vote on it. A discussion between the Mayor, the Council, Mr. Lamp and members of the audience followed. The Mayor stated that he had taken the word of the Library Board members that the design was not complete and that further action would be needed before the design would be modified and submitted to the Mayor and Council for approval. No action was taken on the proposed "resolution".

A motion was made by Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Bouey to pay all approved bills. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Ostendorf and seconded by Councilman Lange to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Cynthia C. Phelps  
Town Clerk