

TOWN OF MADISONVILLE

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 12, 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

The Mayor opened public hearings on two items from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The first item was to consider an ordinance allowing for "Conditional Use" in various zoning districts throughout town. There were no comments from the public. The second was for re-subdivision of two parcels of land at 102 and 106 Covington Street in order to remove an encroachment on 102 Covington Street. Again, there were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Councilman Lange and seconded by Councilman Ostendorf to approve the April 2010 Council Minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The Mayor solicited comments from those in attendance. There were no comments.

Joe Harman, PEC, reported that the pre-construction conference on the Pine Street Improvements project was held this same day with Barriere Construction Co., LLC. He further reported that Barriere would start moving equipment and material on site on May 13, 2010 and would begin the actual work the following week. The work is scheduled for completion on July 3, 2010. The inspector representing PEC and the Town will be Mr. Johnny Gatlin.

Mr. Harman also reported that the geo-technical data for the proposed bulkhead project was in the hands of the structural design engineers and that the plans and specifications should be available around the first of June, 2010.

The Mayor opened for discussion and action by the Council members the two items from the public hearings previously held in this meeting. The acting town clerk read the minutes of the May 4, 2010 Planning and Zoning meeting.

The first item discussed was an ordinance to allow for "Conditional Use" in various zoning districts. The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the addition of "Conditional Use" with two stipulations:

1. Signs shall not exceed fifteen square feet in area.
2. The boundary for such uses would be from the intersection of Covington Street and St. John Street north to Bayou Dezaire along the east and west sides of Covington Street.

After much discussion between council members with some input from the audience, a motion to approve was made by Councilman Badeaux and seconded by Councilman Ostendorf. On a roll call vote:

Yeas:	Councilmen Badeaux, Ostendorf
Nays:	Councilmen Lange, Bouey & Bounds
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

On the second item from the Planning and Zoning Commission for re-subdivision of the property at 102 Covington Street and 106 Covington Street to cure an encroachment of a garage from 106 Covington Street on to the property at 102 Covington Street, a motion to approve was made by Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Lange. The motion carried unanimously.

A request had been made by Cynthia House for a liquor permit at T-Rivers Lounge. Ms House was not present and the application for the license had not been submitted to the police or the Council. A motion to table was made by Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Ostendorf. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kyle Catalano spoke to the Council concerning use of the riverfront on June 11, 2011 to raise money for several projects along the Tchefuncta River to preserve the sandbar near the mouth of the river, remove derelict vessels, etc. A motion to approve the use of the riverfront on June 11, 2011, contingent upon Mr. Catalano securing the necessary 501(C-3) documents for non-profit status was made by Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Badeaux. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gitz stated that Chris Hitzman had requested permission to clean and paint some of the swings and other equipment at the ball park. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Ostendorf and seconded by Councilman Bounds. The motion carried unanimously.

Randy Hess, representing Fire District No. 2 addressed the Council to ask for permission to modify the existing building to allow the fire trucks to enter and exit on St. Francis Street instead of on Main Street. Mayor Gitz requested a sketch from the Fire District on the proposed changes. No further action was taken on this subject.

The introduction of the possible acceptance of payments to the Town for utility bills, property tax bills, etc was discussed. A motion to table this item was made by Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Badeaux. The motion carried unanimously.

A request was put before the Council to purchase an E-42 Bobcat Compact Excavator for use by the Town maintenance crew. The price from Duhon Machinery and from the Louisiana State Bid List is \$34,189.40. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Ostendorf. The motion carried unanimously.

A hearing in public (but not a Public Hearing) was held concerning condemnation of the building at 1118 Pine Street owned by Mrs. Nadine T. Hayes. Mrs. Hayes was not present for the meeting. She was notified of the hearing by personal service on March 10, 2010. However, Mr. Benton explained that at the time of the service there was some confusion as to the time of the hearing and she showed up at the March 10, 2010 meeting. She was later informed that the hearing would be tonight. Mrs. Hayes informed Mr. Benton that she could not attend tonight because she would be out of town with her husband who is receiving treatment for cancer. Mr. Benton further stated that during his conversation with Mrs. Hayes she stated that she was going to demolish the building. Mr. William King, the Town's attorney, stated that in the absence of Mrs. Hayes, the hearing must be continued until the next council meeting. Also, an effort should be made to have Mrs. Hayes sign a document confirming her intentions to demolish the building.

Old business: None

New Business: Councilman Badeaux suggested that the police details for events held along the riverfront should be paid by whoever was holding the event. The decision was made to place this subject on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Councilman Bouey brought up the use of the ball park and the limits on how far in advance and for how long the park can be used by the same group. The decision was made to further discuss this at the next council meeting.

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

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

Cynthia C. Phelps
Town Clerk