

TOWN OF MADISONVILLE

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2011

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 January 2011 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 December 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments were solicited from those in attendance. Mr. Glenn Tregre, 1117 Pine Street asked when the house across the street from him will be demolished and removed. Mr. Steve Benton, the Town's Building Permit Administrator, replied that a permit for the demolition was issued on February 2, 2011 and work should be forthcoming. Ms. Susan Kierr stated that the Crew of Neptune is a small group and invited anyone to join them. A representative of the Tchefuncta River Foundation stated that they will be having a fund raiser at Morton's Restaurant on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Proceeds will go toward different projects benefiting the river and tributaries.

Joe Harmam, PEC, reported that the plans and cost estimate for the bulkhead project near the boat launch were complete and will be presented to the State for approval of funding for the engineering. Mr. Harman also reported he had met with representatives of the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration, a State agency and there is a possibility that they will fund the entire project.

The Mayor announced that the Planning and Zoning Commission had met and approved the height variance for the new library. The variance does not require action by the Town Council.

The Mayor presented to the Council for approval Resolution No. 02-01-11 appointing Mr. Kyle Matthews as the Town's representative on the St. Tammany Parish Mitigation Planning Committee. A motion was made by Councilman Badeaux and seconded by Councilman Bouey approving the appointment of Mr. Matthews. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 02-01-11

Whereas the Town of Madisonville is subject to tropical storms, hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes, and other natural hazards that can damage property, close businesses, disrupt traffic, and present a public health and safety hazard; and

Whereas St. Tammany Parish is undertaking a natural hazards mitigation plan for the Parish; and

Whereas the Parish has invited the Town of Madisonville to participate in and benefit from this planning effort; and

Whereas several Federal programs require that the Town of Madisonville has an adopted hazard mitigation plan to qualify for their benefits;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Town of Madisonville hereby states its interest in participating in the Parish's mitigation planning process.
2. **Kyle Matthews, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor.** is hereby appointed as our representative on the Parish's Mitigation Planning Committee. Mr. Matthews is charged with:
 - a. Attending the regular meetings of the Parish's Mitigation Planning Committee;
 - b. Keeping Town staff and this Council informed of the Committee's activities and recommendations;
 - c. Assisting the Parish's efforts to collect information about the hazards facing the Town of Madisonville and our current policies and programs that can mitigate the impacts of those hazards; and
 - d. Obtaining input from Town staff on mitigation issues relevant to their work.

The Mayor called on Councilman Badeaux to update the Council on the activities of the bi-centennial celebration committee. Councilman Badeaux stated that he had presented the Mayor and other Council members with a list of ideas derived from the public meeting on January 26, 2011. He further stated that he and Councilman Bounds will meet again the following week to choose members of the bi-centennial celebration committee, as well as possible sub-committees.

Old Business: The Mayor addressed comments made at the January 2011 council meeting critical of him and the council on various issues. On the Town's water system, Mr. Joe Harmon, representing PEC, the Town's engineers, stated that the water system is adequate for the population of the town. There is fire hydrant on Mabel Drive that is obscured from view by bushes. On rebuilding the pavilion on the waterfront, the Mayor stated that at the time the old pavilion burned down the Town was building a new town hall to replace the old pavilion. As for as the police station, the Mayor stated that we may end up with part of it in the old library building but the buildings presently in use seem to be adequate. As far as the streets are concerned, there have been several major street projects in recent years, overlaying Johnson St. and Pine St. in addition to patching other areas in town. As for the old cemetery, it is a historical cemetery and the Town does not

own it. St. Tammany Parish trustees using equipment furnished by the Town cuts the grass and the town crew prunes the trees. The Town also furnishes sand for use in the cemetery. As far as the Maritime Museum, it is on its own with funding coming from the Wooden Boat Festival, admission fees, the State and donations. The Town, with the approval of the Council, put up \$25,000 some years ago for the lots that the museum is built on.

New Business: There were no items presented by or to the Council concerning new business.

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

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

Cynthia C. Phelps
Town Clerk