

TOWN OF MADISONVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
January 9, 2013

The Mayor asked Ms. Morlier read the Public Notice items:

1. A request for re-subdivision of Lots 2, 3, and 4 Square 8 by Gary Bettencourt.
2. A request to hold a Farmers' Market in parking lot of Skooter's Grill by Pete Nguyen

After the Public Notice was read, Mayor Gitz asked the audience if there were any questions. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed and the meeting continued to the next item on the Agenda.

On roll call the following were present: Mayor Gitz, Councilman Badeaux, Councilman Bouey, Councilman Bounds. Absent: Councilman Ostendorf and Councilman Pelloat.

Mayor Gitz asked for approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2012 Council Meeting. On motion by Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Badeaux, the approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

The Mayor inquired of the Council if there were any questions on the Financial Statements of November 2012. No questions were submitted and a motion to accept the Financial Statements was made by Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Bouey, all were in favor.

The Mayor asked those in attendance if there were any comments. Iris Vacanti stated she heard Harry Wood would not be organizing the annual String Festival this year. The event was booked for April 20, 2013. Ms. Vacanti would like to have her organization, "Guitars in the Classroom", sponsor the event if no one else comes forward.

Mayor Gitz told the audience that before every vote by the Council, those in attendance might raise their hand and speak for one minute.

Joe Harman and Carolina Herrera of PEC reported on the following:

1. A conference for the bulkhead project will be held on January 23, 2013 at 10 am. Construction requirements are on line for contractors to download with a scheduled briefing date of February 6, 2013.
2. The gas relocation project on Hwy. 1077 and Hwy. 1085 is still under review but seems to be moving smoothly.
3. An announcement was made that a grant application is being announced for a \$35,000 improvement to the water system.

The Mayor stated the Town could use the grant award money to install water valves in the line and to place valves by fire hydrants.

Councilman Pelloat arrived to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

It was stated by Ms. Carolina Herrera, representing PEC, that the deadline to apply for the water grant is January 25, 2013. In order to begin the application process, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the application would be necessary.

Mayor Gitz announced the agenda would need to be amended to accomplish this task.

Mr. Harmon also reported on the status of the Capital Outlay project for the street repairs. No answer will be available until the summer. Mayor Gitz would ask our Congressman for a waiver of the 25% match for the grant due to the expenses incurred during Hurricane Isaac.

Before repairs can be done to the Boat Launch, FEMA would like the Town to apply for a permit.

The Mayor made the following report to the Council:

1. Plans to remove the concrete for the preparation of the building of the bulkhead were delayed due to rain.
2. Lumber has been purchased for the repair of the boat launch. The ramps and shed will be torn down and not replaced until that part of the bulkhead is completed.
3. A drain pipe will be moved on Mabel Dr. to create a dry hydrant.

Councilman Bounds inquired on the status of the Madisonville Post Office. The Mayor answered the building should be opened by the end of the month.

It was announced Ms. Morlier will be retiring from the Town and some changes will be made to the staff. Ms. Joyce Core will become the Town Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer and Wayne Morlier will be hired as the Assistant Town Clerk. The Mayor asked if there were any questions. No questions were submitted, the Mayor asked the Council for approval. On motion by Councilman Bouey and seconded by Council Badeaux, the motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the Planning and Zoning requests. A motion to allow Mr. Bettencourt to re-subdivide his lots into one was made by Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Pelloat. All were in favor.

The request by Mr. Nguyen to hold a Farmers' Market in Skooter's parking lot was discussed by the members of the Council. Mr. King suggested a 60-day permit, however, Councilman Bounds was against the request citing the market would be an eye-sore and more of a flea market. Councilman Pelloat was also against the idea. The Mayor asked if the audience had any questions before the vote would be taken. Mr. Gordon Mellenkamp asked for clarity as to the Council's position on the matter.

On motion by Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Pelloat a roll call vote was made to allow the Farmers' Market.

Yeas:	None
Nays:	Councilmen Pelloat and Bouey
Abstain:	Councilman Badeaux
Absent:	Councilman Ostendorf

The Mayor asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Motion by Council Bouey and seconded by Councilman Bounds. All were in favor.

Ms. Herrera presented to Mr. King and the Council a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign documents pertaining to the water grant application. One motion by Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Bounds, all were in favor.

Councilman Bounds asked for the status of the Floodplain Ordinance. Mr. King stated the Floodplain Ordinance in effect at the present time is a good one. He will review the Old and Proposed Floodplain Ordinance item by item. This process will probably take a few months.

Mr. Benton stated to the Council the current ordinance is impossible to enforce due to the number of books and documents necessary to review. He asked for a consolidation of the ordinances and changes as recommended by FEMA representatives.

Councilman Pelloat asked for an update on the Police Department. Chief David Smith stated the Police Department is located in the old library building and are somewhat settled with just a few kinks to work out. Councilman Pelloat would like to see signs identifying the Police Department building. Quotes on decals are now being obtained.

Ms. Susan Kierr inquired of the Council the status of sidewalk repair. The Mayor replied we are making repairs all the time. Mr. Benton stated many sidewalks were damaged from raising houses and questioned whether the Town or contractors would be responsible for repairs.

Councilman Pelloat asked for the list of abandoned houses requested at last month's meeting. Mr. Benton will email the lists of those houses damaged from the hurricane as well as those abandoned pre-storm.

The Mayor requested the news reporters in attendance publicize the opening of the boat launch in three weeks.

At this time, the Mayor asked for a motion to pay all bills. On motion by Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Bounds, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was given by Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Pelloat. All were in favor.

Jeanie A. Morlier
Secretary-Treasurer

RESOLUTION 01-01-13

A Resolution to Support Preparation and Submittal
of an Application for Funding through the
Division of Administration
Community Water Enrichment Fund

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development is accepting applications for funding for the Community Water Enrichment Fund; and

WHEREAS, one of the requirements for submission of an application for funding under this program requires a resolution of support from the municipal governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to submit an application for the benefit of the citizens of the Town of Madisonville;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town and Council of the Town of Madisonville acting as the governing authority of said Town does hereby support the preparation and submittal of an application for funding through the Office of Community Development for a grant of \$35,000.00.

This resolution offered by Councilman Bouey and seconded by Councilman Bounds having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Councilman Badeaux, Bouey, Bounds and Pelloat

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Ostendorf

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 9th day of January, 2013.


Joyce Core
Town Clerk