

TOWN OF MADISONVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 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, Lange, Ostendorf and Bounds. Absent: Councilman Bouey.

A motion was made by Councilman Ostendorf and seconded by Councilman Lange approving the July 13, 2011 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Badeaux approving the Financial Statements for May 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor opened the floor for comments from those in attendance. Myron Bourg presented information concerning the Madisonville Bicentennial Celebration to be held on September 24, 2011. Some of the many events will include house tours and a re-enactment of the Civil War. Councilman Badeaux then stated that later in the meeting an introduction of the volunteers will be presented to the Council and a report on the various committees will be given.

Joe Harman, PEC, reported that the Bulkhead Project is progressing. A meeting was held with the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration, the government funding agency. This agency will be getting the environmental assessment complete and the coastal use permit. An intergovernmental agreement will be made between the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration and the Town. The specifications will then be determined. Mr. Harman also stated that we need to begin this project in November or December to avoid the hurricane months.

Mayor Gitz explained that if the previous year's budget wavered five percent plus or minus, the budget for that year would need to be amended by the Council. There being no questions, a motion was made by Councilman Badeaux and seconded by Councilman Lange approving the amending of the 2010-2011 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gitz stated we received a letter from Sewer District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish increasing their rates in the Villages at Bocage. Because of their increase, the Town will also need to raise the rates we currently charge our customers an additional \$1.39. The new amount to be charged will be \$41.39. On motion by Councilman Badeaux and seconded by Councilman Bounds the ordinance passed unanimously.

Tanya Leader, representing the Madisonville Chamber of Commerce, requested permission to host the Angel of the Delta Festival on Sunday, November 13, 2011. The festival will take place on the riverfront, however, the Town Hall will be needed to store supplies or possibly be used for sheltering events due to inclement weather. To increase attendance, the Chamber would like to hold a Gumbo Cook-off in conjunction with the festival. Festival goers would bring ingredients and will have the opportunity to sample the various different gumbos. Awards will be given. All non-perishable items will be given to charitable organizations. A motion was made by Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Lange. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Leader then requested permission to use the riverfront on April 21, 2012 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. for the Dragon Boat Festival. This would be a one-day event and would be arranged as it has been in previous years. The Town Hall would only be used for the purpose of storing

products and supplies. It was stated that the date was opened on the riverfront; however, a wedding was tentatively scheduled in the Town Hall. On motion by Council Bounds (with the stipulation of availability) and seconded by Councilman Badeaux, the motion passed unanimously.

Frank Burns approached the Council requesting reserving the riverfront for the third annual Covington High School Alumni Gathering on October 22, 2011. The event will be held near Friend's Restaurant. A motion by Councilman Ostendorf and seconded by Council Lange. The motion carried unanimously.

Donald Stein requested the use of the riverfront for the annual Homegrown Festival. Mayor Gitz asked where the event would be located. Mr. Stein stated it will be at the south end of the riverfront and unlike previously years, the pavilion will be used to house the band. A motion was made by Council Ostendorf and seconded by Councilman Lange. The motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda, the Mayor introduced Mr. Ali Syed, new owner of Shan's Quick Stop 5. Mr. Syed requested an alcohol permit for his new business located at 109 Hwy. 22. Because of a possible conflict of interest, Mayor Gitz asked Councilman Badeaux to refrain from participating in the voting process; however, the Councilman gave testimony to Mr. Syed's character. On motion by Councilman Bounds seconded by Councilman Ostendorf the vote taken was as follows:

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

Councilman Bouey arrived late to the meeting and was able to participate for the remainder of the meeting.

The topic of Old business was then discussed.

Councilman Badeaux wanted the volunteers of the bicentennial celebration to introduce themselves and be applauded for their contributions. He also requested those volunteers who were at the meeting to give a brief explanation of their progress to date. The volunteers at the meeting are as follows:

The first to speak was Sally Reeves who spoke about the home tours. She stated that there will be nine houses. Mr. Frank "Rusty" Burns was instrumental in raising money to subsidize the printing of the program. Ms. Reeves further explained the program will list the various committees, a map outlining points of interest, home tour locations and advertisements. Ms. Reeves further stated the Civil War markers were ordered and that this was accomplished with the help of Marshal David Smith and Mr. Frank McGlocklan.

Next to speak was Mr. Frank "Rusty" Burns. He explained that a slide show featuring the Jahncke Shipyard was created and will be on display at the Madisonville Museum on September 24, 2011 during the celebration. Mr. Burns also reported that the slide show will be shown at the volunteer party at the Market Place from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. on August 11, 2011.

Ms. Molly Stillinger spoke on behalf of the members of the Madisonville Garden Club. The Garden Club will be responsible for flower arrangements at the home tour houses and the Town Hall for Ms. Reeves lecture. Also among their responsibilities will be hostesses for the tour.

Ms. Laura House stated she was working on gathering information and photographs to exhibit in the Town Hall.

Ms. Judy O'Reilly introduced herself as the volunteer coordinator. She spoke about the volunteer party and invited all to attend.

Mr. Myron Bourg was next to address those in attendance. His committee will responsible for preparing the food. Mr. Bourg stated that the food would be served on Saturday, September 24 at 5:00 p.m. at the ball field and the menu would include food items that would have been prepared 200 years ago. Ice cream will be supplied all day long.

Marshal Dave Smith explained that due to a re-enactment taking place in Baton Rouge on the same day, a small group will be coming to Madisonville. They will have tents and cooking demonstrations. Although there will not be a re-enactment of a gunboat battle of 1863 due to the boat being unavailable, a small skirmish from a battle held in 1864 will be performed.

Councilman Badeaux relayed a message from Ms. Samantha Goodwin. In the message Ms. Goodwin stated that she was able to acquire musicians for the celebration.

Ms. O'Reilly confirmed that the volunteer party was not only to show appreciation for the hard work the current volunteers demonstrated but also to enlist new individuals to participate in celebration.

Council Bounds encouraged those in attendance to bring family and friends to the party.

A question was submitted by the audience concerning what committees are in need of help. Councilman Bounds explained there are a multitude of positions available and that the groups would accept all help offered.

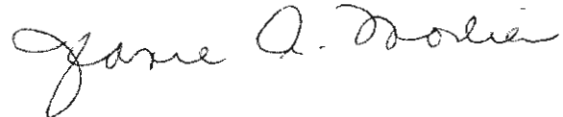
Ms. Reeves stated that greeters, individuals manning the food booths and docents in the tour houses would be needed. She also enlisted the help of the Police to direct traffic at the intersections of Mulberry and Pine and Covington St. at the triangle to allow safe passage for pedestrians on the walking tour.

During old business, Councilman Bounds stated that he noticed bids went out for the new library. He then questioned whether any of the plans were changed. Mayor Gitz explained that the exterior of the building changed; however, the interior stayed as the Library Board designed. Councilman Bounds then asked Mayor Gitz the status of the dry hydrants. The Mayor confirmed that the materials were ordered but they are having difficulty going through the bulkhead.

New business was then discussed. Mayor Gitz informed the Council and those in attendance that the Town is no longer allowed to burn. Since dumpster charges amounted to \$10,000 over one year, the Maintenance Crew will be using the chipper to curtail costs. The Mayor then requested the residents to place yard debris on the streets late Sunday nights or early Monday mornings to approve the appearance of the Town's streets. The only other alternative would be to increase fees.

The next order of business was the approval to pay all bills. On motion by Councilman Bounds and seconded by Councilman Badeaux, the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor then asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion by Councilman Ostendorf and seconded by Councilman Bounds, all were in favor.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanie A. Morlier".

Jeanie A. Morlier
Town Clerk