January 10, 2012
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, Al.
5:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order**
   Mayor Pro Tempore Ken Underwood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Discussion of minutes – 12/13/11 Workshop and Regular Meeting**
   There were no corrections or additions.

4. **Discussion of financials and expenditures for December**
   The Mayor Pro Temp reported: General Fund Balance 12/31/11 - $91,784.15 - Income - $32,978.06 - Expenses - $25,752.55. Money Market - $102,406.44. CD - $52,793.28. Deepwater Horizon - $191,514.48. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7c Gas Tax - Income $322.84 – Balance $4,574.44. Councilmember Gaar asked about the administrative costs on the grant agreement, the clerk stated that she had received the signed agreement back and transferred the $34,900.00 from the BP account into the General Fund.

5. **Public Comment – Topic – Jessamine Street Paving**
   Robert & Kathleen Ryan – Mrs. Ryan stated that they are in favor of paving the street, because they are tired of the dust and pot holes, and they have wanted the street paved since they moved there.
   David Ryan – agreed with his parents and stated that the dust is also a health issue.
   Denis Duncan - wanted to know if there was an over all plan for street paving, and when will she able to see the plan. Councilmember Gaar stated there was a roadway survey completed, which scored each of the roads and that report determined a priority list of projects to do. He did say that they would pretty much follow that list of projects when funds are available and she was welcome to come by and look at the report. Councilmember Underwood added that the street inventory was used to prioritize what streets would be paved first, and that the goal of the Council, he believes, is to have every street in Magnolia Springs paved. Another concern that Ms. Duncan had was the opening and paving the rest of Jessamine up to Hwy 98. The Council told her that they have no intentions of opening and paving the road to Hwy 98. Councilmember Holk stated that opening Jessamine would be cost prohibited for the Town. It was discussed about sending a letter to the property owners to see who is in favor or against the paving. Legal counsel will review the letter before it is sent out.
   Frances Clevedon – stated she is more concerned about the drainage on Bay Street, not the paving. Councilmember Underwood assured her that the drainage issue on Bay Street will be reviewed and addressed before any paving is completed there.
   Daniela & Bill Hagan – Mrs. Hagan stated that because of the pot holes and the dust, the street should be paved. She added that they elected you to the council to do what is best for the community and that you have tried to make the community something that we are all proud of. She also agreed with paving all the streets in Magnolia Springs, she feels that would be the best for the whole community. Mr. Hagan stated he agreed with everything his wife said and added that if paving all the streets is in the overall plan then lets pave the streets.

6. **Discussion – Committee to consider renewal/revision of law enforcement contract**
   Councilmember Odess stated that since our deputy will be retiring soon and with his transition out, this might be a good time review the agreement with the Sheriff’s Department and see if we are getting what we wanted and need out of it, and if there are any options to make it better for the town. He suggested a committee to review our present contract and meet with Sheriff Mack. The committee will consist of Councilmember Odess and Councilmember Holk, with a reporting to Mayor Houser.

7. **Discussion – Appointment to the Library Board**
   Councilmember Underwood stated that with Lana Silverthorn’s passing the Town needs to fill a vacancy on the Library Board. The Board has recommended Dr. Rebecca Brechtel, the clerk will prepare a resolution for the appointment and have it at the regular meeting.
8. Discussion – Rezoning Ordinance – Sherman Property
Councilmember Underwood stated that the ordinance has been discussed at previous meetings. Councilmember Laurendine said that wording in section 3(a) doesn’t say anything about if the application is not submitted, just that it shall be made. Legal counsel added “If application is not made by such time” this ordinance shall be repealed and be of no legal force or effect.

9. Discussion – Council member’s compensation for incoming Council in November
Councilmember Underwood said if the Council wanted to change the compensation for the next term, the Council must approve it six months before the election, so we would have to approve any change by February 28, 2012. The clerk will research some other small municipalities and have those figures for the meeting and prepare and ordinance for adoption, should they decide to change the present amount.

10. Discussion – Historic Preservation Commission appointment
Councilmember Underwood stated that the commission has one vacancy (David Lawrence) and they are trying to find a person to fill that position. Bob Stoddard’s term is up, but he has agreed to serve another term, so they will be recommending Bob to the Mayor and Council for reappointment.

11. Discussion – Name for Wetland Park
Councilmember Gaar stated that since the work will be starting soon we need to start discussions on a name for the park. Councilmember Underwood said to start thinking of names to discuss at a work session.

12. Discussion – February and March meeting dates
Councilmember Underwood stated that the Mayor has a conflict with the meetings in February and March and asked that the Council consider changing them to a Monday or Thursday. The Council didn’t seem to have a problem with the first and third Monday of those two months.

13. Committee reports
Finance: No report
Public Safety: No report
Parks & Recreation: No report
Public Works: Councilmember Gaar reported that Volkert is preparing a traffic calming plan with traffic islands, lighting, crosswalks, a truck detour, and also discussed a left turn lane at Hwy 98 and Co. Rd. 49. They will develop 50% conceptual plan, then present it to the council for direction, and then come back with 90% plans in a virtual tour presentation, maybe they can present the project at the town meeting in March/April at the Community Hall. Councilmember Gaar also stated that a contract has been signed with HMR for the wetland park and the management cost for the project went down from $43,000 to $35,000. He added that another contract has been signed with HMR to do the surveying of the right-of-way on Jessamine, and they are waiting on bids for the paving from R&S Paving, Asphalt Services and Ammons and Blackman, which are due in soon.
Planning Commission: Councilmember Hark stated that there is a public hearing set for the adoption of the subdivision regulations at the next regular meeting on January 12th.
Historic Preservation: No report
Environmental Protection Committee: Councilmember Odess said that they are moving along on the living shore on Bay Street. We plan to tear down the old pier and build a new, and put a privacy fence on the southern boarder. Councilmember Odess had some questions for legal counsel about the bid amounts and the type of insurance the contractor should have, Councilmember Odess will call Brad to discuss.

14. Council, legal counsel and staff comments

Workshop ended at 6:28 pm

Approved this the 20th day of February, 2012

Charles S. Houser – Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk