January 11, 2011
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, Al.
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
Mayor Houser called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call
Councilmembers present – Mayor Charles Houser, Bob Holk, Rick Odess, Ken Underwood, Brett Gaar and Kenny Laurendine. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation and Pledge by Councilmember Holk

4. Discussion of minutes – 12/14 Workshop and 12/21 Regular Meeting
There were no corrections to the minutes

5. Discussion of financials and expenditures for December
The Mayor reported: General Fund Balance 12/31/10 - $47,773.50 - Income - $23,364.10 – Expenses - $37,500.96. A Budget vs Actual for the past three months was reviewed by the Council; the actual income was $62,846.67 and the budgeted amount was $43,038.28. The total expenses for the three months were $76,198.70 and the budgeted amount was $95,190.18. Money Market - $102,201.84. CD - $52,190.14. Special Revenue 4, 5 & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income - $534.12. Balance: $9,653.23.

6. Public Comment
Janet Paarlburg – as a concerned citizen had a complaint about the recycle container again and suggested moving the container to another location. Mayor Houser stated that he has talked with the manager at the Family Dollar about locating the container there and they were receptive to the idea, but that the town would have to get permission from the corporate office. The Mayor has tried to call the office and no one has returned his call. Councilmember Gaar stated that he meet with Allied Waste and discussed the services that they could provide. Allied Waste will provide curbside recycling and once a week pickup on household trash, but they do not provide, at this time, the two special pickups per quarter, that the county provides. The town has an agreement with the County, by resolution, that we would give one years notice if we decided to change the services. Councilmember Gaar stated till the Town has a backup plan, he does not want the recycle container removed, because a lot of people in the town use the program. The biggest complaint is that people are leaving the recyclables outside the container and the driver will not pick them up. Councilmember Gaar stated that he will call and see if the driver is responsible for cleaning up around the container. The clerk will ask Leroy, on the days that he works, to see if any trash needs to be pickup around the container.

7. Donna Esnlinger
Donna presented the Council will a list of quotes for signage at the bridge for the OAW. One of her suggestions for that signage is to go with an oval shape. She also suggested a blue boarder when it pertains to water and a green border for any land signage. The signs are one sided cast aluminum, measuring 39'x43', rounded rectangular, and the prices range from $2,100 to $2,900. The Mayor asked Donna to research the prices on sand blasted wood signs.

8. Discussion – Proclamation – Arbor Day
Mayor Houser stated that the Garden Club has chosen to celebrate Arbor Day on February 26th, which is the National Arbor Day. The Town Council will approve a proclamation at the regular meeting. Will be on the agenda.

9. Discussion – Financing for turn lane
Mayor Houser presented the Council with the Finance Committee’s recommendation regarding the financing for the turn lane project. He explained that funding would be somewhere around February 28th, and would be $90,000 assuming the total construction cost was $180,000+. The town will establish a 60 month loan for $52,000, using our CD as collateral. We will extend the CD from 7 months at 0.75% to a 24 month at a rate of 1.15% and utilize $38,000 for the Money Market. The Mayor will be asking for authorization to negotiate with United Bank. The clerk explained that in expending public funds for economic development there are requirements by state law. She presented the Council with a copy of the law, which stated that a resolution must be passed and before the resolution a notice
providing information on how much and what for, must be posted at least 7 days before the meeting. The clerk will draft the resolution and notice for legal council to review and have it ready for the February meeting. **Will be on the agenda.**

10. **Discussion – Comprehensive Plan**
Mayor Houser suggested the Council review the proposed projects for the Comprehensive Plan at the February or March workshop. Councilmember Halk asked about a committee to review, and make recommendations to the Town Council. The volunteers for the committee are Bob Halk, Ken Underwood and Brett Gaar. **Will be on the March agenda.**

11. **Committee report**

**Finance:** Mayor Houser had no report

**Public Safety:** Councilmember Halk stated that nothing has ever been set for Deputy Gandy on what the town would like him to target, such as checking the Springs every day that he is on duty, spending time on Co. Rd. 49 and Highway 98. He would like to draft a list to present to Wayne. Mayor Houser stated that a schedule of working days and times need to be set for him, and possibly getting a written report from Wayne on his activities while working.

**Parks & Recreation:** Councilmember Laurendine stated that the contractor on the sidewalk is scheduled to come back and do a final inspection.

**Public Works:** Councilmember Gaar stated that he has reviewed the sewer specifications and has made some suggested changes and asked the Council to look it over and if they have any comments or changes to let him know. He did review some of the suggested changes with the Council and would like to readopt the ordinance at the February or March meeting.

**Planning Commission:** No report

**Historic Preservation:** Councilmember Underwood stated the Commission is reviewing some grant applications to fund a study for the Community Hall. He also reported that in April, David Schneider will have the work completed to nominate the Town’s Historic District for the National Registry.

**Environmental Protection Committee:** Councilmember Odess reported that the committee is still working on the plans for the living shoreline Bay Street, and that he is going to meet with some of the surrounding property owners. John Reuss had a substantial spike of bacteria in his water testing, a report has been made, and Teddy King was notified. The site was later tested and everything was fine.

10. **Council, legal counsel and staff comments**

The Clerk stated that the agreement with RDS for business license crosscheck is up for renewal and will be on the regular agenda. Mayor Houser also stated that the Town received the business license from EMC and it was about $7,000 less this year. He has asked the Clerk to check it against last year’s paperwork to see why there is such a difference. Mayor Houser said EMC said it was because Foley extended their police jurisdiction.

Workshop ended at 6:30 pm
Approved this the **22**nd day of **February, 2011**

Charles S. Houser – Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk