February 8, 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, and Brett Gaar. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel. Not present – Kenny Laurendine

3. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
   Invocation and Pledge by Mayor Houser

4. **Discussion of minutes – 01-11-01 Workshop and 01-25-11 Regular Meeting**
   There were no corrections to the minutes

5. **Discussion of financials and expenditures for January**
   The Mayor reported: General Fund Balance 01/31/11 - $94,861.81 - Income - $62,142.64 – Expenses - $16,156.47. Money Market - $102,219.20. CD – $52,190.14. Deepwater Horizon - $226,662.90. Special Revenue 4, 5 & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income - $385.40. Balance: $10,038.63. Councilmember Gaar inquired about monies that had been spent on the Fuller/Turner lawsuit, and the Clerk stated according to the financials as of January 31st the Town has paid $12, 603.00 and the insurance company has paid $10,000, so a total of $22,603.00 to date.

6. **Public Comment**
   **Eddie Sue Winter** – Eddie Sue has a large lot that behind her house and is researching the idea of having community garden and wanted to know if the Town has any regulations on community gardening. The Council informed Eddie Sue that there are no regulations and they think it is a good idea.

7. **Discussion – Resolution – Expenditure of Public Funds**
   Mayor Houser explained that state law requires that if a municipality expends money for economic development, then a notice of the expenditure and a resolution must be passed by the council. The clerk stated the notice must run seven days before the meeting at which the resolution will be adopted. The resolution was reviewed by legal counsel and the Town Council had no suggested changes. The resolution allows the town to expend $90,000 to the business entity of Ammons & Blackmon Construction, who constructed the turn lane for the Family Dollar development, which was required by the Alabama Department of Transportation. Councilmember Gaar suggested getting a copy of the final inspection of the turn lane before paying the invoice. The clerk will contact the contractor to ask for that copy. Will be on the agenda.

8. **Discussion – Alida Given – Expenditure for American Library Assoc. Conference**
   Mayor Houser stated that Alida Given is requesting $185.00 to assist her with attending the conference. Will be on the agenda.

9. **Discussion – South Baldwin Chamber Magnolia Run – Jesse’s Seafood Celebration**
   Mayor Houser stated the chamber is requesting approval to hold the event in Magnolia Springs again this year. They are also requesting the Town allow the race route to be barricaded off. Will be on the agenda.

   Jesse’s Seafood Festival – Nicole Houser submitted a letter of request to host a seafood festival on the school property. The event will be held on April 2nd, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. They will be having arts & crafts, live music, wine and beer vendors, and ten restaurants serving fresh gulf seafood. The goal is to promote local seafood and Magnolia Springs. Tickets will be $25.00 each, and that includes the seafood, beer and wine. Nicole also added that donations will be made to different organizations in town that help volunteer for the event. Will be on the agenda.

Since the Town does not have an agreement in place for the use of the property, Mayor Houser had some suggestions, which the Council reviewed and he asked the clerk to research and draft up a lease agreement for the next meeting. The clerk stated that she will call a couple of the surrounding towns and draft up an agreement and send it to Brad for review and then to the Council Members before the next regular meeting. Will be on the agenda.
10. **Discussion – Resolution – Support House Resolution 56 – to provide for restoration of the coastal area of the Gulf of Mexico affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill**

Mayor Houser explained that the resolution is supporting a bill that states, any fines and fees that BP pays, that 80% will go to only the states impacted by the oil spill to support environmental restoration. 

**Will be on the agenda.**

11. **Committee report**

**Finance:** No report.

**Public Safety:** No report.

**Parks & Recreation:** No report.

**Public Works:** Councilmember Gaar asked if the Council had any comments or suggested changes to the sewer specifications. Mayor Houser had a few comments, one in particular is where to allow sewer to be installed. He also suggested limiting the franchise agreement to a specific area for a year or two, and see how it works. Councilmember Holk asked about how close to the river would it run and Councilmember Gaar stated the regulations said no closer that 200 ft. Councilmember Gaar asked the council to review the specifications one more time and send him any suggestions and he will take it back to the committee for review. Councilmember Gaar reported that he has received one quote on the road projects and is waiting for another. The quote was: Rose Street $8,788.00 – School Street $8,816.00 – Holly Street $8,870.00 and Rock Street $16,275.00. Councilmember Gaar is meeting with Christopher Baker and an engineer from HMR to discuss the drainage issues on Bay Street.

**Planning Commission:** No report

**Historic Preservation:** Councilmember Underwood stated that Bob Stoddard’s family has more photos to turn over to the town and the committee is still working on the histories.

**Environmental Protection Committee:** Councilmember Odess stated he had a meeting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife about the living shoreline on Bay Street and the project is moving along.

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

Councilmember Holk stated that the Comprehensive Plan Committee (Charlie, Bob & Brett) is suppose to meet and wanted to know if March 8th at 4:00 pm, before the Council Workshop was good and all agreed.

No other comments

**Motion by Councilmember Underwood, 2nd by Councilmember Gaar to adjourn the workshop. All in favor.**

Workshop ended at 6:55 pm

Approved this the 22nd day of March, 2011

Charles S. Houser – Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Kayen S. Biel – Town Clerk