

February 14, 2017
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, Al.
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Holk called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He wished a Happy Valentine's Day to all the ladies at the meeting.

2. Roll Call

Members present – Mayor Bob Holk - Council Members: Dotty Johnson, Donna Esslinger, Nick Shields and Ben Dykema. Not present: Marley Gardner. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel and Legal Counsel – Christine Segarra

3. Invocation and Pledge – Councilmember Esslinger

4. Discussion of Minutes – January 2017

Workshop Meeting – 01/10/2017

Regular Meeting – 01/24/2017

No comment or discussion

5. Discussion of Financials and Expenditures – January 2017

The Mayor reported: Balances as of 01/31/2017 - General Fund - \$112,288.71. Income - \$66,140.03, Expenses - \$29,041.87. Money Market – \$265,253.14. CD - \$54,381.77. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income \$337.95 – Balance \$13,346.43.

6. Deputy Smith - Monthly Report

Reported - 4 arrest off traffic stops - 170 Traffic Stops – 51 Citations – 94 Written Warnings – 25 Verbal Warnings. Deputy Smith received an acknowledgment for having the most traffic stops (1971) during 2016. He beat his own record of 1896 for 2015.

7. Public Comment

No public comment. Mayor Holk discussed the Public Comment section of the agenda. There was a suggestion made to have a public comment section at the end of the agenda only for the workshop meetings. The regular council meeting will have one public comment section at the beginning of the meeting. The workshop will have two public comment sections, one at the beginning and one at the end of the agenda.

8. Discussion – Golf Carts

Mayor Holk stated that at the previous meetings it was decided to research, review and decide whether the town should adopt an ordinance for golf carts. The town clerk provided a draft ordinance from another municipality for the council to review. Mayor Holk said that he has received more emails/notes about the need to adopt an ordinance and he believes that's the general consensus from the citizens. He added that if the council agrees to move forward with the ordinance then the council will decide what details and terms need to be in the ordinance. Mayor Holk reviewed some requirements that must be in the ordinance. After a long discussion, legal counsel was asked to draft an ordinance for the council to review and be ready to discuss at the next workshop.

9. Discussion - Proclamation - Safe Boating Week

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 36, Fairhope is asking the council to proclaim the week of May 20, 2017 through May 26, 2017 as "National Safe Boating Week". This will be the third year that the Coast Guard has asked for the proclamation.

10. Committee/Commission Reports

Finance Committee: No report. Mayor Holk will have a committee meeting in March. The main topic will be how much the town needs to have in reserve funds.

Public Works: Mayor Holk reported that there is some interest in researching the possibility of the installation of a traffic light at the corner of Co. Rd. 49 and Highway 98. He met with Joey Nunnally (Baldwin County) and Daniel Driskell (ALDOT). Mayor Holk stated that before ALDOT will do the study they have to have a commitment for the cost of the traffic signal. ALDOT will pay for half of the cost for the traffic signal. Mayor Holk suggested writing a letter asking the Baldwin County Commission to pay one quarter of the cost and the town would pay the other quarter of the cost. The total cost could be \$130,000 - \$150,000.

Public Lands: Councilmember Dykema reported that the ladders for the landings are here and we are just waiting on maintenance to install them. He added that Bryan and Marcus have cleaned up the Springs by removing the invasive species and Leroy has repaired the broken sprinklers. Councilmember Dykema added that he thought the Garden Club is going to start planting at the Springs. Councilmember Shields stated that he recommended to the Garden Club to present a plan to the town council along with a maintenance plan agreement. Councilmember Dykema added that the committee also discussed meeting with the Baldwin County School Board about the old school property. He feels that the town needs to offer something for the property because the school board is not going to give it away.

Tree & Streetscape: No report.

Mayor Holk stated that there has been some interest in installing street lights on Oak Street for walkers early in the morning and late in the evenings. A meeting of the committees, whether it's Tree & Streetscape or Public Works needs to take place to discuss types, kinds and expenses. Rodney Hubble added that the Historical Commission might also need to be involved with the decision.

Public Relations & Communications: Councilmember Esslinger reported that the committee is working on identifying individuals in town that are not on the town's email list. They have identified about 75 families and they are going to send those families a postcard asking them to please join the email list for notices of emergency information.


11. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments

No comments

Motion by Councilmember Johnson, 2nd by Councilmember Esslinger to adjourn the workshop. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6:10 pm

Approved this the 28th day of March, 2017



Bob Holk – Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk