March 10, 2015
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy
Magnolia Springs, Al.
5:00 P.M.

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

2. Roll Call
Members present – Mayor Underwood - Council Members: Dotty Johnson, Jim May, Bob Holk, and Ben Dykema. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel and Legal Counsel – Brad Hicks.

3. Invocation and Pledge – led by Mayor Underwood

4. Discussion of minutes - February
Special Meeting & Workshop Meeting – 2/10/2015
Regular Council Meeting – 2/24/2015
Councilmember Dykema did have some comments on the minutes. The clerk will review the tape and will add if necessary.

5. Discussion of Financials and Expenditures - February
Councilmember Holk asked about the amount of ad valorem tax that had been collected the clerk stated the following finances:
Ad valorem – town budgeted $52,700 – have collected $48,600.
Business license – town budgeted $55,000 – have collected $53,400.
Sales tax – town budgeted $100,000 for the year and at five months have collected $43,700.
Gas tax – town budgeted $35,000 for the year and at five months have collected $14,500.

6. Deputy Smith’s Monthly Report
Deputy Smith was not at the meeting because he went on a police call – his written report was: 3 arrests - 141 traffic stops - 28 citations - 47 warnings - 66 verbal warnings.

7. Public Comment
Janet Paarlberg – informed the council that the community hall is at a completion point other than the handicap ramp. She stated that with the town being a significant donor to the project she wanted to invite the council to the celebration event on March 28th. Mayor Underwood stated that he didn’t remember the community center ever looking that good.
Vacant Council Seat:
Rick Odess – spoke in advocacy for Donna Esslinger. He stated that he had worked on several projects with her and that she was a huge help. Mr. Odess added that while he was on the council, “more times than not she was sitting here and as I understand she still is doing so, and that is invaluable”.
Steve Mobley – stated that he lives by Nick Klarman, he knows him well and would like to see him get the position.

Donna Esslinger – talked about a project that St. Paul’s might be attempting. They are looking for old photographs from the past that show St. Paul’s. They will be trying to do a combined history and cookbook.

8. Discussion – Resolution – Event on Town Property
Mayor Underwood stated that the resolution will replace the existing resolution that the town has. The council members had some suggested changes that they conveyed to legal counsel. Brad will add the changes to the new resolution and it will be on the April workshop agenda for discussion.

9. Committee/Commission reports
a) Public Works & Safety – Councilmember Holk reported that the committee discussed:
1. The sidewalk grant.
2. The county will be starting soon on cleaning out of some of the ditches.
3. There are washout areas on Rock Street and there may be a need to add a load of gravel.
4. Some dead trees on Rock Street and Jessamine Street need to be taken care of.
Councilmember Holk had a quote of $795.00 for the work to be completed.

b) Public Lands – Councilmember Dykema reported that:
1. He had a meeting with the Fuller and Turner’s, trying to address any issues they might have.
2. They discussed the grant for the Springs cleanup.
3. They discussed the kiosk for Magnolia Landing.
Mayor Underwood stated that we did receive the grant application from NRCS that needs to be filled out. Councilmember Johnson asked about the town’s percentage that they would have to pay. The Mayor stated that he wasn’t sure if it was 80/20 or 75/25 but that the town’s cost would be between $15,000 - $20,000.

c) Historic Preservation Commission – Mayor Underwood reported that the Commission discussed:
1. Working on the design for the kiosk at Magnolia Landing

The Mayor had one of the new street signs for the Historic District. He added that it is one of the best historic district signs that he has seen.

Councilmember Holk talked about a resolution concerning recycling that the County has asked the council to support and approve. Every ten years the County must adopt a comprehensive plan on their recycling program. Since the town does not have its own program and we fall within the County program they are asking that we pass this resolution in support.

Motion by Councilmember Johnson, 2nd by Councilmember May to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 5:42 pm

Approved this the 28th day of April, 2015

Kenneth D. Underwood – Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen S. Bied – Town Clerk