

May 12, 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, Donna Esslinger 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 – April

Workshop Meeting – 4/14/2015

Regular Council Meeting – 4/28/2015

5. Discussion of Financials and Expenditures - April

The Mayor reported: Balances as of 4/30/2015 - General Fund - \$109,407.45. Income - \$22,313.46. Expenses - \$24,060.93. Money Market – \$186,204.71. CD - \$54,108.94. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income \$294.81. Balance - \$16,913.87.

Councilmember Holk suggested researching what projects the 4, 5, & 7 cent gas tax monies can be used for. The clerk also suggested using the Money Market account for the sidewalk grant expenditure and reimbursement. She spoke to Dewayne Hood at ALDOT and he stated that there's a 3-4 week turn around for reimbursement. The clerk will discuss it with the mayor.

6. Deputy Smith's Monthly Report

Deputy Smith was not available for the meeting but his report read:

1 arrest - 91 traffic stops – 16 citations – 26 warnings – 49 verbal warnings.

7. Public Comment

Janet Paarlberg – stated that the Community Association would like the use of the school property for the 4th of July as they did last year. The Council stated that it went well outside under the trees and it was much cooler. Ms. Paarlberg asked that some of the council members be available to cut watermelons that day.

8. Discussion – Resolution – Event on Town Property

Councilmember Esslinger reviewed with the council some of the suggested changes that she had. Mayor Underwood stated that he also had some changes. It was suggested by Councilmember Johnson that an ad hoc committee review the draft resolution adding the suggested changes and then submit it to legal counsel for review. The committee will consist of Mayor Underwood, Council members Johnson and Esslinger.

9. Discussion – Library Appointment

The Council was given a copy of a letter from the library asking the council to appoint Melanie O'Donnell to the Library Board to fill the vacancy with the passing of Dr. Rebecca Brechtel.

10. Discussion – Historic Preservation Commission Appointments

Mayor Underwood stated that the Commission is recommending the appointment of Ross Houser and the reappointment of Bob Stoddard and David Houser for another three year term.

11. Discussion – Community Association Request - \$250.00

Mayor Underwood stated that the Community Association is requesting \$250.00 funding for the "All American Hotdog Lunch".

12. Committee/Commission reports

a) **Public Works & Safety** – Councilmember Holk reported:

1. The sidewalk project is on schedule
2. The culverts have been cleaned out on Oak Street, Pecan Grove and Bay Street.
Next will be shaping the ditches and laying sod.
3. The mower and storage shed have been delivered.
4. The culvert permit application needs to be adopted – Brad suggested adopting an ordinance for the permitting process.

Councilmember Johnson said that she has been asked why the sidewalk is pink. Mayor Underwood stated that the town was given options for colors off of chips and that the color is off from what was selected. He added that it will get lighter over time. The chip was selected by the Historic Preservation Commission.

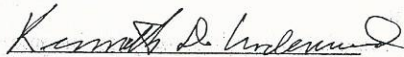
Councilmember Holk added that after the sidewalk project is complete he will look into pressure washing the cement sides of the bridge where it has all turned black.

Rodney Hubble – asked about the culvert sizing. Councilmember Holk stated that it doesn't say who sizes it but we may want to add a paragraph saying "If the town feels it is necessary to have an engineer size the culvert then it should be done".


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

Meeting ended at 5:53 pm

Approved this the 23rd day of June, 2015


Kenneth D. Underwood – Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk