June 9, 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 – Laura Strachan

3. Invocation and Pledge – led by Mayor Underwood

4. Discussion of minutes – May
Workshop Meeting – 5/12/2015
Regular Council Meeting – 5/26/2015

5. Discussion of Financials and Expenditures - May

6. Deputy Smith’s Monthly Report
Deputy Smith reported:

7. Public Comment
Nick Klarman – inquired about the cleaning out of culverts on Magnolia Springs Hwy. Councilmember Holk stated that there were no plans at this time but that it might be something to consider. Mr. Klarman also asked if the contractor with the sidewalk grant has “a turn over live grass” in the contract. Councilmember Holk said that he will check with the contractor.

8. Discussion – Culvert Permit Application
Mayor Underwood stated that he discussed with Councilmember Holk some of the requirements that ALDOT has that might be used in our permit application. Mayor Underwood said that this discussion will be carried over to the next workshop so the Public Works Committee could review the application.

9. Committee/Commission Reports
a) Finance – Mayor Underwood asked that all committees start reviewing their plans for next year and to submit a budget request. The clerk stated that she has asked Alida to submit a budget request. Alida stated that she would pass the request on to the library board.

b) Public Works & Safety – Councilmember Holk reported:
1. He has requested an estimate to sod the ditches that were dug out.
2. Volkert is concerned about the colored coating over the crosswalks – main concerns are:
   a) detouring traffic while the coating dries
   b) having a maintenance issue on the upkeep of the coating.
   Councilmember Holk said that the cost of the coating is about $2,200 and he would like to see if a tradeoff could be made and take out the other head wall at the entrance to the Springs. He added that the crosswalk will still have all the markings to identify it as a crosswalk.
3. That he would like to move forward with changing the speed limit on Magnolia Springs Highway to 25 mph.
   Councilmember Johnson stated that she had concerns about the street legal golf carts being able to travel on streets that are 25 mph and she doesn’t want to see a golf cart going across the bridge. Councilmember Holk said that he did not realize that and maybe we should think about 30 mph. Councilmember Johnson suggested waiting till the project was complete with the speed tables and see if that helps the speeding problem. Mayor Underwood stated that he has a spreadsheet with speed limits for the whole town.

c) Public Land – Councilmember Dykema said that at Bay Landing people are still going through the vegetation that was planted. The committee will meet next month to discuss what to do.
d) **Tree & Streetscape** — the clerk informed the council that Ultimate Tree Service will start work on cleaning out the dead debris in the trees on June 15th. She asked if any of the council looked at the other tree that was recommended for removal. It was discussed that Terry Underwood, who is on our Tree Board, would be asked to look at the tree and make a recommendation.

e) **Planning Commission** — Councilmember Holk said that the commission approved the D.R. Horton subdivision with specific drainage plans and tree requirements.

f) **Historic Preservation** — Mayor Underwood stated that the commission approved a demolition application from Ronnie Hyer.

10. **Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments**

Mayor Underwood stated that he has drafted a letter to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and another letter to the Marine Police. Mayor Underwood will get the town attorney to review the letters before mailing them.

Councilmember Johnson stated that she is receiving compliments on the new street signs and that people want to know when they are getting theirs.

Councilmember Esslinger said that she would like to be appointed to the Tree Committee. Mayor Underwood said consider it done. She also stated that next year the town will be incorporated ten years and she would like to think about marking that occasion and including the public.

Mayor Underwood added that when the sidewalk project is complete he would like to have a ribbon cutting either before a workshop or regular meeting. He said that Bob Murphy would be a perfect candidate to do the cutting.

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

Meeting ended at 5:40 pm

Approved this the 28th day of July, 2015

*Kenneth D. Underwood — Mayor*

**ATTEST:**

*Karen S. Biel — Town Clerk*