June 12, 2012
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, Al.
5:04 P.M.

1. Call to Order
Mayor Pro Tem Underwood called the workshop to order at 5:04 p.m. after the Special Council Meeting.

2. Discussion of minutes – 05/08/12 Workshop and 05/22/12 Regular Meeting
Councilmember Gaar did have one correction on the 5/22/12 minutes, and the clerk will make the change.

3. Discussion of financials and expenditures for May

4. Public Comment
Rodney Hubble – discussed a drainage issue that the town had with the large amount rain fall on 6/9/12. The problem area was from Highway 98, south to Oak Street and west of the Wesleyan Church.

5. Discussion – Resolution – Legal expenses for Mayor and Council Member
The resolution is to cover legal expenses for Mayor Houser and Councilmember Holk concerning the Deidre Lee case. Councilmember Holk excused himself from the meeting and left the room while the discussion was taking place. Councilmember Gaar had discussed with legal counsel, Brad Hicks about a lawsuit that involved Mayor Houser and Councilmember Holk to cover legal expenses because they were acting in their official capacity as council members. Legal counsel did submit a resolution for the council to review. Council members Odess, Laurendine and Underwood agreed that the town should cover the legal expenses. Councilmember Gaar stated that why would any citizen want to serve on a Council if they were not protected legally. Councilmember Gaar said that maybe there should be a cost limit on the expenses and Councilmember Odess questioned if there was a judgment rendered against them who’s responsible for that cost. Councilmember Laurendine suggested a $10,000.00 limit on legal fees with an option if needed to increase it and have it approved by the Council again. The clerk will notify Brad of the council’s concerns and ask that he have a new draft completed to send to the council for review before the regular meeting. After the discussion was complete Councilmember Holk joined the workshop.

6. Committee reports
Finance: No recommendations
Public Safety: Councilmember Holk stated that the Fire Department is getting ready to install the heating system at the new station. After that installation then the Fire Department will apply to ISO for a new rating in that area.
Parks & Recreation: No report
Public Works: Councilmember Gaar stated that after meeting with Reva Hinson about her son’s property on Jessamine that she has requested that a small area north of Dougill be graded and leveled. Councilmember Gaar said that after some discussion with Rodney Hubble that the town might think about having a drainage easement vacated across that portion that floods. Councilmember Gaar stated that we would have to have legal counsel research if the town could vacate it because of the lawsuit from 7-8 years ago, which would put the citizens’s minds at ease about the town never opening that road. The council agreed to have Brad research it and let the council know what their options are.
Planning Commission: No report
Historic Preservation Commission: No report
Environmental Committee: Councilmember Odess reported that the living shoreline is starting to come together. He stated that the old pier should be taken down and the new one started the following weeks. He also added that the monies for the wave attenuation, about $7,000 have been approved, and when we will receive them is still unknown. Councilmember Odess will be researching some options on how to water the plants when they are planted, whether to draw water from the river or to have a water meter installed.
7. **Council, legal counsel and staff comments**

No comments

Motion by Councilmember Gaar, 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Councilmember Odess to adjourn the workshop. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 5:58 pm

Approved this the \textbf{18\textsuperscript{th}} day of \textbf{July, 2012}

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\text{[Signature]} \quad \text{Charles S. Houser – Mayor}
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\text{[Signature]} \quad \text{Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk}
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