

June 13, 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.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Invocation and Pledge – Mayor Holk

4. Discussion of Minutes – May 2017

Workshop Meeting – 05/9/2017

Regular Meeting – 05/23/2017

No comment or discussion

5. Discussion of Financials and Expenditures – May 2017

Mayor Holk reported: Balances as of 05/31/2017 - General Fund - \$101,695.34. Income - \$24,627.57, Expenses - \$15,602.43. Money Market – \$315,351.86. CD - \$54,436.60. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income \$334.94 – Balance \$14,607.66.

6. Deputy Smith - Monthly Report

Reported - 2 burglary calls on Oak Street. He reminded everyone to keep an eye out and if it looks like someone doesn't belong in the area to please call the Sheriff's Department. He also reported: 116 Traffic Stops – 44 Citations – 53 Written Warnings – 19 Verbal Warnings.

7. Public Comment

Mayor Holk thanked Jessica Vaughn, who is a reporter with the Onlooker newspaper. She wrote an article entitled "Fishy Newcomers find a home in Breeds Hole". The article was about the release of some Gulf Striped Bass into Breeds Hole on May 24th.

8. Discussion - Magnolia Springs Community Association Request

Magnolia Springs Community Association has requested \$250.00 to help with the expenses for the 4th of July hot dog lunch. Mayor Holk stated that the town has helped with this in the past.

9. Discussion - Resolution - Appointment of a Representative to Abate Nuisances

Mayor Holk reminded the council that Brad was asked to draft a couple of letters concerning some properties in town that might fall within our nuisance ordinance. The letters will be sent to the property owners as a last resort before proceeding with legal action. The town's nuisance ordinance states that someone would have to be appointed to inspect any properties that might need to be abated according to the nuisance ordinance. The resolution will appoint Mayor Holk to be the representative. Brad added that it can be a long and costly process to abate nuisances.

10. Discussion - Jessamine Street Public Access

Mayor Holk stated that after talking with Brad and Councilmember Dykema the town is not ready yet to move forward with the project. Brad stated that he needs to research the project a little more. Since this concerns Mayor Holk's property he should not be in on any discussions. Brad will be contacting Ben, the mayor pro-tem when he has finished with his research. Brad plans on attending the Public Lands Committee meeting in July.

11. Committee/Commission Reports

Finance Committee: No report

Public Works/Safety: No report

Public Lands/Beautification: Councilmember Dykema reported: that the committee discussed the Jessamine Street pier project

Tree & Streetscape: No report.

Mayor Holk said he received a telephone call from Reva Hinson about a dead tree on Oak Street just past her house on the right-of-way that is/was infested with some wood boring insects. Reva said after some research she has found out that you can not just cut the tree down there are other steps to take to

stop the spreading of the insects. Mrs. Hinson also has a tree in her yard that is dead and her concern is for the oak trees that line Oak Street. Councilmember Shields will check out the trees.

Public Relations & Communications: No report

12. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments

Mayor Holk stated that he thinks the town is ready to setup an appointment with the school board about the old school property. He suggested that Councilmember Dykema and himself approach the board and start getting some conversation going with them.

Town Clerk (Karen Biel) had a few items to discuss:

1. She informed the council that she made arrangements with Baldwin County Solid Waste to do a one time pickup of yard debris throughout the town on June 29th in preparation for the 4th of July celebration. She will send out notice on the email lists to notify residents of the pickup.
2. SARPC will be holding a Planning and Zoning seminar and has invited Council, Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment Members to attend. The cost is \$25.00 which the town will pay and she asked if anyone wanted to attend to let her know and she would get them registered.
3. She asked Councilmember Shields who was handling the Farmers Market vendors, because she needed to let them know about the vendors obtaining a business license and collecting sales tax. Councilmember Shields said that it would be Community Association President, Judith Miller.

Councilmember Johnson asked about finishing the kiosk project at Magnolia Landing. It was her understanding that the project was to be done through the Historical Commission and does the town need to contact them about finishing the project. Councilmember Holk said that he would contact Ken Underwood (Chairman of the Historic Commission) to find out what needs to be done and if they need any assistance.

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

Meeting ended at 5:40 pm

Approved this the 25th day of July, 2017



Bob Holk – Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk