August 9, 2011
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, Al.
5:00 P.M.

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

2. **Roll Call**
   Members present – Mayor Charles Houser, Council Members; Bob Holk, Rick Odess, Ken Underwood, Brett Gaar, and Kenny Laurendine. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel – Town Attorney – Brad Hicks.

3. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
   Invocation and Pledge by Councilmember Underwood.

4. **Discussion of minutes – 07/06/11 Special Meeting-07/12/11 Workshop – 07/26/11 Meeting**
   Council reviewed the minutes briefly and there were no corrections.

5. **Discussion of financials and expenditures for July**

6. **Public Comment**
   No public comment.

7. **Discussion – Proposed Budget 2011/2012**
   Mayor Houser informed the Council that the Finance Committee had drafted a proposed budget for 2011/2012. The Mayor went over the budget and explained that according to figures from this year that the revenue for 2011/2012 will be about the same. The Mayor discussed the large revenue areas and the amounts proposed for each committee. He asked that each committee chair break down their budget amounts into specific expenditures to be discussed at the workshop in September. The Council will approve the budget at the regular meeting in September.

8. **Discussion – Disaster Management & Recovery Services**
   Mayor Houser asked legal counsel, Brad, if he reviewed the document and Brad stated that there were a few minor changes, such as adding the word “shall” in a couple of areas and “providing copies of all licenses”. Brad asked that the Council review it again after the clerk makes the changes and let him know if there are any concerns about the RFP. The Mayor explained that after the Council adopts the RFP, it will follow the same process as the RFP for Debris Removal. **Will be on the agenda.**

9. **Committee reports**
   **Finance:** No report
   **Public Safety:** Councilmember Holk reported that station two is coming along and as soon as it is ready they will go ISO and ask for a new rating in that area.
   **Parks & Recreation:** Councilmember Laurendine stated that the committee had worked on the budget and are thinking about having Bob Zeannah look into a grant for walking and biking trails. Mayor Houser suggested Bob come to a workshop instead of each committee going to him. Councilmember Holk stated that Bob Zeannah has asked the Fire Department to come up with a wish list and suggested the Committee Chairs do the same.
   **Public Works:** Councilmember Gaar reported that he received a quote for some tree trimming it is an hourly rate but not to exceed $4800.00. Jensen Tree Service itemized how many hours per street and the hourly rate is $150.00 and that includes a bucket truck, a grappling truck and a four man crew. The clearing will be 13 ½ feet over road and clear 3 feet of right of way. Councilmember Gaar will tell them to proceed. He also received a quote on the radar signs at $7500 and he told the company it was approved for $7000, so the company needs to redo their quote. Clerk advised the Council that the insurance on the signs would be $90.00 per year.
   **Planning Commission:** Councilmember Holk stated that HMR has reviewed the drainage and erosion control sections of the Subdivision Regulations and will be at the Planning Commission meeting this month to report any suggested changes or additions.
Historic Preservation: Councilmember Underwood informed the Council the Towns application for nomination to the National Register is set for September 22\textsuperscript{nd}. He stated that a few members of the Commission might attend the meeting. Councilmember Underwood said that he and Bob Stoddard are just about finish with the historic marker wording.

Environmental Protection Committee: No report

10. **Any other business that might before the meeting**
Mayor Houser asked the Council to start thinking about an article for a year end newsletter to go out about the first of October.

11. **Council, legal counsel and staff comments**
No other comments

Workshop ended at 5:50 pm

Approved this the 27\textsuperscript{th} day of September, 2011

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\underline{Kenneth Underwood – Mayor Pro Tempore}
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\underline{Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk}
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