

August 12, 2014
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, and Ben Dykema. Not present: Tom Webb. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel and Legal Counsel – Brad Hicks

3. Invocation and Pledge – led by Mayor Underwood

4. Discussion – Minutes - July

Workshop Meeting – 07/08/2014

Regular Council Meeting – 07/22/2014

No comments or corrections

5. Discussion - Financials and Expenditures - July

The Mayor reported: Balances as of 07/31/2014 - General Fund - \$40,755.32. Income - \$16,887.85. Expenses - \$33,745.37. Money Market – \$147,802.01. CD - \$53,934.61. Deepwater Horizon - \$9,715.36. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income \$341.23, Balance - \$14,092.99.

6. Public Comment

Bill Given presented the council with the “New Plan of Action” for the Magnolia Springs Public Library.

1. September 30, 2015 – Magnolia Springs Public Library, Inc. will no longer exist as an independent corporation.
2. October 1, 2015 – Town assumes control as the Magnolia Springs Public Library becomes part of the municipality – or not.

Mr. Given stated that only the town council can decide if the town can afford the cost and the risks involved with taking over the library. Mr. Given added that the library will understand and accept whatever the town decides to do.

7. Committee/Commission Reports

a) **Finance Committee** – Mayor Underwood stated that the committee is still working on the budget for next year.

b) **Public Works & Safety** – Councilmember Holk stated that most of the projects through FEMA have been completed except one project on upper Jessamine Street. He added that the committee discussed a concern at the bridge. Councilmember Holk met with a County Engineer and the County is going to address that concern with us. The town may be responsible for some of the cost.

c) **Public Lands** – Councilmember Dykema stated that the final stage of Magnolia Landing will start soon. Mayor Underwood is working with David Houser on a kiosk for Magnolia Landing. Progress is being made on the grant for restoring the Springs bank area.

d) **Tree and Streetscape** – Councilmember May stated that a tree trimming company was contacted about removing dead wood from the trees. Councilmember Dykema rode around town with the company. The quote for the work to be done is \$3,850. Councilmember May is satisfied with the estimate and will tell the company to proceed.

e) **Historic Preservation Commission** – Mayor Underwood reported that the committee will be working on the kiosk.

8. Deputy Kaiser’s Monthly Report

Deputy Kaiser reported: 4 total arrests – 50 traffic stops – 12 citations – 21 warnings – 14 verbal warnings. Deputy Kaiser added that he had received a complaint about the location of the Historic District sign by the bridge. Another person took it upon himself to move the sign.

Deputy Kaiser said that it could interfere with someone's view when trying to pull out onto Co. Rd. 49. Deputy Kaiser had Shannon Sandell move the sign back to its original place and asked that someone look into the placement of the sign.


9. Council, legal counsel and staff comments

Councilmember Holk stated that Brad needs to research the legal aspects of the library board that the town has already appointed. Councilmember Holk feels that the town has the legal entity through that board.


Buster Slay informed the council that St. Paul's is going to sponsor a speckled trout tournament on October 25th.

Workshop ended at 5:50 pm

Approved this the 23rd day of September, 2014


Kenneth D. Underwood – Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk

