September 10, 2012
Special Council Meeting and
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, Al.
5:00 P.M.

Before starting the Special Council Meeting the clerk had each council member sign the Notice of Special Council.

1. Call to Order
Mayor Houser called the Special Council Meeting to order at 5:00 pm

2. Roll Call

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Councilmember Laurendine led the Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Houser stated that on August 27, 2012 at a Special Council Meeting the Town Council declared an emergency with Resolution 2012-17 due to Tropical Storm Isaac and this resolution is to rescind the declaration.

Motion by Councilmember Underwood, 2nd by Councilmember Holk to adopt Resolution 2012-19, rescinding the Declaration of Emergency in Resolution 2012-17.

Motion by Councilmember Laurendine, 2nd by Councilmember Gaar to adjourn the Special Council Meeting. All in favor. Motion carried. Special meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.

Town Council went into the work session immediately after the Special Meeting.

Council Workshop started at 5:11 p.m.

1. Discuss minutes – 08/06/12 Workshop – 08/20/12 Regular Meeting – 08/27/12 Special Meeting
Mayor Houser stated that the minutes were emailed to the Council and asked if there were any corrections, and there were no corrections noted.

2. Discuss financials and expenditures for August

3. Public Comment
Rodney Hubble – inquired about the status of the gate that he requested to be installed on Judge Tim Russell’s property or on the right-of-way at Hwy 98 to stop the through traffic to Rock Street. Councilmember Gaar stated that the Town is still waiting on legal approval if the gate can be put on Judge Russell’s property.

Judge Tim Russell - James West – Todd Puckett wanted to discuss with the town the possibility of vacating Palm Street. Mr. West put a fence across the street a few years ago and it cuts off the use of the street. They stated that the residents living on Magnolia Street were also in agreement to vacate both streets (Palm and Magnolia Street), Councilmember’s Gaar, Holk and Underwood all stated that if the town vacated both streets it would cut off an access to the river. Then Councilmember Holk said residents not living on Palm Street might not like that. Judge Russell and Todd Puckett stated they didn’t care either way if it was vacated or not, but James West wants it vacated. Mayor Houser told them that they need to make a formal request in writing and make application to the town to vacate.

4. Resolution – Proposed 2012/2013 Budget
Mayor Houser stated that the proposed budget was revised after the last workshop session. It was suggested to take $25,000 from Historic Preservation Commission and start an account for Special Projects and add $5,000 to Public Works.
5. Committee Reports
Finance: No report
Public Safety: No report
Parks & Recreation: No report
Public Works: Councilmember Gaar reported that an agreement was signed with R&S Paving to go ahead with the paving of Rose Street and Holly Street at the cost of about $24,500.00. R&S Paving was also asked to submit a proposal for additional work:
  a. Clean culvert at Island and Magnolia Street
  b. Clean out culvert at Gates and CR-49
  c. Fix wash out at bridge approach
  d. Fix wash out and sod on the north end of Jessamine Street
Councilmember Gaar stated that is should be around $5,000.
Planning Commission: Councilmember Holk stated that the Commission had not met yet, but that Miram Boutwell from the City of Foley Planning Dept. will be attending the meeting to discuss Foley’s Planning Jurisdiction. With a new Act that will go into effect on October 1st requiring municipalities to have and agreement with the County on their planning jurisdiction, Foley will be going before the County Commission about entering into an agreement for their Planning Jurisdiction. Ms. Boutwell wants to make sure that we do not have a problem with Foley’s jurisdiction. Mayor Houser suggested that this might be a good time for the Planning Commission to square up the towns jurisdiction should we have to enter into a new agreement.
Historic Preservation Commission: No report
Environmental Committee: Councilmember Odess reported that the committee discussed having a field day in the near future, which would coincide with the last round of planting at the living shoreline on Bay Street.

Motion by Councilmember Gaar, 2nd by Councilmember Underwood to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Special Council Meeting and Workshop ended at 6:15 p.m.

Approved this the 22nd day of October, 2012

Charles S. Houser – Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen S. Bief – Town Clerk