September 13, 2011
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, Al.
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order
Councilmember Holk called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call
Members present – Council Members; Bob Holk, Rick Odess, Brett Gaar, and Kenny Laurendine. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel. Not present at roll call: Mayor Charles S. Houser and Councilmember Ken Underwood
Mayor Pro Tempore Ken Underwood joined the meeting at 5:12 p.m.
Mayor Charles S. Houser joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation and Pledge by Councilmember Laurendine

4. Discussion of minutes – 08/09/11 Workshop – 08/23/11 Meeting
There were no corrections or additions

5. Discussion of financials and expenditures for August
The Clerk reported: General Fund Balance 08/31/11 - $12,029.95 - Income - $15,727.96 - Expenses - $30,701.54. Money Market - $102,338.01. CD - $52,627.47. Deepwater Horizon - $226,926.33. Special Revenue 4.5, & 7e Gas Tax – Income $375.17 – Balance $3,224.04. Councilmember Gaar reminded the Council that the radar signs were on order and that we will pay for them out of this year's budget. The Clerk informed the Council that the town received the franchise fee from Riviera; it was $63,000, which was about $2,400 more than last year.

6. Public Comment
Rodney Hubble stated that after the last rain he noticed some areas with drainage problems, and he discussed the areas with the Council.

7. Discussion – 2011/2012 Proposed Budget
Mayor Houser explained that next year is a Town Council election year, and the Town needs to budget for that expense. The clerk did some research and found out that for a municipality our size would cost between $4,000-$5,000 for an election. The Mayor stated that the budget would need to be adjusted to cover that cost. The Council discussed areas of the committee's budgets that could be adjusted. The clerk will make the changes and send to the Council before the regular meeting.

8. Committee reports
Finance: No report
Public Safety: Councilmember Holk informed the Council that the Fire Department bought a new/used tanker truck.
Parks & Recreation: No report
Public Works: Councilmember Gaar stated that the radar signs should be in the following week.
Planning Commission: Councilmember Holk stated that they are still working on the Subdivision Regulations and will hold a public hearing soon.
Historic Preservation: Councilmember Underwood stated that the application for the National Registry will go before the committee on September 22nd and they hope to have a few members attend the meeting.
Environmental Protection Committee: Councilmember Odess stated that the committee discussed the living shoreline at Bay Street, and would like to move forward with the project. Councilmember Odess will be asking the Council at the next regular meeting to authorize him to move forward in starting the process for the living shoreline.

9. Any other business that might before the meeting
No other business
10. **Council, legal counsel and staff comments**
Councilmember Underwood stated that the Town received only one response for the emergency debris removal monitoring. The committee opened it on September 7th and will make a recommendation to the Council at the next meeting. Councilmember Holk stated that he was concerned about getting only one proposal and he was going to call around about the pricing. He also added that legal counsel was going to research the process when only receiving one proposal.

Motion by Councilmember Holk, 2nd by Councilmember Underwood to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 5:40 pm

Approved this the 24th day of **October, 2011**

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Charles S. Houser – Mayor

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Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk