November 9, 2010  
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**  
Councilmembers present – Mayor Charles Houser, Bob Holk, Rick Odess, Ken Underwood, and Brett Gaar. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel and Legal Counsel – Brad Hicks

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

4. **Discussion of minutes – 10/12/10, 10/26/10 and 10/28/10**  
No corrections or additions.

Councilmember Laurendine joined the meeting at 5:10 pm

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

6. **Public Comment**  
No public comment

7. **Christopher Baker**  
Mayor Houser stated that the town is in the process of amending the grant request for the remaining BP Funds. The Mayor met with Christopher Baker to discuss some ideas that could be submitted. Christopher Baker stated that the thought was to create an appropriate access on the one acre parcel of property that was given to the town down by the bridge. Christopher presented the Council with a proposed plan which would include nine parking spaces in a gravel parking lot with one concrete handicap accessible parking spot. The parking lot would go to a boardwalk that would lead down to the river where there would be a floating dock. There were two options to the plan, one option would be to utilize the driveway that is there (old bank building) and option two was to move the parking lot down and have to create a separate driveway. The cost of the project is $133,000 - $140,000 in construction cost. The council discussed the project and agreed that the project should be included in the new grant application. Councilmember Gaar also stated that there were two other items that could be added to the application, one was the testing equipment (automated sampler) and a temporary employee for one year at the cost of $40,000 and to dig a sump to catch the sediment. Councilmember Odess added that the living shore line at Bay Street may be a matching grant and our portion could be about $10,000 and also suggested adding that to the application. Mayor Houser asked the Council to review the options and at the regular council meeting they will decide what projects to include on the grant application.

8. **Discussion – Family Dollar Update**  
Mayor Houser talked to Craig Dyas, he stated that the construction on the turn lane will be starting soon and they hope to be open by Thanksgiving

9. **Discussion – Flood insurance program**  
Councilmember Holk stated that the town needs to join in the National Flood Insurance Program, which is administered by FEMA. There is no cost to the town to apply for the program. The clerk will get in touch with a representative and have the information for the council at the next meeting and she will have the resolution and ordinance drafted for the meeting in December.

10. **Discussion – Board of Adjustments appointment**  
Mayor Houser stated the Board of Adjustments is recommending that Supernumerary Ben Dykema be appointed as a regular member to fill the unexpired term of Glen Bishop. They also submitted names to fill the Ben Dykema's vacant supernumerary seat. Mayor Houser did say that Ben has agreed to fill the seat, but the names submitted for supernumeraries have not been asked. Mayor Houser suggested appointed Ben at the next meeting, and to wait on appointing a supernumerary until a later date.
11. Discussion – South Baldwin Chamber Representative Appointment
Mayor Houser explained that it was time to appoint the town’s representative to the Chamber, he went on to say that Councilmember Laurendine has been a great representative for the town and personal feels that he should be reappointed. Councilmember Laurendine stated that he has enjoyed and would accept the appointment again, unless anyone else wanted it.

12. Discussion – United Way Agreement
Mayor Houser stated that it’s time to renew the agreement with United Way. Last year the Council approved to agreement in the amount of $750.00 and the Council discussed the amount of $500.00 for the 2010/2011 agreement.

13. Discussion – Change Council meeting date in December
Mayor Houser stated that the regular meeting is scheduled for December 28th and suggested changing it to December 21st. There would be only one week between the workshop and the regular meeting.

14. Committee reports
Finance: No report
Public Safety: Mayor Houser asked Deputy Gandy about patrolling Co. Rd. 49 with a hand held radar gun. Wayne said that he checked with the department and they are not authorized to use them.
Park & Recreation: Councilmember Laurendine stated that the pavers were delivered on site and the sidewalk should be started soon. His committee will bring a recommendation back to the council on how much the memorial pavers should be sold for, once he gets a set price for the towns purchase.
Public Works: Councilmember Gaar stated they discussed what projects are a priority for paving, and that would be, School St., Rose St., and North Holly. Brad Hicks, legal counsel stated that he met with the county, and gave them the descriptions for the road annexations. Once the county approves the descriptions then the town can petition the county for annexation.
Planning Commission: No report
Historic Preservation: Councilmember Underwood reported that the Commission submitted the annual report to Alabama Historical Commission. A few of the members attend a meeting in Monroeville, and the Magnolia Springs received some great comments on the work that the town has accomplished. Councilmember Underwood is obtaining copies of visual and oral histories from the public library and will have copies made.
Environmental Protection Committee: Councilmember Odess stated that he called a meeting of the water quality testers, John Reuss, Lauren Mote and himself about getting into regular testing schedule again. Also he discussed the living shoreline, which is to accomplish the same goals as a bulkhead to control erosion, which could be used as a model if someone is considering building a bulkhead. Councilmember Odess wanted to know if the council would be interested in having a representative from the Alabama Water Watch come to a workshop and explain what the water data means. The council agreed to have someone attend a workshop.

15. Council, legal counsel and staff comments
Council and staff had no comments. Mayor Houser asked the council to go into executive session.
Motion by Councilmember Laurendine, 2nd by Councilmember Holk to go into executive session to discuss with the attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation and the meeting will not reconvene after the executive session. Brad Hicks stated that he is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama; this exception is applicable to plan discussion under Section 36-25A-7(a)(3) of the Code of Alabama 1975 and the meeting will not reconvene as stated in the motion. Roll Call vote: Councilmember Holk – Aye, Councilmember Odess – Aye, Mayor Houser – Aye, Councilmember Underwood - Aye, Councilmember Gaar – Aye, and Councilmember Laurendine – Aye. All in favor. Motion carried.

Workshop ended at 6:20 pm
Approved this the 21st day of December, 2010

Charles S. Houser – Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk