November 25, 2008  
Regular Council Meeting  
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**  
Councilmember’s present – Mayor Houser, Bob Holk, Joe Sankey, Ken Underwood, Brett Gaar and Kenny Laurendine. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel

3. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**  
Councilmember Laurendine led the invocation and pledge.

4. **Approval of council minutes from 10/14/08 and 10/28/08**  
Mayor Houser asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes.  
**Motion by Councilmember Underwood, 2nd by Councilmember Sankey to approve the council minutes from 10/14 and 10/28. All in favor. Motion carried.**

5. **Approval of financial reports and expenditures for October**  
Councilmember Holk asked if all the gas tax has been caught up. Clerk reported that one of the stations did pay for three months but are all caught up at this point.  
**Motion by Councilmember Laurendine, 2nd by Councilmember Underwood to approve the financial statements and expenditures for October. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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

7. **Ordinance 2008-14 – Order of Procedures – 1st reading**  
Mayor Houser explained that the ordinance set the rules for council meetings, such as time, day of meetings, etc. The only change the council discussed was moving committee reports to the end of the agenda, allowing for any guest, presentations to be heard before council business.

**Motion by Councilmember Sankey, 2nd by Councilmember Holk to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Ordinance 2008-14. Roll call vote: Councilmember Holk – Aye, Councilmember Sankey – Aye, Mayor Houser – Aye, Councilmember Underwood – Aye, Councilmember Gaar – Aye, and Councilmember Laurendine – Aye. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Councilmember Holk, 2nd by Councilmember Sankey to waive the reading of Ordinance 2008-14. All in favor.**

**Motion by Councilmember Underwood, 2nd by Councilmember Sankey to adopt Ordinance 2008-14. Roll call vote: Councilmember Holk – Aye, Councilmember Sankey – Aye, Mayor Houser – Aye, Councilmember Underwood – Aye, Councilmember Gaar – Aye, and Councilmember Laurendine – Aye. All in favor. Motion carried.**

8. **Resolution 2008-17 – Appointment of Chairman Pro Tempore for 2008-2010**  
Mayor Houser stated that since state law does not set a term he would like it to be for two years. Councilmember Laurendine stated since he did such a fantastic, extraordinary and outstanding job last time, he nominated Councilmember Underwood.  
**Motion by Councilmember Sankey, 2nd by Councilmember Gaar to adopt Resolution 2008-17 appointing Councilmember Underwood as Chairman Pro Tempore. All in favor. Motion carried.**

9. **Resolution 2008-18 – Appointment of Town Clerk for 2008-2012 Administration**  
Motion by Mayor Houser, 2nd by Councilmember Underwood to adopt Resolution 2008-18, appointing Karen Biel as Town Clerk for 2008-2012 Administration. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. **Resolution 2008-19 – Appointment of Town Legal Counsel for 2008-2012 Administration**
Motion by Councilmember Underwood, 2nd by Councilmember Laurendine to adopt Resolution 2008-19, appointing Stone, Granade & Crosby as Legal Counsel for 2008-2012 Administration. Discussion: Mayor Houser stated that Brad has done a great job, along with Shawn for the town. All the council members agreed. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

Motion by Councilmember Holk, 2nd by Councilmember Sankey to adopt Resolution 2008-20, adopting 2008/2009 General Fund Budget. Discussion: Councilmember Gaar stated that he has some concerns about adopting a budget with a $43,000 loss. After some further discussion, Councilmember Sankey asked if the budget had to be adopted at this time and the clerk stated that it could be tabled to another meeting.
Motion by Councilmember Holk, 2nd by Councilmember Sankey to table Resolution 2008-20, adopting the 2008/2009 General Fund Budget till the December meeting. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

12. **Mayor’s Committee Appointments**
Finance: Charles Houser – Bob Holk
Public Safety: Bob Holk – Ken Underwood
EMA Subcommittee: Councilmember Holk will make recommendation
Parks & Recreation: Kenny Laurendine – Joe Sankey
Public Works: Joe Sankey – Brett Gaar – Ken Underwood
River Enhancement: Brett Gaar (Chair) – Kenny Laurendine

Mayor Houser asked that each committee decide who will be the chair and at the December workshop submit the names of other members for approval.

13. **Regular Council Meeting in December**
Mayor Houser asked for a motion to change the meeting date in December because of it being scheduled to close to Christmas.
Motion by Councilmember Laurendine, 2nd by Councilmember Gaar to change December council meeting from December 23rd to December 16th. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

14. **Historic Preservation Commission Appointments**
Mayor Houser explained that the term of two of the members has expired and they need to be filled. One of the members, Bob Stoddard has agreed to stay on the commission. Mayor Houser asked David Lawrence to fill the other position and he has accepted.
Motion by Councilmember Laurendine, 2nd by Councilmember Underwood to appoint Bob Stoddard and David Lawrence to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three year term. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

15. **Committee Reports**
Finance – no report
Public Safety – no report
PR&B – no report
Public Works – no report
Planning Commission – no report
Historic Commission – no report

15. **Council, legal counsel and staff comments**
No comments
Motion by Councilmember Sankey, 2nd by Councilmember Underwood to adjourn. All in favor.
Workshop adjourned at 6:10 P.M.
Approved this the 16th day of December, 2008

**Charles S. Houser - Mayor**

**Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk**