December 16, 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, Brett Gaar and Kenny Laurendine. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel. Not present: Ken Underwood

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Houser led the invocation and pledge.

4. Approval of council minutes from 11/18/08 and 11/25/08
Mayor Houser asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes.
Motion by Councilmember Laurendine, 2nd by Councilmember Sankey to approve the council minutes from 11/18 and 11/25. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of financial reports and expenditures for October
Motion by Councilmember Sankey, 2nd by Councilmember Gaar to approve the financial statements and expenditures for November. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Public Comment
No public comment.

Mr. Taylor presented the council with a copy of the 2007/2008 audit and went over some of the highlights. He also added that the council has been good stewards of the towns' money. He stated that when spending money for public works the town should use the special revenue account. He added that Karen, the clerk, was doing a good job with the back-up paperwork and receipts. The Mayor asked that Matt stay while discussing the budget.

Mayor Houser made some corrections to the budget since the last regular meeting. In talking with the auditor he found out that the town can budget a line item to show excess funds brought forward from last year. The Mayor explained to the council that account # 4100 – Prior year reserve of $40,000 was brought forward and account #9500 for $30,000 to be added to the reserve funds at the end of the year. Also he cut Public Works from $84,000 to $79,000, since the Special Revenue had $8,000 and Parks and Recreation was allocated $10,000 instead of $7,500. The budget now ended up with an excess of $1,108.00.
Motion by Councilmember Sankey, 2nd by Councilmember Laurendine to adopt Resolution 2008-20, approving 2008/2009 budget. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Public hearing on application for the rezoning of Margrete Miller property, located on Highway 98
Mayor Houser opened the public hearing on the rezoning of the property located on Highway 98 at 5:28 pm. No public participation. Mayor Houser closed the public hearing at 5:29 pm.
Mayor Houser explained that the Planning Commission has recommended the rezoning of the property and the council will vote to approve or deny. There was only one opposition to the rezoning and they were against what might be built there and reminded the council that they were only voting on the rezoning and not to consider the possible use of the property. He also went on to say that when zoning was completed that Ms. Miller requested the part of the property that had her residence on it to remain residential and the front part (on Hwy. 98) to be zoned business.
Motion by Councilmember Gaar, 2nd by Councilmember Holk to approve the zoning amendment with an application for rezoning on the piece of property at 14534 U.S. Hwy 98. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. **Committee Reports**  
Committee members are as follows:  
**Finance:** Chair – Mayor Houser – Bob Holk – Chris Winter and Bob Zeanah  
**Public Safety:** Chair – Bob Holk – Ken Underwood – Mary Emmett – Ron Chamberlin and Wayne Gandy  
**Parks & Recreation:** Chair – Kenny Laurendine – Joe Sankey – Louis Wynn – Lauren Motes and Harry Dwyer  
**River Enhancement:** Chair – Brett Gaar – Kenny Laurendine – Julie Batchelor – Rick Odess and Carey Bentley  
**Public Works:** Councilmember Sankey stated he will have his committee members and chair at the next council meeting.

11. **Council, legal counsel and staff comments**  
No comments

12. **Any other business that might come before the meeting**  
Clerk informed the council that the line-of-credit loan comes renewable the first part of January and wanted to know if the council would like to renew.  
**Motion by Councilmember Laurendine, 2\(^{nd}\) by Councilmember Sankey to renew the line-of-credit at United Bank that comes due in January. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**Motion by Councilmember Laurendine, 2\(^{nd}\) by Councilmember Sankey to adjourn. All in favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Approved this the 27\(^{th}\) day of January, 2009

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Charles S. Houser – Mayor

**ATTEND:**

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Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk