April 10, 2012
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

3. Invocation and Pledge – led by Mayor Houser.

4. Baldwin County Sheriff’s Department – Sheriff Hey Hess Mack and Major Anthony Lowery.
Sheriff Mack reviewed some statistics of the different crimes in the area and he also gave the Council a copy of the call logs for the last year for this district area which is not just within the town limits. He also introduced Deputy Bob Correa who will be taking Deputy Gandy’s place when he retires June 1st.

5. Gayle Guthrie – Pet parade
Ms. Guthrie informed the Town Council that the stray love foundation was seeking permission to hold the pet parade in Magnolia Springs on October 27, 2012. The council members were given a letter on the reason for their request and the particulars of the parade proposal. The Town Council will vote on the issue at the regular meeting on April 24th.

6. Volkert – Randy Davis and Jay Dickson
Mr. Davis and Mr. Dickson attended the meeting to update the council on the ATRIP Grant submitted to ALDOT for the traffic calming plan for Magnolia Springs Highway. They also provide a virtual tour of Magnolia Springs Highway with the concept plan they have drafted for Council’s approval.

7. Public comment
There was no public comment.

8. Discussion of minutes – 3/5/12 Workshop and 3/19/12 Regular Meeting
There were no corrections or additions. Council will review further and send any corrections to the clerk.

9. Discussion of financials and expenditures for March
The Mayor reported: General Fund Balance 02/29/12 - $122,822.90. Income - $17,902.53 – Expenses - $30,545.53. The council reviewed the six month budget vs. actual budget and this fiscal year six months compared to last fiscal year six month. Money Market - $102,458.07. CD – $52,793.28. Deepwater Horizon - $191,611.04. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income $300,16 – Balance $5,398.70.

10. Discussion of Resolution – US Fish and Wildlife
Councilmember Odess explained that in consideration of the grant funding of $8,300.00 from the US Fish and Wildlife, in return they would like a resolution stating the town would provide maintenance for the wave attenuation system and landscaping.

11. Discussion of Ordinance – Speed Limits
The council members were given a draft ordinance provided by the League of Municipalities setting and possibly changing some speed limits within the town limits. Legal Counsel, Brad Hicks had concerns with some provisions of the ordinance, he will review it and make any legal recommendations that he feels are needed.

12. Discussion – Historic Preservation Commission reappointment
Councilmember Underwood stated that they are recommending Bob Stoddard for reappointment. The Commission is still searching for a new member to take David Lawrence’s place.
13. Discussion of Town Signs
Mayor House stated since the town has its own logo/identity, and the Council has discussed in the past replacing the town signs, that it is time to move forward. The company that did the Outstanding Alabama water has submitted a draft of what the signs could look like, staying in uniformity with the OAW signs. The council will decide whether it should have the established and incorporation date, or just the incorporation date. The signs are sandblasted, 30x96 they will be oval and have a green boarder. The sign cost is $1,600 per sign, but a multi-sign discount of 10% for each additional sign ordered at that time.

14. Discussion – Wetlands project and official name of the site
Mayor House stated that the permit application for the project has been sent to the Corp of Engineers. The Mayor also asked the council to think of a name for the site to be voted on at the next regular meeting. Mayor House said that Councilmember Underwood, at one time suggest Magnolia Landing, which the Mayor thought was a good name for it.

15. Committee reports
Finance: No report
Public Safety: No report
Parks & Recreation: Councilmember Laurendine reported that before the meeting, Councilmember’s Gaar and Odess, Jay Dickson and himself walked down to the Springs to see if Jay could give any advice on stabilizing the bank. Jay said that it will take time to establish itself but the town could plant some native vegetation to help it. It was also suggested to ask the local boy scout troop, if it would help them with any merit badges to do a weed cleanup one day. Councilmember Laurendine will get in touch with the local scout master.
Parks & Recreation: No report
Planning Commission: No report
Historic Preservation: Councilmember Underwood stated the commission is working on signage for the historic district.
Environmental Protection Committee: No report

16. Council, legal counsel and staff comments
No comments

Motion by Councilmember Laurendine, 2nd by Councilmember Underwood to adjourn the workshop. All in favor. Motion carried.

Workshop ended at 8:10 pm

Approved this the 22nd day of May, 2012

Charles S. House – Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk