

July 2, 2012
 Council Workshop
 12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
 Magnolia Springs, Al.
 5:04 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Houser called the workshop to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present – Mayor Charles S. Houser - Council Members: Bob Holk, Rick Odess, Ken Underwood, Brett Gaar and Kenny Laurendine. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel and Legal Counsel – Brad Hicks

3. Invocation and Pledge – led by Mayor Houser.

4. Discussion of minutes – 06/12/12 Special Council Meeting & Workshop and 06/18/12 Regular Council Meeting

There were no corrections noted.

5. Discussion of financials and expenditures for June

The Mayor reported: General Fund Balance 06/30/12 - \$60,286.00. Income - \$14,488.67 – Expenses - \$35,148.08. Money Market – 102,490.21. CD - \$52,959.62. Deepwater Horizon - \$180,119.48. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income \$321.61 – Balance \$6,329.17. Mayor Houser reviewed the Actual vs 9 Month Budget with the council. They went over some figures and the Mayor asked the committee chairs to start thinking about their committee budgets for next year and to get the figures to the clerk. The clerk will draft a budget for the finance committee and council to review for the August workshop to be approved and adopted at the September meeting. Mayor Houser stated that there are two items he would like the council to think about and one is the library, they are looking for a long term commitment from the town. Mayor Houser stated that their rent is \$750.00 per month and suggested budgeting \$9,000.00 and that would cover their rent for one year. It would be an increase from the \$5,000 that was in the budget for last year. The other item is the Community Association and the restoration that they are doing on the building. The Mayor talked about giving the Community Association a one-time funding through a contract agreement. Councilmember Gaar suggested budgeting it through the Historic Preservation Commission as a special project, which the council agreed was as good idea. The Council discussed different avenues to expend the monies to the Community Association such as a rental increase or a contract agreement for the town to use the building when and if needed. Mayor Houser stated that he thought that some where between \$10,000-\$25,000 would be helpful. The council did not voice any problems with \$25,000. Legal counsel will research and recommend an option to the town.

6. Public Comment

No public comment.

7. Discussion – Resolution – Appointing the poll workers

Mayor Houser stated that the clerk has suggested eight citizens to work the polls if the town needs to have a municipal election. The clerk has asked the citizens and they have agreed to be poll works. The clerk added that if any of the Town Council had any other suggestions for poll workers she would be glad to ask them. The Council stated that these citizens were fine. The town must appoint and inspector, at least three other clerks and a couple of alternates. The list of citizens are:

Donna Esslinger	Eric Bigelow	Bob Murphy	Dana Murphy
Joyce Gaar	Reva Hinson	Maybelle Godwin	Ken Johnson

The council's suggestions are:

Donna Esslinger – Inspector	Dana Murphy – Registration List Clerk
Poll List Clerk – Reva Hinson	Ballot Clerk – Joyce Gaar
Provisional Ballot Clerk – Maybelle Godwin	
Three alternates – Eric Bigelow – Bob Murphy – Ken Johnson	

The clerk advised the council that the county pays the workers as follows:

Inspector \$150.00 – Clerks - \$125.00. The workers will be at the polls from 6:30 a.m. until about 7:30-8:00. The resolution will be on the agenda.

8. Discussion - Exempt Garbage Collection

Mayor Houser explained that Pearl Jansen who resides on Highway 98 has applied to the county for garbage pickup exemption. The county has approved the request and is asking for the town's approval because of the contract between the county and town for garbage service. If approved at the regular meeting the clerk will send the letter to Teddy King at the Health Department.

9. Discussion - Permit parking at Bay Street Living Shoreline

Councilmember Odess stated that the project is about 80% complete and wanted to discuss parking at the site. He added that Fish and Wildlife, who are funding part of the project, had asked about parking and Councilmember Odess told them we would provide a couple parking spots. He stated that there are two ways to go, leave it as it is or excluding parking, and if parking becomes an issue then have parking by permit only. Councilmember Odess gave the council a draft copy of an Application for Permit to Park at Bay Street Living Shoreline to review. Councilmember Odess felt that after spending a lot of time in that area and seeing the people that live there and the visitors he is recommending to go with permit parking. He does not want to see a lot of signage stating any dos and don'ts there. Another issue is swimming, does the town want to address it with signage. The council agreed to leave parking as it is and will use signage to designate "use at own risk". Legal counsel recommended that Councilmember Odess bring a draft sign to the next meeting for council approval.

10. Discussion - Fencing across Holly Street

Mayor Houser stated that he has received another complaint about the fence the J.D. West put across Holly Street a few years ago, and now he is parking on the outside of the fence almost blocking access to the house before it. Mayor Houser stated that it is a platted street and there are two properties below Mr. West property. Councilmember Gaar suggested sending a letter to Mr. West to remove the fencing, and see what happens. Legal counsel will draft a letter for the Mayor's approval to send to Mr. West asking him to remove the fence.

11. Committee Reports

Finance: No report

Public Safety: No report

Parks & Recreation: No report

Public Works: Councilmember Gaar reported that he received a proposal from another company for mowing the right-of-ways, and he is \$200.00 lower than what the town is currently paying. Councilmember Gaar also added that the town is very satisfied with Shannon but we need to start doing an annual contract, plus Shannon does other jobs at various prices which will also have to be looked at. Councilmember Gaar did ask Brad if he had anything on the vacating on Jessamine Street, and Brad did state that he review the lawsuit and it looks like the town could move forward with it. Brad stated that a public hearing would be held, we would have to publish notice for four weeks in the paper, post on a bulletin board at the county court house, mail notice to abutting property owners, notice to utility companies, and pass a resolution describing what is being vacated. Councilmember's Gaar and Holk will meet with the property owners and discuss the vacating of a portion of Jessamine.

Planning Commission: No report

Historic Preservation Commission: No report

Environmental Committee: Councilmember Odess reported that a turbidity curtain was purchased for the project at Bay Street and will be stored in the town's storage unit.

7. Council, legal counsel and staff comments

Brad said the Larry Sutley called and wanted to know about the franchise agreement, Councilmember Holk suggested that the town tell them to look at our franchise agreement and let us know what their concerns are. Councilmember Gaar stated that if a franchise agreement can't be worked out then there is no reason to review the sewer specifications. Mayor Houser asked Brad to have the sewer company review the franchise and let the town know what their concerns are.

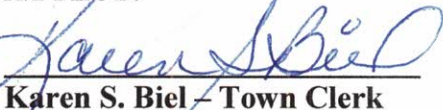
Workshop ended at 7:30 pm

Approved this the 20th day of August, 2012



Charles S. Houser - Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen S. Biel - Town Clerk