February 6, 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. **Discussion of minutes – 1/10/12 Workshop and 1/24/12 Regular Meeting**
   There were no corrections or additions.

5. **Discussion of financials and expenditures for December**
   The Mayor Pro Temp reported: General Fund Balance 01/31/12 - $132,920.61 – Loan (turn lane) balance is $35,367.00, paid down $16,000.00 in less than a year. Ad valorem tax to date is $46,500, the town budgeted $55,000. Income - $60,301.20 – Expenses - $19,029.50. Money Market - $102,406.44. CD - $52,793.28. Deepwater Horizon - $191,514.48. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income $307.80 – Balance $4,882.24.

6. **Guest Speaker – Randy Davis and Jay Dickson – Volkert Engineering**
   Mr. Davis and Mr. Dickson gave a short presentation on a traffic calming plan for Magnolia Springs Hwy, which included: narrowing the lanes on Hwy 49, a mini traffic circle at Oak St. and Hwy 49, traffic islands, lighting, landscaping and also adding a left hand turn lane at Hwy 98. Also discussed was narrowing the lanes on the bridge to accommodate a walking and/or bicycle lane on both sides. The cost of the project could be around a million dollars, but it can be completed in phases. Volkert will be researching the possibility of grant monies and it could take a couple of years to go through the grant process. Mr. Davis and Mr. Dickson will be drafting some plans for the Town to look, with phasing the project that could be cost effective for the town.

7. **Public Comment**
   Patrick Showalter – addressed the council about his concerns with the speeding on Pecan Grove, he stated the speed limit is 25 mph and it is not observed. He suggested to the council to add stops signs at Cougill and Short or installing some speed bumps. Mr. Showalter stated that he has been hit twice while jogging on Pecan Grove. Councilmember Gaar stated that stops signs are for traffic control, and not to slow traffic down, because once they stop they will speed up to compensate for that stop. Councilmember Gaar asked Mr. Davis his thoughts on speed tables and he stated that he liked tables better than the speed bumps. Councilmember Gaar will research the cost of installing two speed tables on Pecan Grove and discuss it with the committee, and then make a recommendation to the council. Mr. Showalter add that the deputy’s presence would help a lot and suggested he be there from 7:30 – 8:30 am for traffic going north and 4:30 – 6:00 pm for traffic going south.

8. **Discussion – Planning Commission appointment – Ben Dykema**
   Mayor Houser stated that the Planning Commission has a vacant seat with the resignation of Jessica Yarbrough and the commission members voted to recommend to the Town Council the appointment of Ben Dykema to fill the unexpired term.

9. **Discussion – Historic Preservation Commission appointment**
   Councilmember Underwood stated that Bob Stoddard’s term is about to expire and he has agreed to serve another term. He also added that David Lawrence is resigning and they are talking about Mary Klaas taking the seat but have not spoken to her yet.
10. Discussion – Rezoning Ordinance – Sherman Property
Mayor Houser stated that the first reading of the ordinance was at last month's meeting and asked if there was any discussion on it, there was no discussion.

11. Committee reports
Finance: No report
Public Safety: No report
Parks & Recreation: No report
Public Works: Councilmember Gaar reported that two proposals were received for the paving on Bay and Jessamine, and we have received responses from the residents that it looks like they are in favor of the paving. Councilmember Underwood has some concerns about the drainage on Bay Street; Councilmember Gaar is going to ask Tom Granger to review his concerns before moving forward with the paving on Bay Street.
Planning Commission: No report
Historic Preservation: Councilmember Underwood stated that he received notification that the town is now a National Registry Historic District, and the Alabama Historical Commission will draft up a press release. The commission will be working on a design to be recommended to the Town Council for approval, on signs for entering the historic district.
Environmental Protection Committee: No report

14. Council, legal counsel and staff comments
Workshop ended at 6:35 pm

Approved this the 19th day of March, 2012

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Charles S. Houser – Mayor

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Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk