February 13, 2018
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, Al.
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:
Mayor, Bob Holk, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:
Members present: Mayor, Bob Holk and Council Members: Dotty Johnson, Steve Mobley, Marley Gardner, Nick Shields and Ben Dykema. Also present: Town Clerk, Karen S. Biel and Assistant Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White

3. Invocation and Pledge: – Mayor, Bob Holk

4. Discussion of Minutes: January 2018
Workshop Meeting – 01/09/2018
Regular Meeting – 01/23/2018
No changes discussed. Mayor, Bob Holk, asked council to contact Town Clerk, Karen Biel or Assistant Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White for changes.

5. Discussion of Financials and Expenditures: January 2018
Mayor, Bob Holk, noted an increase in the sales and use tax and ad valorem tax. Councilmember, Dotty Johnson, asked if we are close to budget. Town Clerk, Karen Biel, commented she would have report at next council meeting.

6. Deputy, Greg Smith, Monthly Report:
Deputy, Greg Smith, reported 141 traffic stops, 72 citations, 52 warnings, and 17 verbal. He reported there were 5 arrests off traffic stops and no on view arrests. Councilmember, Nick Shields, asked, Deputy, Greg Smith the difference between a verbal and written warning. Deputy, Greg Smith noted the verbal warning is not seen in system and the written warning is entered into system. Councilmember, Nick Shields, asked, Deputy, Greg Smith for a total on traffic stops from last year. Deputy, Greg Smith reported 2116 stops county wide and estimated 1400 within Magnolia Springs. Mayor, Bob Holk, thanked Deputy, Greg Smith, for report.

7. Public Comment:
No public comment.

8. Discussion - Resolution No. 2018-XX - Contractual Agreement with United Way:
Mayor Bob Holk, discussed with council Resolution No. 2018-XX a contractual agreement with United Way of Baldwin County. Resolution will authorize the Mayor to enter into a contractual agreement with United Way of Baldwin County to provide the sum of $500.00 toward funding of the fiscal year 2018/2019. Mayor, Bob Holk, asked council to review resolution.

9. Discussion - Proclamation - National Safe Boating Week:
Mayor, Bob Holk, discussed with council the proclamation on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 36, of Fairhope, Alabama to proclaim "National Safe Boating Week" from May 19, 2018 through May 25, 2018. Mayor, Bob Holk, asked the council to review proclamation.

10. Committee-Commission Reports:
Finance Committee: Mayor, Bob Holk, reported Finance Committee did not meet. Mayor, Bob Holk, had additional comments to report. Mayor, Bob Holk, commented he had not heard back from Baldwin County School Superintendent, Eddie Tyler, reference setup of proposed meeting about school property. Mayor, Bob Holk, is going to send out another letter to Eddie Tyler requesting meeting reference school property. Mayor, Bob Holk, informed council the Frances Cleverdon case has been settled out of court.
Public Works/Safety: Mayor, Bob Holk, commented that Andrew Carpenter with Mosquito Control came to talk with us a couple of months ago. He is going to submit a revised proposal for the Town of
Magnolia Springs. He would like to meet with us at next council meeting. Councilmember Johnson, inquired on mosquito product utilized for town last year. Town Clerk, Karen Biel, commented we purchased mosquito product from the county with funding provided and still have inventory. Mayor, Bob Holk, commented the county would not provide mosquito spraying this year. Mayor, Bob Holk, commented we will provide mosquito spraying only within town limits.

Public Lands/Beautification: Councilmember, Ben Dykema reported Public Lands & Beautification Committee had a meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018. Council members, Steve Mobley and Ben Dykema were in attendance. Council members, Steve Mobley and Ben Dykema picked up trash at Magnolia Landing and on Bay Street. Councilmember Ben Dykema, has requested Jenny Opal White order a trash can to be placed at Magnolia Landing. Mayor, Bob Holk, and Councilmember Ben Dykema, have met with an expert at Weeks Bay, Yael Girard, Executive Director on invasive species removal. The Town of Magnolia Springs could contract with Weeks Bay and they would teach us how to control invasive species.

Tree & Streetscape - Councilmember Nick Shields, reported there was a meeting on February 7, 2018. Nick Shields and Terry Underwood were in attendance at meeting. No Quorum. Councilmember Nick Shields, commented there’s a dead tree on Oak Street. Mayor, Bob Holk, reminded everyone of Arbor Day on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Public Relations: - Councilmember, Marley Gardner reported no meeting.

11. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments
Legal Counsel, Brad Hicks, not present, no report.
Mayor, Bob Holk, asked Town Clerk, Karen Biel, to give report on Jenny Opal White training. She commented Jenny is doing great. She recommended appointing Jenny Opal White as Town Clerk at next council meeting with start date of March 5, 2018. Mayor, Bob Holk, commented to council Karen Biel would be available on a call basis as contract labor. Mayor, Bob Holk, asked council to consider. Mayor, Bob Holk, noted a resolution would be required to name new Town Clerk.

12. Any Other Business That Might Come Before the Meeting
Mayor, Bob Holk, discussed appeal letter dated February 6, 2018 from Lolly Turner, Board Chairperson of the Magnolia Springs Public Library. The appeal letter addressed our previous librarian’s resignation of November 2017 with the balance of her budgeted salary in budget for fiscal year. The new Librarian Director, Elise Nodar began on January 4, 2018. The Library Board wanted to know about the remaining funds budgeted, and if they could utilize remainder of funds for new Librarian Director, Elise Nodar. The Library Board was unable to answer question and appealed for answer. Mayor, Bob Holk, will respond back to the Library Board that our town has to retain funds. The Town of Magnolia Springs is unable to accommodate the Library Board’s request.

Mayor, Bob Holk, discussed an ordinance reviewed last year reference revising the maximum speed limit of 25 mph on all streets within the town limits of the Town of Magnolia Springs. Mayor, Bob Holk, commented golf cart ordinance would need to be reviewed if speed limit changes. Mayor, Bob Holk, would like to know if the council wants to proceed with the maximum speed limit ordinance or leave the same. Deputy, Greg Smith, was not in favor of changing Hwy 49 and recommended change to Old Marlow and Gates that are used as a cut through roads. Councilmember, Dotty Johnson, would like to leave Hwy 49 and change Gates. Mayor Bob Holk, asked Karen Biel, Town Clerk, if we need to advertise. She commented we do not need to advertise. She commented ordinance as written covers all streets in town. Mayor, Bob Holk, would like on agenda for discussion at next council meeting for public input. He commented we may have to make adjustments reference certain roads on ordinance. Councilmember, Nick Shields, will review speed limit ordinance with Village Green residents reference their opinion. Councilmember, Nick Shields also suggested a three way stop at Village Green. Deputy, Greg Smith, opinion was not in favor of the three way stop. Mayor, Bob Holk, commented Baldwin County would not put three way stop on Hwy 26. Councilmember, Ben Dykema, commented on hazard entry from Van Wezell Lane onto Magnolia Springs Hwy. Councilmember, Marley Gardner, suggested a sign reference road. Councilmember, Steve Mobley, informed council of a recent sign he saw in Alabama with flashing lights as caution on speed. Councilmember, Marley Gardner, had question on integrity of bridge with large trucks. Mayor, Bob Holk, commented bridge has been discussed previously and has a lifetime design and is acceptable. Mayor, Bob Holk, commented Baldwin County Engineering has reviewed bridge. Mayor, Bob Holk, asked, Jenny Opal White, Assistant Town Clerk to email ordinance to the council for review before our next council meeting.

Mayor, Bob Holk, announced “Karen Biel’s Retirement Reception” to honor her service on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Mayor, Bob Holk, asked, council members to feel out their 2017 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) forms by April 30, 2018 with the Alabama Ethics Commission.
Mayor, Bob Holk wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

13. Public Comment
No public comment.

14. Adjourn
Meeting ended at 5:40 p.m.
Motion by Councilmember, Dotty Johnson, 2nd by Councilmember, Steve Mobley to adjourn meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved this 27th day of March, 2018

Bob Holk – Mayor

ATTEST:

Jenny Opal White – Town Clerk