March 13, 2018
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, AL 36555
5:00 P.M.

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

2. Roll Call:
Present: Mayor, Bob Holk; Councilmember, Dotty Johnson; Councilmember, Steve Mobley; Councilmember, Marley Gardner; Councilmember, Nick Shields; and Councilmember, Ben Dykema.
Also present: Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White, Town Attorney, Brad Hicks, and Fire Chief, Kaylan Driskell

3. Invocation and Pledge: Mayor, Bob Holk gave invocation and led pledge.

4. Presentation: Weeks Bay Watershed
Mr. Larry Morris, Weeks Bay Watershed Coordinator and Mr. Ronnie Northcutt, The Baldwin County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) gave presentation on "The Future of Our Watersheds". Mr. Morris discussed developing partnerships with municipalities through Baldwin County. Mr. Northcutt discussed the opening of the position of Watershed Management Coordinator for Baldwin County. This position will oversee all aspects of the Watershed Plan implementation in Baldwin County. Baldwin County and the Municipalities are contributing funding for this position.
Councilmember, Ben Dykema, noted importance of contribution in partnership. Mayor, Bob Holk, thanked Mr. Morris and Mr. Northcutt for presentation. Mayor, Bob Holk, mentioned the Council would review contributing to the partnership.

5. Discussion of Minutes: February 2018
Workshop Meeting – 02/13/2018
Regular Council Meeting – 02/27/2018
No changes discussed. Councilmember, Nick Shields commended, Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White on minutes. Mayor, Bob Holk, asked Council to contact Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White for additions, deletions, and/or changes.

6. Discussion of Financials and Expenditures: February 2018
Mayor, Bob Holk reported balances as of 02/28/2018.
General Fund - $116,912.72
Income - $40,126.54
Expenses - $26,971.90
Tiered Money Market – $454,416.50
Capital Improvement Fund - $7,118.33
CD - $54,614.60
Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income $305.30
Balance $24,799.44

Councilmember, Nick Shields, inquired on transferring funds from Special Revenue 4, 5 & 7¢ Gas Tax to higher interest account. Mayor, Bob Holk, noted this account is designated for roads. Mayor, Bob Holk, commented on motion approved last month to transfer $25,000.00 from the General Funds Account to the Tier Money Market. Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White, confirmed transfer of $25,000.00 on March 6, 2018 from the General Fund Account to the Tier Money Market.

Deputy, Greg Smith, reported 71 traffic stops, 27 citations, 33 warnings, and 11 verbal. He reported no arrests off traffic stops or view arrests. Deputy, Smith, informed Council he was involved in an incident at Barnwell. Councilmember, Nick Shields, commented he was glad Deputy, Greg Smith, and other support were ok. Mayor, Bob Holk, said, he was glad Deputy, Smith, was ok, and thanked him.

8. Public Comment:
No public comment.
9. Discussion: Safe Span, L.L.C. Agreement
Mayor Bob Holk, discussed, the Safe Span, L.L.C. proposal for inspection on our bridge totaling $1,900.00. **Town Attorney, Brad Hicks**, asked Mayor, Bob Holk, if we had a contract with Safe Span, L.L.C. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, commented, we do this inspection every two (2) years. **Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White**, commented, she would review the file. **Councilmember, Dotty Johnson**, asked is this was the same contractor we used on prior inspections. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, commented yes. **Town Attorney, Brad Hicks**, noted amount is under bid amount. **Town Attorney, Brad Hicks**, asked, **Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White**, to obtain a contract if there wasn’t one on file with Safe Span, L.L.C.

10. Discussion: EMT/Firefighter Position
**Councilmember, Nick Shields**, discussed the Town of Magnolia Springs looking at a full-time EMT/Firefighter position. The Town currently relies on the Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department with volunteers. **Councilmember, Dotty Johnson**, asked, if smaller towns in Baldwin County have employed a full-time EMT/Firefighter. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, doesn’t know of any within Baldwin County. **Janet Paarlberg, Resident**, commented, when her father fell it would have been nice to have a full-time EMT/Firefighter on board. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, commented he has been a Volunteer Firefighter for over forty (40) years and this has always been a problem with daytime support on calls. **Mayor, Bob Holk** commented we’re looking at putting a full-time maintenance position on board that has EMT/Firefighter skills. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, noted we need to address the need for the position. **Councilmember, Steve Mobley**, commented, on the aging community’s safety. **Councilmember, Marley Gardner**, asked, Fire Chief, Kaylan Driskell, if all Volunteer Firefighters are EMTs. **Fire Chief, Kaylan Driskell**, commented they have thirty-three (33) Volunteer Firefighters. He noted approximately twelve (12) are EMTs. **Town Attorney, Brad Hicks**, inquired on cooperative agreements with other Fire Departments. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, commented we rely on the Foley Fire Department primarily. **Councilmember Dotty Johnson**, discussed MedStar utilizing the Volunteer Fire Department. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, said, we have reviewed. **Councilmember, Nick Shields**, asked, **Fire Chief, Kaylan Driskell**, to forward the Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department document to the **Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White** for distribution to Council. **Councilmember, Ben Dykema**, commented we would benefit if the maintenance position had Firefighter and EMT skills. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, commented, Leroy Weeks, last day of employment is March 30, 2018. **Town Attorney, Brad Hicks**, asked if the Volunteer Fire Department receives Ad Valorem Revenue. **Mayor Bob Holk**, commented we can not utilize Ad Valorem Revenue on salaries. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, noted the Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department does a annual membership drive each year for funding.

**Councilmember, Dotty Johnson**, inquired on what happens if there is no answer at Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department. **Fire Chief, Kaylan Driskell**, commented to first call 911. There is mutual aid between Bon Secour and Marlow that would support the call. **Fire Chief, Kaylan Driskell**, commented the Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department provides assistance to MedStar. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, noted that **Councilmember, Steve Mobley**, **Councilmember, Nick Shields**, and himself are on the board. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, asked, Council how they would like to proceed. **Councilmember, Ben Dykema**, commented we need to go to the Finance Committee to see funding available for position. **Fire Chief, Kaylan Driskell**, discussed the municipality of Fairhope’s Volunteer Fire Department structure as a reference. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, moved discussion of the Firefighter/EMT position to the next Public Works and Public Safety Committee on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

11. Discussion: Ordinance No. 2018-XX - Revise Speed Limits on Streets within the Town Limits of the Town of Magnolia Springs
**Mayor, Bob Holk**, discussed Ordinance No. 2018-XX to revise speed limits on streets within the town limits of the Town of Magnolia Springs. **Councilmember Nick Shields**, asked, why Ordinance No. 2016-XX was not adopted? **Councilmember, Ben Dykema**, commented speed tables were installed. **Deputy, Greg Smith**, commented the speed tables slow traffic down. **Councilmember, Dotty Johnson**, discussed, Ms. Elizabeth Ramsey, email, dated, March 11, 2018, reference the speed limit of 15 mph on Oak Street. Ms. Ramsey noted she would like the speed limit increased to 25 mph on Oak Street. **Councilmember, Nick Shields**, commented change in speed limit to 15 mph was changed two (2) years ago. **Mayor, Bob Holk**, discussed 25 mph is fast with kids playing on Oak Street. **Councilmember, Nick Shields**, commented he felt 15 mph is safe with neighborhood kids on street. **Janet Paarlberg, Resident**, was in favor of Gates at 25 mph. **Mayor Bob Holk**, commented we’re in consensus of changing Gates Street from 35 mph to 25 mph. Old Marlow Road is within Town Limits and County. **Councilmember Nick Shields**, commented Baldwin County would work with Town of Magnolia Springs on change in speed limit. Janet Paarlberg, Resident, stressed the importance of a warning sign across Hwy 49 crosswalks. **Deputy, Greg Smith**, reconsidered 30 mph
on speed limit on Hwy. 49/Magnolia Springs Hwy. **Councilmember, Nick Shields,** commented changing to 30 mph would keep golf carts off Hwy 49/Magnolia Springs Hwy. **Mayor, Bob Holk,** commented we have options discussed at 25, 30, or leave 35 mph and change request to change Gates Ave. **Councilmember, Dotty Johnson,** commented her neighbors would like the speed limit to remain the same. She tried to lower speed on Hwy 49/Magnolia Springs Hwy. and reported it was rather difficult. **Deputy, Greg Smith,** commented there is an issue on last speed bump to Hwy. 26. **Councilmember, Dotty Johnson,** is in favor of changing Gates Ave. to 25 mph and leave Hwy 49/Magnolia Springs Hwy at 35 mph. **Mayor, Bob Holk,** asked Council for direction. **Mayor, Bob Holk,** noted we would need to advertise with public hearing. **Town Attorney, Brad Hicks,** will review minutes from prior change on Oak Street, and follow back up at next meeting. **Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White,** will research minutes. **Councilmember, Marley Gardner,** asked about restricting 18 wheelers. **Town Attorney, Brad Hicks,** said, we have researched, and can't restrict eighteen wheelers. **Mayor, Bob Holk,** reviewed, changes Council discussed.

- Oak Street - from Magnolia Springs Highway to Pecan Grove 15 mph
- Gates Avenue - from Old Marlow Road to Magnolia Springs Highway 25 mph
- Oak Street to Pecan to Woodland 15 mph

12. Committee-Commission Reports:
   - **Finance Committee:** Mayor, Bob Holk, reported Finance Committee did not meet.
   - **Public Works/Safety:** Mayor, Bob Holk, reported Leroy Weeks last day of employment is March 30, 2018. The mosquito contract is ready for approval. **Town Attorney, Brad Hicks,** has approved with changes. Mayor, Bob Holk, working with Bryan Shutt on project list for Town maintenance. **Mayor, Bob Holk,** has not met with Mr. Brett Garr of Volkert on Short Street and Live Oak. **Mayor, Bob Holk,** planning to meet with them this week.
   - **Public Lands/Beautification:** Councilmember, Ben Dykema, reported they did not meet. Councilmember, Ben Dykema, reported trashcan has been installed at Magnolia Landing. Councilmember, Ben Dykema, noted elephant ears are growing on Bay Street and need maintenance. Councilmember, Ben Dykema, reported **Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White,** working with Baldwin County on debris pile pickup at Springs.
   - **Tree & Streetscape:** Councilmember Nick Shields, reported the Tree & Streetscape did meet. Councilmember, Nick Shields, reported dead oak tree on Oak Street. He commented Terry Underwood was going to review tree.
   - **Public Relations:** Councilmember, Marley Gardner, reported Public Relations did not meet. Councilmember, Marley Gardner, reported Public Relations is working on new Town Email Program, thru, "MailChimp". **Town Clerk, Jenny Opal White,** has received program. She is working on implementing program.

13. **Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments**
   - Councilmember, Steve Mobley, reported site with dug out ditch off Hwy 49 with flow of water by bridge. **Mayor Bob Holk,** has reviewed site and reported the elevation fell. Resident wanted to scrape off dirt and divert flow of water and buildup dirt on east of resident property. **Mayor, Bob Holk,** gave him the 811 number on digging. **Councilmember, Dotty Johnson,** inquired on school board meeting with Baldwin County Superintendent, Mr. Eddie Tyler. **Mayor Bob Holk,** responded he spoke with Mr. Eddie Tyler at recent meeting with municipal officials, and commented he hasn't forgot about us. **Councilmember, Steve Mobley,** discussed upcoming Leadership Day at Magnolia School on April 6, 2018. **Councilmember, Steve Mobley,** asked about trimming limbs next to Waste Container. **Town Attorney, Brad Hicks,** said we can cut limbs back if on the right of way. **Mayor, Bob Holk,** will review request with Steve Mobley and have maintenance address.

14. **Any Other Business That Might Come Before the Meeting**
No further business discussed.

15. **Public Comment**
No public comment.

16. **Adjourn**
Meeting ended at 6:39 p.m.
Motion by Councilmember, Dotty Johnson, 2nd by Councilmember, Steve Mobley to adjourn meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.