

April 12, 2022  
 Council Workshop  
 12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.  
 Magnolia Springs, Alabama 36555

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Kim Koniar called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Kim Koniar; Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields;  
 Councilmember Andrew Monaghan; Councilmember Steve Mobley;  
 Councilmember Ross Houser; Councilmember Bob Turner.  
 Also, present: Town Clerk Hannah Driskell.

3. Invocation and Pledge:

Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields led invocation and pledge.

4. Council Minutes – March 2022:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council to review the minutes from the Council Workshop, March 8, 2022, Special Council Meeting, March 8, 2022, Town Meeting, March 18, 2022, and Regular Council Meeting, March 22, 2022. Mayor Koniar asked for changes to be submitted to the Clerk's Office.

5. Deputy Derek Boone – Monthly Report:

Deputy Derek Boone was not present to give his March monthly report. Town Clerk, Hannah Driskell, noted that Deputy Boone addressed speeding complaints on Oak Street by running stationary radar over several days and hours. Deputy Boone radared approximately 100 vehicles and stopped two for speeding. Most vehicles were driving well below the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that Deputy Boone had been promoted and will be leaving Magnolia Springs as the assigned deputy. Town Clerk, Hannah Driskell, stated that the new deputy will take over from Deputy Boone at the end of the school year in May since the new assigned deputy is currently a school resource officer.

6. Shari Woody, FEMA Coordinator, Hurricane Sally Update:

Shari Woody gave a Hurricane Sally update. Ms. Woody noted that she spoke with Alabama Emergency Management Agency and discussed the status of the reimbursement amounts that the Town should be receiving in the next few weeks. Ms. Woody discussed the appeal for the arboretum damages have been received but AEMA is backlogged, and it could be a while before the Town is notified of any changes to the appeal. Ms. Woody discussed that Congress has passed legislation which will increase the amount that FEMA will reimburse from 75% to 90%. The AEMA is currently processing the changes to the reimbursement for all disasters, and it could be some time before the Town receives the additional funds. Mayor Kim Koniar stated she would like to meet with Shari soon to get the final financial numbers from Hurricane Sally.

7. Public Comment:

Rod Koberg – Rod Koberg, resident of Magnolia Springs, inquired about the traffic light at US Highway 98 and Magnolia Springs Highway. Mr. Koberg is concerned that drivers would avoid the traffic light and cut through Town on Pecan Grove Street to Oak Street and a potential increase in traffic through residential areas. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Council could perform a traffic study once the traffic light is installed if an increase in traffic down Oak Street is noted.

8. Resolutions:

- Resolution No. 2022-09 – Increase in Librarian's Hours with the Friends of the Magnolia Springs Public Library to Reimburse the Town for the Additional Six Hours Per Week – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Council will vote on this resolution at the Special Council Meeting immediately following the Council Workshop. Town Clerk Hannah Driskell recommended for the Council to not vote on this resolution due to the Friends of the Magnolia Springs Public Library and the Town does not have a written agreement prepared.

- Resolution No. 2022-10 – Library Bank Account Signatories – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Magnolia Springs Public Library Board would like the Town to handle the financials for the library and wanted the Town to operate the library's account like other Town bank accounts. Mayor Koniar noted that the Council will vote on this resolution at the Special Council Meeting immediately following the Council Workshop.
- Resolution No. 2022-11 – Historic Preservation Commission Appointments – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that some terms have expired. Mayor Koniar asked to verify the members currently serving on the Commission would like to be reappointed.
- Resolution No. 2022-12 – Board of Adjustment Appointments – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that some terms have expired. Mayor Koniar asked to verify the members currently serving on the Commission would like to be reappointed.
- Resolution No. 2022-13 – “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Town usually passes the “Back to School” Sales Tax Holiday and the Council will vote at the April Regular Council Meeting.

9. Discussion:

- Arboretum – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that after discussing with an engineer, that most sidewalks with pavers have a concrete underlayment to keep the pavers from moving. Mayor Koniar asked for at least three estimates to be presented to Council at the next Regular Council Meeting.
- BCSS Franchise Agreement – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that an additional resident on Cotton Stocking Lane would like to be preapproved for sewer. Mayor Koniar asked for the resident to wait until the new ordinance and franchise fees are in place. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan is concerned about the amount of time for the Town to review applications and to increase the time to a week instead of 48 hours. Town Clerk, Hannah Driskell, presented the results of a survey that was collected asking residents if they were interested in sewer service for their residence if it was available. Councilmember Bob Turner will reach out to Town Engineer, Richard Peterson, who is drafting the sewer ordinance and franchise agreement on the progress. Councilmember Turner noted that the original sewer ordinance that the Town Council adopted in 2008 was dated and needed to be updated with the latest engineering standards.
- No Thru Trucks – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the definitions needed to be clarified in the ordinance that Town Attorney, Brad Hicks, drafted and sent to Council.
- Code Enforcement Officer – Councilmember Bob Turner conducted research on what other municipalities do for a code enforcement officer. Councilmember Turner noted that other municipalities require their code enforcement officers to review applications, work with property owners on violations, inspect and reinspect violations and verify permits.
- Other Sources of Revenue – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Town does not have a tobacco tax. Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields will research approximately how many tobacco products are sold within the Town. Council discussed a lodgings tax and what the potential tax revenue could be.
- Employee Handbook – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that there are some holidays that the Town does not observe that other municipalities and county governments do observe. Council discussed changing the holidays for employees. Council discussed hurricane days and how to pay employees who are told to stay home.
- Mark Wright & Holly Avenue Easement – Mayor Kim Koniar discussed that Mark Wright, who recently purchased a parcel of property off Magnolia Street, that now has an easement between two parcels of property, landlocking one parcel. Mr. Wright has a temporary easement with the neighboring property owner to gain access to his property currently, which terminates in 18 months.

10. Committee/Commission Reports:

- Ad Hoc Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar, Chairman, stated that the Ad Hoc Committee has not met.
- Finance & Audit Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar, Chairman, stated that the Finance & Audit Committee has not met.

- Public Works, Lands & Safety Committee, Steve Mobley, Chairman – Councilmember Steve Mobley stated the Public Works, Lands & Safety Committee has not met. Councilmember Mobley stated has contacted multiple contractors to remove stumps and level the Gates Avenue Town lot with only one contractor providing an estimate. Councilmember Mobley will reach out to another local contractor for an estimate.
- Tree & Streetscape Committee, Nick Shields, Chairman – Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields stated that the Tree & Streetscape Committee did not meet. Mayor Pro Tempore Shields stated the committee reviewed an application, but it did not require a decision by the committee.

11. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell stated that she will be attending the Municipal Clerk’s Training the last week of April and will be out of the Office. Assistant Town Clerk, Margy Ruhe-Spencer will be in the office during her absence.

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that Town Hall will be closed on Friday, April 15 for the Good Friday Holiday.

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that Statement of Economic Interests for the Council are due on April 30, and she will be contacting councilmembers who have not completed their forms.

13. Adjourn:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked for motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bob Turner made motion to adjourn. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Approved this 24th day of May 2022.

  
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Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk



