

March 22, 2022  
 Regular Council Meeting  
 12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.  
 Magnolia Springs, Alabama 36555

1. Call to Order:  
 Mayor Kim Koniar called 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 Bob Turner; Councilmember Ross Houser.  
 Also, present: Town Clerk Hannah Driskell.
3. Invocation and Pledge:  
 Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields led the invocation and pledge.
4. Approval of Council Minutes, February 2022:  
 Mayor Kim Koniar asked for approval of minutes for Council Workshop, February 8, 2022, and Regular Council Meeting, February 22, 2022. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan made motion to approve minutes as presented. Second, by Councilmember Bob Turner. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Financials and Expenditures, February 2022:  
 Mayor Kim Koniar asked for a motion to approve the February 2022 Financials and Expenditures. Mayor Koniar asked for a Profit and Loss versus Budget report to be included in the package for the April Regular Council Meeting. Councilmember Steve Mobley made motion to approve February Financials and Expenditures. Second, by Councilmember Bob Turner. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment:  
Buster Slay – Mr. Slay stated that he noticed that in some other municipalities, they give businesses stickers to place on their vehicles to assist the Code Enforcement Officer with verifying that businesses were licensed.  
Quentin Johnson – Mr. Johnson noted that the Town Meeting that the Town hosted regarding Septic and Sewer systems was very informative. Mr. Johnson inquired about what the franchise agreement would do.
7. Resolutions:
  - Resolution No. 2022-07 – Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Volkert, Inc., for Engineering Services to Update the 2009 Drainage Plan – Andrew James with Volkert, Inc. noted that he will be scheduling a meeting with the mayor and other officials to discuss the execution of the study and what models to use. Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields made motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-07. Second, by Councilmember Bob Turner. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - Resolution No. 2022-08 – Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Mobile Baykeeper to Conduct Bacteriological Testing – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the agreement is the same as last year. The Council discussed adding additional testing sites and testing for additional bacteria. Councilmember Bob Turner made motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-08. Second, by Ross Houser. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Discussion:
  - BCSS Franchise Agreement – Councilmember Bob Turner noted that Richard Peterson, Town Engineer, is working on an ordinance to amend the current sewer specification ordinance. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan noted that he has not heard opposition for the Town to make an agreement with Baldwin County Sewer Service and all the concerns of Oak Street and the Magnolia River would be addressed in the ordinance. Council discussed creating a memorandum of understanding with Baldwin County Sewer Service to allow residents in emergency situations to have the ability to connect to sewer while the Town is moving forward with the franchise agreement and sewer ordinance. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan and Councilmember Bob Turner will meet with Baldwin County Sewer Service to discuss a memorandum of understanding. Mayor Kim Koniar was concerned with what happens to a septic tank after someone hooks up to sewer. Mayor Koniar suggested creating an online survey for residents to take to determine where the need is and gauge the interest of the Town in connecting.



- Arboretum – Councilmember Bob Turner stated he has not received all the updated estimates back. Council discussed what material to repair the walkway that would be ADA compliant and low maintenance cost. The Garden Club would like to start working in the Arboretum and open it soon. Town Clerk Hannah Driskell will reach out to Shari Woody, FEMA Coordinator to get documentation on what FEMA prefers.
- League of Municipalities Voting Delegates – Mayor Kim Koniar discussed the League of Municipalities and the board meeting that takes place in May in Tuscaloosa. Council discussed that no councilmember would be able to attend. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that she could be the first delegate but may not be able to attend either.
- Magnolia Springs Public Library – Mayor Kim Koniar discussed that a separate IRS tax number has been set up for the Friends of the Magnolia Springs Public Library and \$10,000.00 has been donated to the library to pay for the library director’s additional hours per week until the start of the new fiscal year. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the library director’s new hours started this week.
- No Thru Trucks – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that legal counsel has sent over a new No Thru Trucks proposed ordinance for Council to review. The Town Attorney is researching the court system process.
- Lodgings Tax – Mayor Kim Koniar discussed with Council adding a lodging’s tax and the amount of revenue that would result because of passing such ordinance. Mayor Koniar asked that data be collected and presented at the next meeting.
- Code Enforcement Officer – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that a code enforcement officer is needed in Magnolia Springs to make sure ordinances are being followed. Councilmember Ross Houser noted that a code enforcement officer would be able to help with reviewing land use certificates and land disturbance permits when they are submitted. Councilmember Bob Turner will gather information from other municipalities and how they established their code enforcement.
- Reappointments – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that Historic Preservation Commission and Board of Adjustment has multiple positions that will be up for reappointment in April. Mayor Koniar asked for notice to be posted to accept letters for interest for both boards. Mayor Koniar asked for Town Clerk Hannah Driskell to research for minutes and resolutions where members were appointed.
- Dock Security – Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council about getting the Sheriff’s Office to patrol the five docks on weekends during the summer. Deputy Derek Boone discussed the previous summer’s dock security and the issues that were noted the year before. Deputy Boone noted that deputies ask people to move before writing a citation and most people will move without having a citation. Deputy Boone noted that deputies will write citations for other things while they are in Town. The dock security will be every weekend and holiday from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

9. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell reported that the Clerk’s Office has 417 business licenses in 2022, 16 Land Use Certificates have been processed in 2022 with 7 in March. Statement of Economic Interests are due April 30, 2022.

Mayor Kim Koniar discussed adding banners along highway 98. Town Clerk Hannah Driskell discussed a potential design with the Council.

Councilmember Andrew Monaghan inquired about when the stoplight at US Highway 98 and Magnolia Springs Highway. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the stoplight will be installed when Dollar General is close to completion.

Councilmember Ross Houser discussed an expired land use certificate that a property owner received. Mayor Koniar noted that all land use certificates expire after six months and the notice that was posted was to notify the property owner that a new Land Use Certificate would need to be applied for.

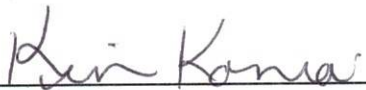
10. Any Other Business That Might Come Before the Meeting:

No other business that might come before the meeting.


11. Adjourn:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked for motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bob Turner made motion to adjourn. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Approved this 26th day of April 2022.

  
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Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk

