

February 8, 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 – January 2022:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council to review the minutes from the Council Workshop, January 11, 2022, and Regular Council Meeting, January 25, 2022. Mayor Koniar asked for changes to be submitted to the Clerk's Office.

5. Deputy Derek Boone – Monthly Report:

Deputy Derek Boone gave his January monthly report.

Arrests: 6

Reports: 5

Traffic Stops: 45

UTC: 14

Written Warnings: 40

Verbal Warnings: 1

Deputy Boone stated that the Town's Maintenance Worker, Mike, had found a handgun off the side of the boardwalk at Magnolia Landing and turned it into deputies.

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

Shari Woody, the Town's FEMA Coordinator, gave an update on Hurricane Sally. Shari noted that the work on Cotton Stocking Lane to remove debris from the ditch was completed. H&W Services will complete the work on Bay Street once lines have been located. Shari noted that she has been in contact with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency regarding the debris removal reimbursement. Shari stated that the Town will be issued a check for \$591,900.57 this week. Andrew James sent the proposal for the drainage study and will be attending the Regular Council Meeting to present the proposal to the Council and be available for questions. Shari discussed that the Magnolia Springs citizen that applied for a grant to elevate their home. Shari noted that the grant is still pending. Shari discussed that the Arboretum project is still in the appeal process.

7. Public Comment:

Bob Holk – Bob Holk, resident of Magnolia Springs, discussed his concerns regarding sewer hook-up in Magnolia Springs. Mr. Holk noted that sewer would be beneficial to the Town. Mr. Holk discussed the history of sewer in Magnolia Springs and encouraged the Town Council to allow sewer to come into the Town.

Tommy Rachel – Tommy Rachel, property owner of Magnolia Springs, discussed previous conversations regarding BCSS franchise agreement negotiations. Mr. Rachel discussed his concerns regarding septic tanks along the river.

8. Ordinance:

- Ordinance No. 2022-01 – Fee Schedule for Planning & Zoning Functions – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Planning Commission sent a fee schedule for the Town Council to approve. Town Clerk Hannah Driskell discussed that the additions to the fee schedule were a site plan review and site plan review modification fee for the US Highway Overlay district and the Springs District.

9. Discussion:

- Arboretum – Councilmember Ross Houser discussed quotes he received to repair and replace the pavers in the Arboretum.
- BCSS Franchise Agreement – Councilmember Ross Houser discussed a meeting with Richard Peterson, Town Engineer, and Tommy Rachel regarding sewer within the Town. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan discussed the previous Baldwin County Sewer Service franchise agreements and previous discussions regarding sewer. Councilmember Bob Turner reported on research he has done with other municipalities that have BCSS in their municipalities and met with the Baldwin County Health Department. Mayor Kim Koniar asked for Councilmember Andrew Monaghan, Councilmember Ross Houser, Tommy Rachel and Town Engineer, Richard Peterson, to meet and discuss a franchise agreement. Mayor Kim Koniar requested Tommy Rachel work with the Town to hold an informational Town meeting regarding sewer and septic tanks in March.
- No Thru Trucks – Councilmember Andrew Monaghan spoke with Sherriff Hoss Mack stated he would be able to enforce a no thru truck ordinance but there needs to be a court system to process the infractions.
- Magnolia Springs Public Library – Mayor Kim Koniar discussed that the Library Board members are appointed by resolution of the Council. This has not been done in quite a while leaving all the Board members serving on expired terms. Mayor Koniar discussed that the Friends of the Magnolia Springs Public Library is a 501(c)3 organization and the Magnolia Springs Public Library is a separate organization that is under the Town. The Magnolia Springs Public Library board has been operating the Friends of the Magnolia Springs Public Library, as well. Mayor Koniar also stated that there has been co-mingling of funds between the two organizations. Mayor Koniar stated that 3 Magnolia Springs Library Board members have submitted their resignations and the Town Council will be appointing new members at the next Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Koniar discussed that the librarian, Paige Monaghan, currently works 19 hours per week, which is not enough time to complete all her duties. Town Council discussed adding a part-time assistant librarian and increasing the librarian's hours. Library Director, Paige Monaghan, stated that the library has approximately 500 citizens that visit the library each month. Paige stated that the need is present for a part-time assistant librarian.

10. Committee/Commission Reports:

- Ad Hoc Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar, Chairman, stated that the Ad Hoc Committee will meet on February 14 to discuss the School Property future and the new Town Hall property.
- 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 in February due to the regular meeting falling after the Council Workshop. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the clearing of the Gates Avenue lot will have trees removed and that it will be graded and seeded for the Town Maintenance worker to easily maintain. Councilmember Mobley noted that he received a complaint regarding drainage in Village Green and is formulated a plan to mediate. Councilmember Mobley stated that the work on the easement between Island Avenue and Cedar Street will begin once the temporary easement letters have been reviewed by the Town attorney and signed by the property owners.

- Tree & Streetscape Committee, Nick Shields, Chairman – Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields stated that the Tree & Streetscape Committee did not meet. Mayor Pro Tempore Shields noted that unless there is an urgent tree issue that requires the committee to meet, they are not meeting regularly.

11. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:


Town Clerk Hannah Driskell reported that the Clerk's Office has processed 1 Land Use Permit February with 7 total and 1 pending. 330 business license renewals have been processed so far for 2022. Second notices for Business Licenses were sent on February 7. Magnolia Springs was named a 2021 Tree City through the Arbor Day Foundation. Arbor Day will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at the Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department at 9am. Town Clerk Hannah Driskell will be out of the office on February 15 to attend Commodity Point of Distribution training at Baldwin County EMA.

Mayor Kim Koniar stated that there could be grant funding coming available for sidewalks. Mayor Koniar suggested applying for a sidewalk grant to be installed down Old Marlow Road and Gates Avenue.

13. Adjourn:

Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields asked for motion to adjourn. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan made motion to adjourn. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Approved this 22nd day of March 2022.



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk

