

March 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 – February 2022:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council to review the minutes from the Council Workshop, February 8, 2022, and Regular Council Meeting, February 22, 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 February monthly report.

Arrests: 5

Reports: 7

Traffic Stops: 34

UTC: 7

Written Warnings: 26

Verbal Warnings: 3

Agency Assists: 3

Close Patrols: 22

Deputy Boone assisted other agencies with arrests.

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

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell gave Shari Woody's report due to her not being in attendance. Andy James with Volkert is waiting for the Resolution to be passed at the Regular Council Meeting to being the drainage study. The FEMA loan was paid off with the reimbursement that FEMA has sent.

7. Public Comment:

No public comment.

8. Discussion:

- Arboretum – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Town will have to follow bid law to replace the pavers at the Arboretum. Councilmember Ross Houser asked for Shari Woody to get something from FEMA in writing stating that concrete would be recommended over pavers. Mayor Koniar is concerned with the ADA compliance of pavers over concrete.

- BCSS Franchise Agreement – Councilmember Bob Turner discussed a meeting between Councilmember Andrew Monaghan and Town Engineer Richard Peterson to discuss creating a franchise agreement with Baldwin County Sewer Service. Richard Peterson is drafting a revised sewer specification ordinance for the Council to approve prior to the acceptance of a franchise agreement. Baldwin County Sewer Service will present to the Town specifications to each sewer installment that a citizen has requested. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan discussed that sewer pipes would not be installed at one time but will extend the lines as needed when a resident applies for sewer service. Councilmember Bob Turner stated that an informational Town Meeting will be held on Friday, March 18 at 6:00 pm for citizens to be involved in discussions and ask questions.
- No Thru Trucks – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that she spoke with Town Attorney Brad Hicks regarding the No Thru Trucks ordinance that he drafted. Mayor Koniar asked Council to review the ordinance to discuss at the next council meeting. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan discussed concerns about enforcement and the court process.
- Magnolia Springs Public Library – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Magnolia Springs Public Library board has been appointed and their first meeting is tomorrow, March 9. The Friends of the Magnolia Springs Public Library still needs to have new board members added. Council discussed allowing the librarian to work an additional 6 hours per week with the additional funding to be provided by the Friends of the Magnolia Springs Public Library through a donation.
- League of Municipalities Voting Delegates – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that Council will approve a voting delegate at the next Regular Council Meeting.
- Lodgings Tax – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that Magnolia Springs is one of the last municipalities in Baldwin County that does not have a lodgings tax. Council discussed the number of short-term rentals within Town limits and the financial impact that they could bring.
- Code Enforcement Officer – Mayor Kim Koniar discussed the need for a code enforcement officer to enforce the Town’s ordinances on a part-time basis. Council discussed the court process and funding for an additional employee. Mayor Koniar suggested meeting with other municipalities to research how they established code enforcement.

9. Committee/Commission Reports:

- Ad Hoc Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar, Chairman, stated that the Ad Hoc Committee has not met. Mayor Koniar stated that the Committee needs to meet to discuss the School 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. Councilmember Mobley noted that legal is reviewing the temporary easement letters to send to the property owners between Cedar Avenue and Island Avenue. Councilmember Mobley noted that a section of ditch has been cleared on Bay Street on the east side. The contractor will be returning to complete. Councilmember Nick Shields noted that the leaning trees on the Gates Avenue Town lot were removed but the stumps will remain for erosion control until a contractor can be selected to remove them. Council discussed stabilizing the lot by seeding and grading.
- 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.

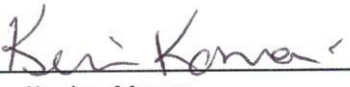
10. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell reminded Council that their Statement of Economic Interests are due April 30, 2022. ‘FloodWise Communities will be conducting their in-person assessment on Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11. The Town will host the Sewer and Septic Informational Town Hall Meeting on Friday, March 28, 2022, at the Magnolia Springs Community Hall.

13. Adjourn:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked for motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields made motion to adjourn. Second, by Councilmember Ross Houser. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Approved this 26th day of April 2022.



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk



