

December 28, 2021
 Regular Council Meeting
 12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
 Magnolia Springs, Alabama 36555

1. Call to Order:
 Mayor Kim Koniar called meeting to order at 5:01 pm.
2. Roll Call:
 Mayor Kim Koniar; Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields;
 Councilmember Steve Mobley;
 Councilmember Ross Houser; Councilmember Bob Turner.
 Absent: Councilmember Andrew Monaghan.
 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, November 2021:
 Mayor Kim Koniar asked for approval of minutes for Council Workshop, November 9, 2021, Special Council Meeting, November 9, 2021, and Regular Council Meeting, November 23, 2021. Councilmember Steve Mobley made motion to approve all minutes as presented. Second, by Councilmember Bob Turner. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Financials and Expenditures, November 2021:
 Mayor Kim Koniar asked for a motion to approve the October Financials and Expenditures. Councilmember Ross Houser made motion to approve September Financials and Expenditures. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment:
 No public comment.
7. Resolutions:
 - Resolution No. 2021-22 – Authorizing the Mayor to Renew Loan for Hurricane Sally Expenditures – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the loan for the Hurricane Sally expenditures needs to be renewed since the Town has not received FEMA reimbursement. Councilmember Steve Mobley made motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-22. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Resolution No. 2021-23 – Authorizing Civil Southeast, LLC to Make Application to ALDOT for Roadway Improvements – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that Civil Southeast will be applying to ALDOT for roadway improvements on behalf of the Town. If awarded, the Town would have to pay for the engineering costs. Councilmember Bob Turner made motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-23. Second, by Councilmember Ross Houser. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Discussion:
 - United Way Donation Request – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that United Way sent a letter requesting the annual donation of \$500. Mayor and Council discussed the annual donation of \$500 appropriate.
 - No Thru Trucks – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that Councilmember Andrew Monaghan met with Sheriff Hoss Mack regarding the Attorney General’s opinion regarding ‘No Thru Trucks’ on the Magnolia River bridge. Mayor Koniar stated that she would like Councilmember Andrew Monaghan to discuss the discussion he had with Sheriff Mack when he is present.
9. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:
 Town Clerk Hannah Driskell gave the Clerk’s Office report. There have been 51 business licenses issued in December for the 2022 renewals with 482 total for 2021. 7 Land Use Permits have been issued in December with 1 pending. 69 Land Use Permits issued in 2021. Town Hall will be closed Friday, December 31 for the New Years holiday. The Planning Commission will meet on January 4, 2022, at 4:00 pm. Town Clerk Hannah Driskell will be out of the office on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, for the EMA meeting in Robertsedale. FloodWise Communities will be coming March 10 & 11 to perform their on-site review.

Mayor and Council discussed the status of the FEMA debris removal reimbursement. Shari Woody, the Town's FEMA coordinator, will be reaching out to FEMA and the State EMA agency to clarify what needs to be done at the 13 incomplete sites for the funds to be released. Councilmember Steve Mobley stated that the Town's maintenance worker, Mike Wheaton, has been working to remove the debris from the 13 sites that FEMA marked as incomplete.

Mayor and Council discussed the American Rescue Plan Act funds that the Town received in July. The Council discussed using the funding for drainage and stormwater improvements. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that legal would review before the Council decides where to spend the funds.

Councilmembers Bob Turner and Ross Houser reviewed the options discussed at the Council Workshop for the sidewalk inside the arboretum. Mayor Kim Koniar asked for the Council to review the options and be prepared to decide at the next Regular Council Meeting. Mayor Kim Koniar discussed appealing the FEMA denial on the Arboretum repairs.

Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the COVID numbers in Baldwin County are on the rise. Mayor Koniar asked for the Council to wear a mask at future meetings due to their proximity to each other.

Mayor Kim Koniar stated that she would like to install pet waste stations on the school property and Bay Street Magnolia River access point along with adding picnic tables at the Arboretum and school property. Mayor Koniar stated she wants to get the Ad Hoc Committee together to start planning to improve the school property to a park.

Mayor Kim Koniar discussed improvements to the Gates Avenue lot. Mayor Koniar asked for the lot to be raked and a few trees removed that are heavily leaning.

Councilmember Steve Mobley stated that the drainage ditch that flows along the properties on Island Avenue and Bay Street will need to be cleared by hand after speaking with ADEM and conservation officials. Councilmember Mobley stated the work will begin during the winter months. Councilmember Steve Mobley relayed Richard Peterson, Town Engineer, is working to find funding for drainage issues.

Councilmember Ross Houser discussed a conversation he had with a bridge contractor with building and repair costs. Councilmember Houser stated he will get some advice regarding costs that may be incurred with repairing or replacing the Magnolia River bridge in the future.

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 6:05 pm.

Approved this 25th day of January 2022.



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:




Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk