

April 13, 2021
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.
Absent: Councilmember Bob Turner.
Also, present: Assistant Town Clerk Hannah Driskell.

3. Invocation and Pledge:

Councilmember Nick Shields led invocation and pledge.

4. Council Minutes – March 2021:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council to review the minutes from the Council Workshop, March 9, 2021, Special Council Meeting, March 9, 2021, and Regular Council Meeting, March 23, 2021.
Mayor Koniar asked for changes to be submitted to the Clerk's Office.

5. Financials and Expenditures – March 2021:

Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Financials and Expenditures from March 2021 have not been audited are not complete to discuss.

6. Deputy Derek Boone – Monthly Report:

Arrests: 2

Arrested subject for domestic violence on Dominion Drive.

Arrested subject for domestic violence on County Road 26.

Report 21-515 taken to supplement fraudulent use of a credit card report and added suspects.
Report 21-515 taken to supplement report and obtain written statements from two of three suspects.

Report 21-515 taken to supplement report and obtain written statement and confession from suspect.

Report 21-1025 taken to supplement report and remove pistol from NCIC. Owner located pistol.

Report 21-1035 taken for abandoned vehicle on County Road 65 at Charolais Road. Towed for safety.

Report 21-1041 taken for domestic violence and harassment report on Dominion Drive.

Report 21-1159 taken for investigation report taken in reference to stolen identities.

Report 21-1183 taken for theft on Copperwood Drive for stolen enclosed trailer.

Report 21-1309 taken for domestic violence and harassment on County Road 26.

Traffic Stops – 53

UTC – 16

Written Warnings – 36

Verbal Warnings – 9

Assisted with death investigation on Chase Court.

Assisted CID with search warrant and arrest warrant on Old Marlow Road.

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

Shari Woody reported that Councilmember Mobley and herself spent the past two weeks performing site inspections with FEMA. Shari stated those inspections have been submitted for reimbursement. Shari requested estimates for any additional clean-up that is to be performed. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that she has talked with Volkert regarding monitors. Mayor Koniar stated that it would not be cost effective for the Town to have any additional work performed be monitored by Volkert.

8. Public Comment:

Casey Fulford – Casey Fulford with Alabama Association of Conservation Districts, stated that the report for the burrow pit to regional water detention along the Magnolia River has been finalized. Ms. Fulford stated she is working to find funding to begin working on the project and speaking with interested parties to keep moving forward. Councilmembers Andrew Monaghan, Nick Shields and Ross Houser will be meeting with Casey Fulford on this project.

9. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation:

Mayor Kim Koniar stated the CARE House has asked the Town of Magnolia Springs to designate April as child abuse prevention month. Mayor Koniar stated that the Proclamation will be made at the Regular Council Meeting.

10. Resolutions:

- Resolution No. 2021-01 – Resolution to Appoint a Representative to Abate Nuisances – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that Councilmember Steve Mobley will continue to be the nuisance officer and the Council will vote on this Resolution at the Regular Council Meeting.
- Resolution No. 2021-02 – “Back to School Sales Tax Holiday,” July 16-18, 2021 – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Council will vote on this Resolution at the next Regular Council Meeting.

11. Application to Use Magnolia Springs School Property:

- Magnolia Springs Firefighter Festival, Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department, October 23, 2021 – Interim Town Clerk Hannah Driskell stated that the Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department has announced a date for their Magnolia Springs Firefighter Festival for October 23, 2021. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the fees to use the property were waived in the past. Mayor Koniar stated that the Council will vote on waiving the 2021 fees at the next Regular Council Meeting.

12. Discussion:

- 3-Way Stop at Oak Street and Magnolia Springs Highway – Councilmember Nick Shields stated his concern for pedestrians crossing Magnolia Springs Highway at Oak Street due to traffic. Mayor Kim Koniar suggested including the traffic engineer in the discussion at the next Council Workshop to discuss options with him.
- Dock Security – Mayor Kim Koniar discussed hiring a Deputy Sheriff to patrol the docks during the summer months. Deputy Derek Boone commented that the rates have increased to \$45 an hour. Deputy Boone mentioned decreasing the hours to noon to 5pm due to the limited amount of activity during the morning hours. Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields will be the point of contact for the deputies that sign up for shifts with Interim Town Clerk to be the administrative point of contact.
- District Court – Mayor Kim Koniar stated there are not have any updates to discuss with the Council.
- Appointment of Members to the Planning Commission – Mayor Kim Koniar stated she has appointed Nick Klarman to the Planning Commission due to Mike Costigan resigning.
- SWIM Sponsorship Agreement 2021 Contract – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that she has signed SWIM Sponsorship Agreement for 2021. Mobile Baykeeper will be sampling the water once a week during the summer.

- Town Hall Lease – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Town Hall Lease is needing to be renewed in May with the rates not going up. Mayor Pro Tempore requested including a clause stating the Town can break the lease if a new Town Hall is completed prior to 3-years. Mayor Kim Koniar stated she will contact the Magnolia Springs Community Association to ask to renew the lease for 3-years.
- Nuisances – Mayor Kim Koniar requested the nuisances on Bay Street and Highway 98 be sent to the Town attorney to proceed with the nuisance abatement.
- Sign Ordinance – Mayor Kim Koniar stated she has seen many temporary signs within the Town that do not comply with the Zoning Ordinance. Councilmember Steve Mobley stated he will speak with the gas stations about their temporary sign violations.

13. Committee/Commission Reports:

- Ad Hoc Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Ad Hoc Committee did not meet.
- Finance & Audit Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Finance & Audit Committee did not meet.
- Public Works, Lands & Safety Committee, Steve Mobley, Chairman – Councilmember Steve Mobley stated the Public Works, Lands & Safety Committee did not meet. Councilmember Mobley stated that Riviera Utilities placed a new power pole, breaking the power and water line of the irrigation system. Councilmember Mobley stating that a person has been hired to work weekends doing maintenance within the Town until a new maintenance person can be found. Councilmember Mobley asked if landscapers who apply for a business license be provided a notice to not put debris in the ditches. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that with the recent rains, dirt off a cleared lot on Magnolia Springs Highway has washed down toward the river. Mayor Koniar requested a silt fence be installed to stop the dirt runoff.
- Tree & Streetscape Committee, Nick Shields, Chairman – Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields reported that he and Gary with Gary's Tree Service walked the Town lot at 14774 Gates Avenue and marked 12 trees that needed to be removed. Mayor Koniar stated that if GreenCo does not complete the work, Gary's Tree Service can perform the tree removal.

12. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

Interim Town Clerk Hannah Driskell reported that the Clerk's Office has processed 21 Land Use Certificates year-to-date with 7 pending, 4 Historic COA year-to-date, and 433 business licenses year-to-date. Monday, May 3 at 5pm Council will take their individual and group photos. Thursday, April 15 at 4 pm is the Board of Adjustment public hearing regarding fences. Wednesday, April 29 at 4 pm is the Special Planning Commission meeting. Statement of Economic Interests are due April 30th.

Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Co-Chairman of the Friends of the Magnolia River Committee, Ben Dykema, resigned and that spot will need to be filled. Councilmember Ross Houser stated that he would fill the Co-Chairman vacancy.

Councilmember Steve Mobley stated he has received a complaint about traffic continuing to speed on Old Marlow Road and Gates Avenue. Mayor Koniar stated she will contact Baldwin County to discuss options.

Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Town Attorney received threatening emails from an individual that the Town is suing for an illegal subdivision. The front door at Town Hall is locked over an abundance of caution.

Mayor Kim Koniar stated with the expiration of the Governor's mask mandate that the "Mask Required for Entry" sign can be taken down from Town Hall.

Mayor Kim Koniar stated that Volkert monitors did not determine the sunken boathouse on Town property next to Magnolia Landing to be FEMA reimbursable. Mayor Koniar stated that if the boathouse is removed, the Town would pay for it. Mayor Koniar suggested holding off on removing the boathouse.

13. Adjourn:

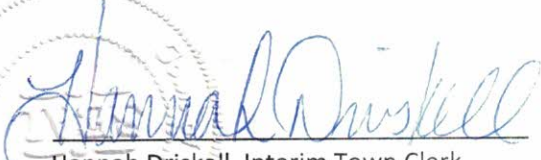
Councilmember Steve Mobley made motion to adjourn meeting. Second, by Councilmember Andrew Monaghan. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Approved this 25th day of May 2021.



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hannah Driskell, Interim Town Clerk