September 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 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Kim Koniar; Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields; Councilmember Steve Mobley; Councilmember Ross Houser; Councilmember Bob Turner (via Zoom). Not Present: 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, August 2021:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked for approval of minutes for Council Workshop, August 10, 2021, Regular Council Meeting, August 10, 2021, and Regular Council Meeting, August 24, 2021. Councilmember Steve Mobley made motion to approve all minutes as presented. Second, by Councilmember Ross Houser. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Financials and Expenditures, July & August 2021:

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that the American Rescue Plan funds were changed to a liability and taken off the profit and loss report. Councilmember Steve Mobley made motion to approve July and August financials. Second, by Councilmember Ross Houser.

6. Public Comment:

<u>Mitchell Sims</u> – Mitchell Sims addressed the Mayor and Council regarding his run for Alabama State Senate District 32 against incumbent Chris Elliott.

7. Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2021-13 — Rescinding State of Emergency for Hurricane Ida — Councilmember Steve Mobley made motion to suspend the rules and asked for a roll call vote. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields.

Mayor Kim Koniar, yea
Mayor Pro Tempore, Nick Shields, yea
Councilmember Andrew Monaghan, absent
Councilmember Steve Mobley, yea
Councilmember Ross Houser, yea
Councilmember Bob Turner, yea
4 yea, 1 yea via Zoom, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Kim Koniar asked for a roll call vote for Resolution No. 2021-13.

Mayor Kim Koniar, yea
Mayor Pro Tempore, Nick Shields, yea
Councilmember Andrew Monaghan, absent
Councilmember Steve Mobley, yea
Councilmember Ross Houser, yea
Councilmember Bob Turner, yea
4 yea, 1 yea via Zoom, 0 nay, 1 absent. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-14 – FY 2021/2022 Budget – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Finance and Audit Committee met last week and drafted a budget. There are a few items that the Council needs to review. Mayor Koniar noted that the roof of Town Hall will need repairs with \$10,000 allocated. \$10,000 has been allocated for the Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Koniar discussed moving funds for engineering costs for public works out of the equipment expense. Councilmember Ross Houser made motion to approve budget with the contingency that \$15,000 be moved from public works equipment expense to public works engineering expenses. Second, by Councilmember Steve Mobley. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. <u>Discussion:</u>

- Nuisances: Councilmember Steve Mobley noted that the Pure Station's zoning violation signage has disconnected power to the Hunt Brother's pizza sign and will be removing the sign soon. Councilmember Mobley noted that the nuisance sign can be removed from the old Vila's Restaurant because the new property owners have begun the remodeling of the old structure. Mayor Koniar noted that the nuisance letter has been sent to the property owner, mortgage company and has posted at 14322 Live Oak Avenue. The Town Attorney is working on setting up the public hearing to move forward with abating the nuisances.

 Mayor Kim Koniar stated that a letter was sent to 12430 Old Marlow Road regarding a Subdivision Regulation violation with no response. Mayor Koniar noted that the Town Attorney is attempting to find the owner of the property due to the owner on the tax records has deceased to send another notice.
- <u>Drainage:</u> Councilmember Steve Mobley reported that along with Richard Peterson, Town Engineer, are working with ALDOT to clear the ditch along US Highway 98 near Jessamine Street. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that she will contact ALDOT, as well. Councilmember Mobley noted that the contractor will be coming to clear the ditch on Bay Street soon.
- Arboretum: Mayor Kim Koniar discussed proceeding with work on the arboretum prior to receiving FEMA reimbursement. Council discussed other improvements to be made within the Arboretum, including repairing and staining the observation deck, adding cameras, and fixing the sprinkler system.

9. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell reported that the Clerk's Office processed 3 Land Use Certificates in September with 54 total Land Use Certificates in 2021. 5 business licenses have been processed in September with 474 total business licenses issued in 2021.

Assistant Town Clerk Amanda Carlisle's last day is September 29. The job opening for Assistant Town Clerk has been posted on social media and around Town. Multiple applications have already been delivered to Town Hall.

The Planning Commission has a Public Hearing on October 5 at 4:00 p.m. regarding the Zoning Ordinance text amendment on fences on setback lines.

Golf Cart permits expire on September 30th.

The new Town smartphone app now has the SWIM (Swim Where It's Monitored) guide for the Magnolia River posted on it.

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell will be out of the office during the morning hours on October 6 to attend the Baldwin County EMA Meeting in Robertsdale.

Mayor Kim Koniar noted that a letter went out to 14470 Island Avenue regarding their unpermitted driveway that is causing their neighbor to the south to flood. Mayor Koniar stated the remedy is for the property owner to return the property to pre-existing and pre-flood conditions.

Mayor Kim Koniar mentioned an email she received from a resident on Bay Street and Island Avenue requesting the timeline of the Town to clear the ditch that runs through his property.

Councilmember Ross Houser noted that the Council did not discuss doing drainage work on private property in that area. Councilmember Steve Mobley will reach out to the resident to clarify.

Deputy Derek Boone mentioned including documentation on Golf Cart regulations with permits. Mayor Kim Koniar asked Councilmember Ross Houser to get quotes to clear cut the town's lot across from Town Hall.

Mayor Kim Koniar mentioned the letter received from Quentin Johnston regarding BCSS sewer connection. The Mayor & Council will wait until Mr. Johnston appears at a Council meeting to address his issues.

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

No other business that might come before the meeting.

11. Adjourn:

Councilmember Steve Mobley made motion to adjourn. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of October 2021.

Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:

Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk

