

July 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 (present at 6:07); Councilmember Bob Turner.
 Also, present: Town Clerk Hannah Driskell.

3. Invocation and Pledge:

Councilmember Nick Shields led invocation and pledge.

4. Council Minutes – June 2021:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council to review the minutes from the Council Workshop, June 8, 2021, and Regular Council Meeting, June 22, 2021. Mayor Koniar asked for changes to be submitted to the Clerk's Office.

5. Deputy Derek Boone – Monthly Report:

Deputy Boone gave his monthly report for June. Deputy Boone noted that his traffic stop numbers are approximate due to missing paperwork.

Arrests: 5

Reports: 12

Traffic Stops: Approximately 30

UTC: Approximately 3

Written Warnings: Unknown

Verbal Warnings: Unknown

Deputy Boone assisted with two vehicle pursuits, a shooting in Foley, a suicidal patient in Foley, obtained a felony warrant and a misdemeanor warrant.

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

Shari Woody reported that the reimbursement for the Emergency Protective Measures was approximately \$5,000 has been sent to the State of Alabama for disbursement. Debris removal reimbursement is partially complete with an expected disbursement of \$800,000. Ms. Woody has reached out to an engineer to evaluate the 2009 drainage study.

7. Public Comment:

Steve Fuller – Steve Fuller, resident of Rock Street, voiced concerns over drainage at the Rock Street public kayak launch site. Mr. Fuller stated that the recent rains have caused the slope to the Magnolia River to become eroded and killed the vegetation. Mr. Fuller would like to assist with the plan for the repair of the site.

Bill & Daniela Hagan – Bill & Daniela Hagan, residents of Jessamine Street, discussed the drainage issues near their home. Mr. Hagan discussed that in the past the water would drain to the north of their home. Currently, the water is backing up into their front yard. Mr. Hagan is also concerned that the culvert and pipe underneath Jessamine Street at Cougill Avenue is not adequate.

Michael Purvis – Michael Purvis, resident of Magnolia Springs Highway, discussed concern with the Zoning Ordinance regarding setbacks on fences on corner lots. Mr. Purvis would like Council to consider amending the section of the Zoning Ordinance regarding setbacks on fences for clearer language.

Joe Sankey – Joe Sankey, resident of Cedar Avenue, discussed the drainage ditch that runs through his property. Mr. Sankey referenced the 2009 Comprehensive Drainage Study and the Drainage Study Along Bay Street that was done in 2011. Mr. Sankey is asking the Town for assistance in managing the drainage issues adjacent to his property.

8. Resolution:

- Resolution No. 2021-08 – Support and Commitment for a Baldwin County Recycling Cooperative – Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that this resolution was sent by Baldwin County as part of a county wide recycling initiative. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan raised questions asking about the feasibility study and tipping fees. Town Clerk Driskell will get additional information regarding the recycling cooperative prior to the Regular Council Meeting.

9. Recommendation from Planning Commission:

Mark Mattox, Chairman of the Magnolia Springs Planning Commission, discussed the Broadway Group's Dollar General project across the intersection of Magnolia Springs Highway and US Highway 98. Chairman Mattox recommends to the Town Council to approve the Dollar General project. Chairman Mattox noted that the Broadway Group took extra measures to keep their stormwater on their site, instead of running into the ditches.

10. Discussion:

- Opening Bank Account for American Rescue Plan Funds – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Town has gotten approximately \$98,000.00 to use toward the American Rescue Plan. Mayor Koniar discussed with the Council the need to separate the funds into another bank account than coming the funds into the general fund.
- FloodWise Communities Project – Town Clerk Hannah Driskell discussed the FloodWise Communities project. The project will help the Town assess the flooding within the Town. Mayor Koniar asked to advertise the project to get additional volunteers from the community to help with the project.
- Drainage Issues – Councilmember Steve Mobley discussed the multiple drainage issues within the Town. Councilmember Mobley and Richard Peterson assessed the Town's ditches and culverts to evaluate immediate problems. Councilmember Mobley suggested the Town digging out ditches that need immediate attention and cleaning culverts as a short-term solution.

11. 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. Mayor Koniar asked Councilmember Ross Houser will serve on the Finance & Audit Committee. Mayor Koniar stated that the Finance & Audit Committee needs to meet to begin preparing the 2021-2022 budget.
- Public Works, Lands & Safety Committee, Steve Mobley, Chairman – Councilmember Steve Mobley stated the Public Works, Lands & Safety Committee did not meet.
- Tree & Streetscape Committee, Nick Shields, Chairman – Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields reported that the Tree & Streetscape Committee did not meet. Mayor Pro Tempore Shields commented that the Tree & Streetscape did approve a tree removal permit for a tree that was diseased and in danger of falling on a residence.

12. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell stated she will be attending the Certified Municipal Official training in Orange Beach on July 22. Ms. Driskell attended an EMA Emergency Management Coordinator Meeting in Robertsdale this week. Ms. Driskell will be attending the Municipal Clerk's Training in Tuscaloosa August 4-6.

Chairman Mark Mattox discussed Alabama Senate Bill 107 regarding police and planning jurisdictions. Chairman Mattox and Mayor Koniar have been meeting with the Baldwin County Commissioners in hopes that the Town of Magnolia Springs can enter into an agreement with Baldwin County to continue enforcing the Town's Subdivision Regulations in the extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Mayor Kim Koniar discussed the residence 14322 Live Oak Avenue where there are multiple Zoning Ordinance violations present. Mayor Koniar reminded Council that the Town has sent numerous letters to the property owner in the past. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan noted that the moratorium on foreclosure evictions will end at the end of July, so the occupant of the home may be moving in August. Mayor Koniar requested another letter be sent to the property owner regarding the Zoning Ordinance violations.

Councilmember Bob Turner and Councilmember Andrew Monaghan discussed meeting with botanist, Fred Nations, regarding the Magnolia Landing Restoration Project. Mr. Nations suggested forestry mowing making sure to avoid the native plants. The forestry mowing would need to take place yearly to keep the invasive species of plants at bay. Mr. Nations suggested replanting native species of plants that would thrive in that environment.


Councilmember Steve Mobley mentioned that he received a complaint from a resident on Magnolia Street that is experiencing significant flooding that could be a result of a recent asphalt driveway install. Mayor Koniar asked for research to be conducted to see what the Town can do to assist the resident in preventing flooding.

Councilmember Bob Turner stated that the chain link fence has been installed in the Arboretum. The black metal fence has not arrived to be installed. Mayor Koniar asked for an irrigation professional to assess the irrigation system and give a quote on repairs.

13. Adjourn:


Mayor Kim Koniar asked for motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields made motion to adjourn. Second, by Councilmember Bob Turner. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Approved this 24th day of August 2021.



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk

