

February 11, 2020
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, Alabama 36555
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:
Mayor, Kim Koniar, called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call:
Present: Mayor, Kim Koniar; Mayor Pro Tempore, Ben Dykema; Councilmember, Andrew Monaghan; Councilmember, Steve Mobley; Councilmember, Marley Gardner; and Councilmember, Nick Shields
Also, present: Town Clerk/Treasurer, Jenny Opal White
3. Invocation and Pledge: Councilmember, Nick Shields, gave invocation and led pledge.
4. Presentation: Jenny White - Southern Area Regional Planning Commission (SARPC) - Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Outreach Coordinator gave presentation on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). She invited everyone to a meeting at the Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency at 23100 McAulliffe Dr., Robertsdale, AL on February 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. to learn more about the program.
5. Council Minutes – January 2020:
Mayor, Kim Koniar, asked, Council to review Council Minutes from the Council Workshop, January 14, 2020 and Regular Council Meeting, January 28, 2020 minutes. She, asked, Council to contact Town Clerk/Treasurer, Jenny Opal White, for corrections or additions.
6. Financials and Expenditures, January 2020:
Mayor, Kim Koniar, informed, Council the Financials and Expenditures Report for January 2020 is forthcoming and will be forwarded to Council.
7. Deputy, Derek Boone, Monthly Report, January 6, 2020 - February 1, 2020:
Mayor, Kim Koniar, asked, Deputy, Derek Boone to give monthly report.
Arrests Off Traffic Stops: Four (4) on warrants
On View Arrests: One (1) for possession of a controlled substance (METH) at CR 49 and Village Green Dr.
Traffic Stops: One Hundred and Twenty-Two (122)
Citations: Thirty-Four (34)
Warnings: Ninety-One (91)
Verbal: Sixteen (16)
Report taken for possession of Marijuana 2nd on Laurent Rd.
Report taken for Theft of Property 3rd on Jessamine.
Assisted DTF on Norris Ln.
Mayor, Kim Koniar, thanked, Deputy Boone for report.
8. Public Comment:
No public comment.
9. Discussion:
Magnolia Springs Bridge Update:
Mayor, Kim Koniar, gave bridge update. Sawgrass completed report addressing shoulder improvements on CR 49 Magnolia River Bridge on study for Pedestrian/Bike Safety Improvement Crossing the Magnolia River Bridge on CR49. Report emailed to Council for review.

Annexation Request - 13131 US Hwy 98:

Mayor, Kim Koniar, discussed, letter received from Postmaster, Susan Fussell, Magnolia Springs. Letter discussed portions of a community may be served by a Post Office in a neighboring community.

Mayor Koniar, asked, Michele Geismer to speak on annexation request. Michele is working with property owners on annexation petition. Gravel road is private and will be taken care of by Home Owners Association (HOA). Councilmember, Andrew Monaghan, asked, Michele if she had spoken to BJ Blanchard, property owner. Michele, commented, she had not spoken with BJ Blanchard. Michele will finalize petition and bring back to Council for review and discussion. Mayor Koniar, thanked, Michele Geismer.

Weeks Bay Foundation- Annual Alabama Coastal Birdfest, October 7-10, 2020:

Mayor, Kim Koniar, discussed, sponsorship of Weeks Bay Foundation, Annual Alabama Coastal Birdfest, October 7-10, 2020. Councilmember, Ben Dykema, recommended, the Scarlet Tanager Sponsor with a commitment of \$250.00. Town Clerk/Treasurer, Jenny Opal White will prepare resolution.

10. Committee-Commission Reports:

- (a) Ad Hoc Committee: Chairman, Kim Koniar, reported, Ad Hoc Committee met on February 3, 2020. Committee in consensus to purchase property on Gates Avenue. Committee would like to leave School Property green. Purchase price \$125,000. A contract is required. Quotes required for building. Councilmember, Andrew Monaghan, noted, property is 1.07 acres from tax assessment. Mayor Koniar, commented, survey required. Mayor Pro Tempore, Ben Dykema, in support of School Property. Councilmember, Marley Gardner, commented, logical addition to Town. Councilmember, Andrew Monaghan, commented, on flood risk at School Property. Mayor Koniar, noted, property would tie into Comprehensive Plan. She also commented we wouldn't have to change zoning. Councilmember, Steve Mobley, inquired, on grants to purchase property, noted, Historic Library Grant. Mayor Koniar, noted, Council would need to approve by resolution to pursue Town purchase.

Mayor, Kim Koniar, reported, Alabama Public Library will be here in Magnolia Springs on March 3-4, 2020. Alida Given provided free lodging.

- (b) Finance and Audit Committee: Chairman, Kim Koniar, reported, they met on February 6, 2020. Committee discussed CD, FY19-20 Budget, and future salaries of Council.
- (c) Public Works & Safety: Chairman, Steve Mobley, reported, committee met on February 10, 2020. Committee discussed crossroads, striping, and covering potholes.
- (d) Public Lands/Beautification: Chairman, Ben Dykema, reported, committee did meet on February 10, 2020. Chairman Dykema, complimented, the Magnolia Springs Garden Club did a great job at the Arboretum. Chairman, Dykema, commented Public Works working on straightening signage in Town. New signage ordered for Landing and Springs. Chairman, Dykema, discussed, evaluating Security needs on the river for upcoming year. Last year the Town spent \$5,600.00. Deputy, Derek Boone, informed, Council, Baldwin County Sheriff Department has a security program with services. Chairman, Dykema, to obtain proposals for Council to review for upcoming year. Council was in consensus.
- (e) Tree & Streetscape: Councilmember, Nick Shields, reported, committee met on February 5, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (1) There are deck boards at the end of the observation platform which have been left in a "nails up" pile. These will be removed and disposed. (2) An offer has been made to procure native azalea plants for planting in the Arboretum. Shields will contact the Magnolia Springs Garden Club to ascertain their interest in planting these in the Arboretum. (3) Shields was contacted concerning the unhealthy state of the trees on the north

side of Gates Avenue in front of the Fire Department. The Fire Department would like to remove these and replace them with Magnolia Trees. Shields will meet with the Fire Board of Trustees and determine costs and labor requirements. None of the trees being considered for removal and replacement are subject to the Town's Tree Ordinance. (4) We have received four (4) Arbor Day flags for display around Town. They will be displayed at the Town Hall, Fire Department, Library and possibly, at the Post Office. (5) Shields was directed to contact Gary Snyder concerning some limbs in the under canopy along Oak Street that are diseased or in danger of falling onto the roadway. Snyder to review these limbs and "stub" for possible removal. (6) Reminder was made of the Public Meeting at the Community Association Hall on February 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss issues associated with the potential for underground utilities along a section of Oak Street.

11. Council, Legal Counsel, and Staff Comments:

Town Clerk/Treasurer, Jenny Opal White, gave report for January 2020:

- Business License - Three Hundred and Sixty One (361)
- Land Use Certificates - Four (4)
- Historic COAs - Four (4)

Congressman Bradley Byrne Representative, Matthew Trest, will be at Town Hall on February 19, 2020 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. to assist citizens.

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

Councilmember, Nick Shields, suggested, opening Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. to give Town Clerk/Treasurer Office two (2) hours a day undisturbed to work on workload. Town Clerk/Treasurer, Jenny Opal White and Council in consensus.

13. Adjourn:

Motion by Councilmember, Marley Gardner, to adjourn meeting.
Second, Councilmember, Steve Mobley. All in favor. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of March 2020

Kim Koniar
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jenny Opal White
Town Clerk/Treasurer

