

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Kim Koniar called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

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 Attorney Brad Hicks, Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White and Town Clerk Assistant Hannah Driskell

3. Invocation and Pledge:

Tom Miller gave invocation. Councilmember Nick Shields led pledge.

4. Council Minutes – February 2020:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council to review Town Meeting of February 7, 2020, Council Workshop of February 11, 2020, Special Council Meeting of February 11, 2020, and Regular Council Meeting of February 26, 2020. Mayor Koniar asked Council to contact Town Clerk/Treasurer, Jenny Opal White for additional comments or corrections.

5. Financials and Expenditures – February 2020:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council to review Financials and Expenditures that were sent to them. Mayor Koniar asked Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White to add a year-to-date section to the financial report. Councilmember Steve Mobley questioned the expense in the Bridge Expense account. Mayor Kim Koniar stated it was for the Sawgrass Consulting pedestrian/bike safety improvement of the Magnolia River Bridge on CR 49.

6. Deputy Derek Boone, Monthly Report, February 2020:

Arrests Off Traffic Stops: 2 on Warrants, 1 on View
Traffic Stops: 55
Citations: 10
Warnings: 49
Verbal: 8

Report taken for domestic violence on Weeks Road. Report taken for theft of services on Live Oak Avenue. Report taken for UPCS (SPICE) on CR 26. Report taken for domestic violence. Deputy Boone reported he attended Stop Stick training/certification and attended "Responding to Veterans and Police Officers in Crisis" training. Deputy Derek Boone stated he received a complaint from a citizen about a red truck speeding down Oak Street on various occasions and has been attempting to catch. Councilmember Steve Mobley stated he watched vehicles go into the ditch to avoid the speed hump on Magnolia Springs Highway adjacent to Village Green. Deputy Boone stated he would watch that area as well.

7. Public Comment:

- Casey Fulford – Casey Fulford with the Alabama Association of Conservation Districts discussed Source Tracking throughout the Magnolia River. The Alabama Association of Conservation Districts is asking for a 1:1 match for a grant to perform Source Tracking in the Magnolia River and surrounding watersheds. The Town of Magnolia Springs portion of the match can be up to \$5,000 with the grant due date of March 27, 2020. There will be 4-6 sites to collect samples with up to 5 markers per sample. The results of the samples would assist in targeting specific areas with mitigation efforts.
- Tommy Rachel – Magnolia Springs citizen, Tommy Rachel, spoke of Baldwin County Sewer Service placing a sewer line down Cotton Stocking Lane. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that there is not a franchise agreement with Baldwin County Sewer Service and the Town of Magnolia Springs. The Town of Magnolia Springs does not want to continue allowing Baldwin County Sewer Service to add sewer lines in the Town until a franchise agreement is made. Town

Attorney Brad Hicks clarified that there have been previous attempts to make a franchise agreement that never came to fruition. Under the previous discussions with Baldwin County Sewer Service, they stated that they were not going to put sewer lines down Oak Street or close to the Magnolia River.

- Alexander Saad – Magnolia Springs citizen, Alexander Saad, was concerned about recent underground electrical work on Oak Street. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the work being performed on Oak Street was a resident putting in underground utilities to private property that was already approved by the Council. This was not part of the Riviera Utilities proposal for underground electrical work on Oak Street. Mr. Saad also voiced his concerns about the Riviera Utilities proposal of putting underground utilities down Oak Street. Mr. Saad stated that he is a resident of Oak Street and he is opposed to putting underground electrical work down Oak Street. Mr. Saad stated that there are other residents down Oak Street that he has spoke with that are also opposed. Mr. Saad asked about conducting a survey of the residents of Oak Street to get a consensus of what the citizens are wanting. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that coming before the Town Council and voicing opposition is a best way for the Council to know the citizens' concerns.

8. Ordinance:

- Ordinance No. 2020-02 – Establishing the Use of Electronic Vote Counting Devices – Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White stated that the Town of Magnolia Springs would use the same electronic vote counting machines that the Baldwin County Commission uses. The Town of Magnolia Springs would have to pay for poll worker training and pay for poll workers on election day. Ordinance No. 2020-02 would repeal Ordinance No. 2015-03.

9. Resolution:

- Resolution No. 2020-05 – Authorizing Sponsorship of the Weeks Bay Foundation “17th Annual John L. Borom Alabama Coastal BirdFest”, October 7-10, 2020 – Mayor Kim Koniar mentioned that the Town of Magnolia Springs would be participating as a Scarlet Tanager Sponsor with the \$250.00 commitment to the Weeks Bay Foundation.

10. Discussion:

- Ordinance Setting Qualification Fees – Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White mentioned that the Town of Magnolia Springs does not have qualification fees for those wishing to run for mayor or council. Councilmember Marley Gardner stated that it is hard enough trying to get people to run for council without qualification fees. Mayor Kim Koniar requested to pass on creating the ordinance for setting qualification fees.
- Census 2020 – Census Day, April 1, 2020 – Mayor Kim Koniar discussed having a Census representative in Magnolia Springs to assist people with the Census. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan suggested having a representative at a Community Association potluck. Mayor Kim Koniar suggested the Town put out a public notice when Census workers would be going door-to-door to notify citizens.

11. Committee/Commission Reports:

- Ad Hoc Committee, Kim Koniar Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar reported that the Ad Hoc Committee discussed the purchase of property on the corner of Gates Avenue and Magnolia Springs Highway. The Ad Hoc Committee also discussed the future needs of the library and town hall to determine a general idea of a future footprint.
- Finance & Audit, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar reported that the Finance & Audit Committee did not meet last month.
- Public Works & Safety, Steve Mobley, Chairman – Councilmember Steve Mobley reported that the Public Works & Safety Committee did not meet. Councilmember Mobley stated that there are drainage problems in the area of Jessamine Street and McCoy Lane. Councilmember Mobley received a quote from Baldwin County Highway Department to clean and dig out the ditches in that area in the amount of \$18,258.20. Councilmember Mobley stated that the Mayor will have to sign an agreement with Baldwin County Highway Department. Mayor Kim Koniar asked about the status of Riviera Utilities paving Cedar Street where utilities had been put in for a new residence. Councilmember Steve Mobley stated that R & S Paving, who is contracted by Riviera

Utilities, should be paving that area soon.

- Public Lands & Beautification, Ben Dykema, Chairman – Councilmember Ben Dykema reported that Azaleas were planted by the Turners along Rock Street to attempt to keep people from parking in unauthorized places. The Public Lands & Beautification Committee want to use a deputy from 12-6 Saturdays and Sundays during the summer to patrol river access points. Deputy Derek Boone stated he sent an email to Lt. Lusk and expects to receive a reply soon. The Town of Loxley provided the cost of their Veteran’s Memorial at \$70,000. Public Lands & Beautification Committee would like to revisit plans on a Veteran’s Memorial for Magnolia Springs.
- Tree & Streetscape, Nick Shields, Chairman – Councilmember Nick Shields reported that the Tree & Streetscape Committee did not make quorum for a meeting. Councilmember Nick Shields reported that Chris Francis met with citizens and himself to assess the area under consideration for underground utilities. Chris Francis is preparing an assessment to give to the Town. Residents of Oak Street conducted a survey of the affected residences asking if they wanted underground electrical lines. According to their survey, 13 residents did not want underground electrical lines. There were no yeses with 7 residences not answering. Discussion between the affected residents and Council determined that for the best interest of the oak trees on Oak Street, not to pursue underground electric and to utilize selective trimming. Mayor Kim Koniar stated to let Chris Francis continue with his report to have for future use and she will contact Riviera Utilities and advise them of the Town’s decision.

12. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

- Town of Magnolia Springs Clerk’s Office – Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White reported that there have been 8 land use certificates, 5 historic COA, and 431 business licenses that have been processed since January 1, 2020. Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White reminded Councilmembers and Mayor that their Statement of Economic Interest is due April 1. Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White reported that the change in hours has helped with workload. Mayor Kim Koniar mentioned revisiting the need for additional help.

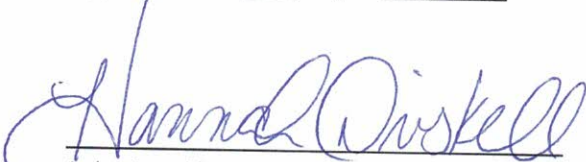
13. Any Other Business That Might Come Before the Meeting:

No other business.

14. Adjourn:

Motion by Councilmember Steve Mobley to adjourn meeting. Second, by Councilmember Nick Shields. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Approved this 28th day of April 2020



Submitted by:
Hannah Driskell
Town Clerk Assistant



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenny Opal White, Town Clerk/Treasurer

