

April 28, 2020
 Regular Council Meeting
 12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
 Magnolia Springs, Alabama 36555

1. Call to Order:
 Mayor Kim Koniar called meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll Call:
 Present: Mayor Kim Koniar; Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Dykema;
 Councilmember Andrew Monaghan (Cisco WebEx); Councilmember Steve Mobley;
 Councilmember Marley Gardner; Councilmember Nick Shields (Cisco WebEx).
 Also, present: Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White; and Assistant Town Clerk Hannah Driskell.

3. Invocation and Pledge:
 Councilmember Steve Mobley led invocation and pledge.

4. Proclamation:
 - National Safe Boating Week, Flotilla Coastal Region 0810306, Fairhope, Alabama – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that May 16-22, 2020 is National Safe Boating Week urging all boaters to wear life jackets, personal flotation devices and practice safe boating habits. Councilmember Marley Gardner made motion to approve and adopt Proclamation for National Safe Boating Week. Second, by Councilmember Steve Mobley. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Council Minutes:
 Mayor Kim Koniar asked for approval of Council Workshop, March 10, 2020, Special Council Meeting, March 10, 2020, Emergency Special Meeting, March 16, 2020, Regular Council Meeting, March 24, 2020 and Emergency Special Meeting, March 30, 2020. Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Dykema made motion to approve council minutes as presented. Second, by Councilmember Marley Gardner. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Approval of Financials and Expenditures, March 2020:
 Mayor Kim Koniar asked for approval of Financials and Expenditures for March 2020. Councilmember Marley Gardner made motion to approve Financials and Expenditures as presented. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Dykema. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment:
Casey Fulford – Casey Fulford, with Alabama Association of Conservation Districts, discussed the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program grant. Casey Fulford stated that Dr. Yucheng Feng with Auburn University agreed to be the grant holder. Dr. Yucheng Feng will be doing the testing in her lab allowing more samples within the same budget of \$21,000. Casey Fulford stated that she has been able to secure \$10,000 in match. Casey Fulford asked the Town Council for a commitment of \$8,000. Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Dykema made a motion for the Town of Magnolia Springs to coordinate a letter with Casey Fulford expressing commitment to the Alabama Coastal Area Management program grant and agree to \$8,000 match. Second, by Councilmember Steve Mobley. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Resolutions:
 - Resolution No. 2020-09 – Naming Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Zoning Board of Adjustment is an essential function of the Town and it can be voted on at this time. Councilmember Marley Gardner made motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-09. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Dykema. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Resolution No. 2020-10 – Naming Members to the Historic Preservation Commission- Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Historic Preservation Commission is an essential function of the Town and it can be voted on at this time. Councilmember Steve Mobley made motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-10. Second, by Councilmember Nick Shields. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Discussion:

- Coronavirus – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that with Governor Ivey’s newest directive that was released earlier in the day, it still limits gathering to 10 people or less. Which would limit Council Meetings to 10 people in the room. Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White stated that Public Works employee enters Town Hall without PPE. Councilmember Steve Mobley stated he will discuss PPE requirements with Public Works employee. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that Assistant Town Clerk, Hannah Driskell, may continue to work from home. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that Librarian Elise Nodar is working half of her normal hours but does not feel comfortable handling books from the public. Councilmember Steve Mobley suggested keeping the Town’s public docks closed until May 15, 2020. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan agreed that the closing of the public docks be kept in place until further direction from the Governor. Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Dykema stated that the tape that was placed on the public docks to indicate they are closed, needs to be redone. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that Town Hall will remain closed until more guidance from the Governor and League of Municipalities. Mayor Kim Koniar and Town Council discussed the need for Town employees to complete a cleaning and sanitation online class. Councilmember Ben Dykema noted that the Town of Magnolia Springs is responsible for the cleanliness of the polls during election. Mayor Kim Koniar stated more research will be conducted. Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White asked Councilmember Steve Mobley to document during Safety Meetings to receive credit from AMIC. Mayor Kim Koniar noted the increasing traffic at the Bay Street public dock and kayak launch. Discussion on whether to ask the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office to move up their patrolling from May 23. Agreement amongst Council to wait to see how upcoming weekend will be impacted by traffic. Deputy Derek Boone stated he will be working this upcoming Saturday. Deputy Boone stated if a vehicle is parked in the no parking zone, they could receive a ticket or be towed. Deputy Boone stated any vehicle parked in the roadway or parked in the area of the no parking signs could be towed, as well.
- Bridge Contract – Mayor Kim Koniar stated she received three (3) quotes to provide maintenance on the Magnolia River Bridge on Magnolia Springs Highway. Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council to authorize the Mayor to be able to negotiate cost. Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Dykema made motion to empower the Mayor to negotiate the contract as proposed for addition to the bridge and reconstitution of products on the bridge not to exceed \$44,000 with approval of Council and Town Attorney Brad Hicks. Second, by Councilmember Marley Gardner. All in favor. Motion passed.

10. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

Councilmember Andrew Monaghan discussed the nuisance on Live Oak Avenue. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan stated that the property owner filed Chapter 7 Bankruptcy and the house will be foreclosed on by the bank. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan stated that it would be in the Town’s best interest to let the bank to proceed with nuisance.

Mayor Kim Koniar reported that the Town has not closed on the property at the corner of Gates Avenue and Magnolia Springs Highway. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that she received the final survey today and should be closing this week.

Councilmember Marley Gardner reported that she has received concerns from citizens about a Dollar General coming into the Town. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that those are rumors right now since the Planning Commission has not been able to meet.

Councilmember Marley Gardner reported that she has been asked about the Town putting in a red-light at the intersection of Magnolia Springs Highway and Highway 98. Councilmember Steve Mobley stated if a business were to build at that intersection, the Town may be able to split costs of a red-light at that intersection.

Councilmember Marley Gardner asked about the Town not having a noise ordinance.

Councilmember Marley Gardner to research other municipalities for their noise ordinances.

Councilmember Marley Gardner asked Deputy Derek Boone about a complaint of vehicles racing down Oak Street. Deputy Boon reported that those individuals were found, and the issue was addressed.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White reported the activities of the Clerk’s Office. The Town has issued 18 Land Use Certificates since January 1, 2020, with 7 in the month of April. The Town has issued 11 Historic COA since January 1, 2020, with 5 in the month of April. The Town has processed 442 Business Licenses since January 1, 2020, with 4 being processed in April.

Town Clerk/Treasurer reported on sales tax the Town has received since January 1, 2020:

January – \$18,250.24
February – \$15,702.68
March – \$16,304.07
April – \$12,647.40

Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White thanked Councilmember Steve Mobley for the drop-box that was installed outside the front door at Town Hall.

Councilmember Steve Mobley stated that he received a complaint from a citizen about a ditch that needs to be cleared due to the dumping of leaves and debris into it. Councilmember Steve Mobley suggested the placement of a “No Dumping” sign in the area that the dumping is occurring.

Councilmember Steve Mobley states there has been citizens questioning the placement of streetlights on Oak Street. Councilmember Marley Gardner stated that there has not been a majority supporting streetlights on Oak Street.

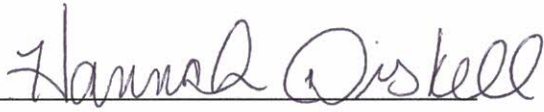
11. Any Other Business That Might Come Before the Meeting:

No other business.

12. Adjourn:

Councilmember Marley Gardner made motion to adjourn meeting. Second, by Councilmember Steve Mobley. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Approved this 26th day of May 2020.

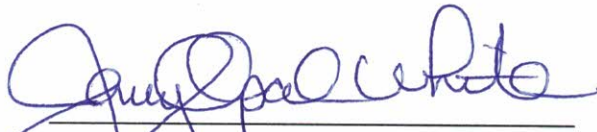


Submitted by:
Hannah Driskell
Assistant Town Clerk



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenny Opal White, Town Clerk/Treasurer



