

June 23, 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; Councilmember Steve Mobley;
 Councilmember Marley Gardner; Councilmember Nick Shields.

Also, present: Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White; and Assistant Town Clerk Hannah Driskell.

3. Invocation and Pledge:

Councilmember Nick Shields led invocation and pledge.

4. Approval of Council Minutes:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked for approval of minutes from Council Workshop, May 12, 2020 and Regular Council Meeting, May 26, 2020. Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Dykema made motion to approve minutes as presented. Second, by Councilmember Andrew Monaghan. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Financials and Expenditures, May 2020:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked for approval of Financials and Expenditures for May 2020. Mayor Kim Koniar requested to move the Gates Avenue land purchase to the Fixed Assets account. Mayor Kim Koniar requested to move funds from the Capital Improvement and Gas Tax accounts to cover road work. Councilmember Marley Gardner made motion to approve Financials and Expenditures as presented. Second, by Councilmember Nick Shields. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Public Comment:

Jessica Peppers – Jessica Peppers, a resident of Village Green, lives adjacent to Magnolia Springs Highway. Mrs. Peppers stated that there is heavy traffic on Magnolia Springs Highway that passes through Town at a high rate of speed. She stated that her family is unable to utilize their backyard due to loud trucks and speeding vehicles. Ms. Peppers stated that she is concerned that a vehicle will crash into her backyard. Ms. Peppers suggested a 3-way stop at the intersection of County Road 26 and Magnolia Springs Highway. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the intersection of County Road 26 and Magnolia Springs Highway is in the county and not in Town limits. Mayor Koniar suggested contacting Baldwin County Commission with her concerns.

Ms. Peppers also stated that the Dollar General would not be attractive in Magnolia Springs.

Jon Unrath – Jon Unrath, a resident of Village Green, lives adjacent to Magnolia Springs Highway. Mr. Unrath is concerned about traffic and noise from Jake brakes from large trucks on Magnolia Springs Highway. Mr. Unrath discussed a serious traffic accident that occurred at County Road 26 and Magnolia Springs Highway the previous Sunday evening. Mr. Unrath is concerned about the safety of his children playing in his backyard.

7. Resolutions:

▪ Resolution No. 2020-11 – Provide Tier I Benefits to Tier II Plan Members:

Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Council heard explanation at the previous Council Workshop. Mayor Kim Koniar made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-11 to provide Tier I benefits to Tier II members. Second, by Steve Mobley. All in Favor. Motion carried.

8. Land Clearing – 14774 Gates Avenue:

Mayor Kim Koniar stated she has received three (3) quotes for the land clearing on the newly purchased property on Gates Avenue. The Ad Hoc Committee is working on getting references for Terraform and will get clarification from H&W Services about what their quote includes. Mayor Koniar stated that she does not foresee spending more than \$3,000.

9. Magnolia Springs Library Request for Monetary Assistance for Interim Trainee:

Alida Given, with the Magnolia Springs Public Library, stated that Elise, the Town Librarian, will be leaving in August. The library board wants to conduct interviews for a new librarian in person, which is unable to be done at this time. The library board has decided on an interim librarian, Paige Monaghan. The library board requests a ten (10) hour-per-week salary until Elise leaves in August. Mayor Koniar and Council discussed the hourly pay for Paige Monaghan. Councilmember Steve Mobley made a motion to pay Paige Monaghan fifteen dollars (\$15) an hour for 10 hours a week with a start date of July 6, 2020. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Ben Dykema. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan recused from voting. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Discussion:

- Coronavirus – Mayor Kim Koniar stated to keep wearing masks inside Town Hall. Mayor Kim Koniar stated to keep Town Hall operating as is and open by appointment only.
- Municipal Election 2020 – Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White stated that the Candidate Qualifying Period is July 7 – July 21. There are two (2) poll worker positions available. Notice of Election will be published on July 1. Mayor Kim Koniar suggested a lock box for the key to the closet where the ballots would be stored. Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White suggested changing the lock to the closet, as well.
- Bridge Contract – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that she has not heard of a start date yet.

11. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

Mayor Kim Koniar stated she has had complaints of the traffic through Town on Magnolia Springs Highway. Mayor Koniar stated that the previous Council decided not to proceed with a traffic study because the traffic engineer did not think slowing traffic would fix the problem. Mayor Koniar contacted Baldwin County's Traffic Engineer who suggested speaking with a traffic engineer. Mayor Koniar spoke with a traffic engineer out of Mobile who is working on a proposal. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan stated that decreasing the speed limit could cause trucks to go another route and suggested creating an ordinance outlawing Jake brakes on large trucks to reduce noise. Deputy Boone stated he gets complaints about large trucks speeding and noise from Jake brakes on trucks. Deputy Boone stated Magnolia Springs Highway south of Village Green is the worst location for speeding in Town. Deputy Boone stated that he does patrol that area frequently but is unable to patrol the area all the time.

Councilmember Steve Mobley stated that Cougar Mini Mart, that recently changed owners, is undergoing changes with the inside clean and will also be serving food soon.

Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Shell Station/Kellam's Corner is looking bad. They have not paid their business license for 2020. Kellam's Corner has until June 29, until legal action would have to be taken.

Mayor Kim Koniar stated she authorized Councilmember Steve Mobley to purchase a Gator for public works. The Gator was \$7,000.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White reminded residents of the Baldwin County Solid Waste's annual Town debris pick-up on June 29.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White reported Town Hall will be closed on July 3 for Independence Day holiday.

Town Clerk/Treasurer Jenny Opal White stated that the phone extensions were changed to 1, 2 & 3, respectively.

Councilmember Marley Gardner inquired if the small Highway 98 sign could be removed at Oak Street and Pecan Grove Street due to a larger Highway 98 sign being a short distance away.

Councilmember Steve Mobley stated it would be removed.

Mayor Kim Koniar received a request for Deputy Boone to patrol behind the Family Dollar store. Councilmember Steve Mobley stated that he has observed traffic going around the speed humps. Councilmember Mobley suggested installing the same barrier that is at the Pecan Grove speed humps.

Mayor Kim Koniar stated that Dollar General has applied for sewer with Baldwin County Sewer Service. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that if the Planning Commission approves Dollar General to come into the Town, she sees no reason to deny their sewer hook-up.

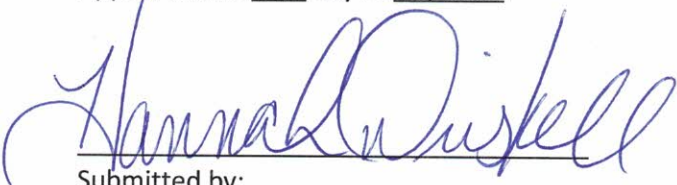
12. Any Other Business That Might Come Before the Meeting:

No other business.

13. Adjourn:

Councilmember Marley Gardner made motion to adjourn. Second, by Councilmember Steve Mobley. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Approved this 28th day of July 2020.

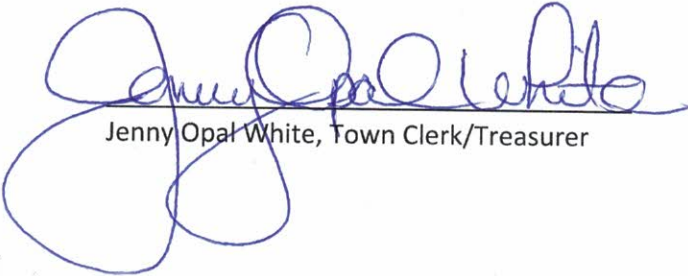


Submitted by:
Hannah Driskell
Assistant Town Clerk



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jenny Opal White, Town Clerk/Treasurer



