

August 9, 2022
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; Councilmember Bob Turner.
Also, present: Town Clerk Hannah Driskell.

3. Invocation and Pledge:

Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields led invocation and pledge.

4. Council Minutes – July 2022:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council to review the minutes from the Council Workshop, July 12, 2022, and Regular Council Meeting, July 26, 2022. Mayor Kim Koniar asked for changes to be submitted to the Clerk's Office.

5. Deputy Eric Smith – Monthly Report:

Deputy Eric Smith gave his July monthly report.

Arrests: 2
Reports: 1
Traffic Stops: 5
UTC: 1
Written Warnings: 1
Verbal Warnings: 3
Agency Assists: 7

Deputy Smith attended active shooter training, addressed complaint of dogs running at large at 14978 Cedar Street, assisted Foley Police Department with a stolen vehicle and BCSO pursuit with successful stop stick deployment disabling vehicle.

Deputy Smith noted that there have been no traffic accidents at the entrance at the new Dollar General store. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that ALDOT will be installing the traffic signal the week of August 15 at the intersection of Magnolia Springs Highway and US Highway 98 at the Dollar General entrance.

Mayor Kim Koniar requested for Deputy Smith to monitor for speeding along Twin Oaks Drive.

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

Shari Woody was not present to give a Hurricane Sally update. Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that Ms. Woody had no updates. Ms. Woody will be attending a Hazard Mitigation meeting with Baldwin County EMA and will be able to share additional information following the meeting.

7. Public Comment:

Todd Puckett – Mr. Puckett inquired about the signage for the end of Jessamine Street, the final payment to GreenCo Services, LLC for the Hurricane Sally work and the status of the drainage study. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the sign had been ordered for the end of Jessamine Street and the payment will be made to GreenCo Services, LLC after the Town removed the pavers from the Arboretum. Councilmember Steve Mobley noted that the drainage study was a long process and there was still more work to be completed.

Ann Grandin – Ms. Grandin, on behalf of the Magnolia Springs Public Library Board, discussed a budget request for the next fiscal year. The board would like to add a librarian assistant for fifteen hours a week at fifteen dollars per hour. The board would like for the library director to work twenty-five hours per week with increasing her pay to twenty-five dollars per hour. Ms. Grandin will discuss security with the Library Board at the next meeting. Ms. Grandin stated that there are volunteers at the library with more volunteers in the future.

8. Proclamation:

- Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2022 – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that she will read the Constitution Week proclamation at the August Regular Council Meeting.

9. Resolutions:

- Resolution No. 2022-24 – Adopting Transportation Plan Pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act – Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that the resolution did not have to be location specific for roadway improvements. The resolution that Council will vote on at the August Regular Council Meeting will be for roadway improvements that the Council sees fit during the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

10. Ordinances:

- Ordinance No. 2022-02 – Ordinance Prohibiting Trucks, Tractor-Trailers, Loaded Dump Trucks, and Cement Trucks on Certain Public Streets – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that there were changes made to the Ordinance since the last meeting. Council discussed changes that were made to the ordinance and additional changes that will need to be made before passing. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the ordinance with the Council's changes will be sent to the Town Attorney for review for the Council to be prepared to pass at the next Regular Council Meeting.
- Ordinance No. 2022-03 – Ordinance to Adopt Sanitary Sewer Installation – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that Richard Peterson will have the Ordinance drafted with the changes made after discussions with BCSS by the end of the week. The ordinance will be sent to legal for review once Richard Peterson has completed.
- Ordinance No. 2022-04 – Amendment to Article 2, Section C of Ordinance No. 2010-06, Regarding Land Use Certificates – Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that the Ordinance will require a public hearing before the Council can pass. Ms. Driskell will post notice for the public hearing so it can be held at the August Regular Council Meeting.

11. Discussion:

- Street Paving Projects – Councilmember Steve Mobley noted that McCoy Lane is the priority for paving due to the damage to the pavement and culverts. Councilmember Mobley has reached out to local asphalt companies to get a quote for the cost to repave. Councilmember Mobley stated that he has not gotten a response from them.
- ARPA Funds Potential Projects – Town Clerk Hannah Driskell discussed what the American Rescue Plan Act allows for stormwater and green infrastructure projects. Ms. Driskell noted that if the Council wanted to use the funds for the drainage study, she can get a resolution prepared to dedicate those funds toward that project.
- Magnolia Springs Wesleyan Property – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Wesleyan Church reached out to the Town to purchase the church property. Mayor Koniar stated that the asking price for the church was \$1.7 million dollars, which included 4.4 acres and 4 buildings. Mayor Koniar noted that Town representatives walked the property and determined that there are multiple things on each building that would need to be repaired. Mayor Koniar discussed that it would take a lot of money to renovate the building to make it usable for offices, library, and council chambers.

12. Committee/Commission Reports:

- Ad Hoc Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar, Chairman, reported on the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. The Ad Hoc Committee wanted to see what the consensus of the community was before deciding on what projects to move forward on. The Council agreed to host a Town meeting to determine the name for the old school property to designate it as a park. Following the Town meeting, the Town will send a survey out to see what the consensus of the community is before moving forward with a plan. Mayor Koniar tentatively scheduled the Community Hall for August 25, 2022, at 5:00 pm for a Town Meeting, pending the Magnolia Springs Community Association’s rental schedule.
- Finance & Audit Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Finance & Audit Committee will meet on August 18, 2022, to begin discussions regarding fiscal year 2022-2023 budget, lodgings tax and tobacco tax.
- Public Works, Lands & Safety Committee, Steve Mobley, Chairman – Councilmember Steve Mobley reported that the Public Works, Lands and Safety Committee met and are determining what streets need to be paved. Councilmember Mobley noted that Volkert contacted him regarding paving and digging a ditch on Oak Street soon. Councilmember Mobley noted that he has received complaints of speeding on Jessamine Street south of Cougill Avenue and if the Town could install a speed hump on Jessamine Street. Councilmember Mobley noted that he received a complaint of overgrown yards, and the Town maintenance worker is having issues with keeping the shrubs and grass under control. Mayor Kim Koniar requested an estimated completion of the drainage study and estimate for the repaving of Oak Street from Volkert. Councilmember Mobley discussed having Gary’s Tree Service trim the trees for the school bus to have clearance under tree limbs. Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields will reach out to Gary’s Tree Service to determine locations of limbs to be cut.
- Tree & Streetscape Committee, Nick Shields, Chairman – Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields stated that the Tree & Streetscape Committee did not meet. Mayor Pro Tempore Shields noted that there is a diseased tree in Village Green that was treated by Gary’s Tree Service in the past that was infested by beetles that the committee is involved with.
- Magnolia Springs Public Library, Nick Shields, Treasurer – Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields gave the Magnolia Springs Public Library current fiscal year to date report. The library has had 4,000 visits, 400 volunteer hours, 23 programs, 4 passive programs, 86 new library cards, open 755 hours to the public, and 11,000 materials circulated this fiscal year to date.

13. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell reported that the Clerk’s Office has processed 455 business licenses in 2022 and 31 Land Use Certificates. Ms. Driskell noted the corrections that were made to the July financials that will be voted on at the August Regular Council Meeting. Deputy Eric Smith noted that August 10 is the first day of school and to be cautious of school buses and school zones.

14. Adjourn:


Mayor Kim Koniar asked for motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bob Turner made motion to adjourn. Second, by Councilmember Ross Houser. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Approved this 27th day of September 2022.



 Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



 Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk

