

October 11, 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 following publication and posting pursuant to Alabama law.

2. Roll Call:

Mayor Kim Koniar; Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields;  
 Councilmember Steve Mobley;  
 Councilmember Ross Houser; Councilmember Bob Turner.  
 Absent: Councilmember Andrew Monaghan.

Also, present: Town Clerk Hannah Driskell; Assistant Town Clerk Margy Ruhe-Spencer.

3. Invocation and Pledge:

Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields led invocation and pledge.

4. Council Minutes – September 2022:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council to review the minutes from the Council Workshop, September 13, 2022, and Regular Council Meeting, September 27, 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 September monthly report.

Arrests: 1

Reports: 1

Traffic Stops: 5

UTC: 2

Written Warnings: 3

Verbal Warnings: 1

Agency Assists: 7, 4 of which resulted in arrest for various charges.

Training: Attended Annual Firearms Qualifications.

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

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that Shari Woody was not able to attend and did not have any updates.

7. Public Comment:

- Jennifer Fidler – Jennifer Fidler announced that she is on the ballot on November 8, 2022, for House District 94 which includes Magnolia Springs. Ms. Fidler asked Council to consider allowing the use of Town Hall to conduct Town Hall Meetings with her, if she is elected, periodically to allow public access to her. Ms. Fidler stated that she has been contacted by an individual in the area about remarking the navigational buoys and channel markers in Magnolia River and Fish River. Ms. Fidler asked Council for assistance in contacting the proper authorities to push for that project.
- Todd Puckett – Todd Puckett inquired about the status of a sign at the end of Jessamine Street to prevent drivers from driving into the Magnolia River. Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that Vulcan will be printing the sign as soon as their digital printer is repaired, and the completion date is unknown. Mr. Puckett discussed having portions of the Town work with Riviera Utilities to install underground utilities. Mayor Koniar suggested getting a group of citizens together to plan where the underground utilities would be installed in phases to present to Riviera Utilities in December.

8. Ordinances:

- Ordinance No. 2022-03 – Ordinance to Adopt Sanitary Sewer Installation – Councilmember Bob Turner noted that the Ordinance is not ready. Richard Peterson is working with Baldwin County Sewer Service to clarify some questions regarding the Ordinance.
- Ordinance No. 2022-05 – Amending Business License Ordinance 2020-05; Increasing Issuance Fee and Schedule for Caterers – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that this ordinance would be making minor changes to the Business License ordinance. The changes would include an increase in the issuance fee and a fee schedule change for mobile caterers.

9. Resolutions:

- Resolution No. 2022-27 – Authorizing the Mayor to Enter in a Contract with the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama for Law Enforcement Services – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that Councilmember Andrew Monaghan reviewed the 2021 contract with the 2022 contract, noting that there are no changes. Councilmember Bob Turner noted that Town ordinances are not being enforced by the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office.

10. Discussion:

- Zoning Ordinance Article 4, D...Accessory Uses and Structures – Mayor Kim Koniar discussed that some residences have multiple accessory structures on their properties. Mayor Koniar noted that the Zoning Ordinance is vague on the number of accessory structures that can be permitted on a lot. Mayor Koniar discussed drafting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance that would clarify the number of accessory structures allowed and the definition of accessory structures.
- MSCA Christmas Luminaries Donation – Mayor Kim Koniar stated that the Town gave \$850 to the Magnolia Springs Community Association last year for the luminaires. The Community Association's Christmas events bring in tourism into the Town.
- St. Paul's Speckled Trout Invitational Fishing Tournament Sponsorship – Mayor Kim Koniar discussed with Council the amount the Town would like to donate to St. Paul's for their Speckled Trout Invitational Fishing Tournament. The funds raised by the Church will be for their outreach ministry that assists local residents in need. Mayor and Council agreed to give \$500 and will pass the donation by resolution at the Regular Council Meeting.

11. Committee/Commission Reports:

- Ad Hoc Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Ad Hoc Committee has not met. Mayor Koniar noted that the Ad Hoc Committee was waiting until the surveys were in and tallied before the committee met again. Mayor Koniar noted that a meeting will need to be scheduled.
- Finance & Audit Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Finance & Audit Committee has not met.
- Public Works, Lands & Safety Committee, Steve Mobley, Chairman – Councilmember Steve Mobley noted that the Public Works, Lands & Safety Committee met and discussed the drainage study, all the Magnolia River landings and stop signs. Councilmember Mobley noted that Andrew James with Volkert has not completed the drainage study and the committee is waiting for completion to discuss the results. Councilmember Mobley discussed there is not a stop sign facing north at Jessamine Street and Cougill Avenue and there is not a stop sign facing south at Bay Street and Cougill Avenue. Stop signs will be installed at those locations. Councilmember Mobley discussed a blocked drainage ditch behind a home on Holly Street. A nuisance abatement letter has been sent to the property owner and the tenant. Councilmember Bob Turner discussed a pothole on Oak Street near Jesse's that needs to be repaired. Councilmember Steve Mobley noted that Riviera Utilities originally patched the area, and he will contact Riviera Utilities about repairing the asphalt. Councilmember Steve Mobley stated that the Arboretum is complete except for a minor repair to the irrigation, which will be resolved after the Council Workshop. Once the Arboretum is complete, the Garden Club will be able to begin working on rehabbing the Arboretum with plants. Councilmember Steve Mobley noted that the Arboretum will remain closed until the Garden Club can do their work.

Mayor Kim Koniar discussed the dredging of the Magnolia River. Mayor Koniar noted that Baldwin County did not get the grant to dredge the Cold Hole, but the river bottom of the Cold Hole is still built up with sand. Mayor Kim Koniar stated that research needs to be done to find out how to get the funds and the proper authorities to collaborate with to dredge the Cold Hole.

- Tree & Streetscape Committee, Nick Shields, Chairman – Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields noted that the townwide tree trimming for clearance of school buses and fire trucks has been completed. Councilmember Steve Mobley noted concerns regarding a leaning tree on private property on Cedar Street that would take down power lines.
- Magnolia Springs Public Library, Nick Shields, Board Members – Mayor Kim Koniar that there was no information from the library to discuss. Mayor Koniar noted that a new assistant librarian could be employed through SARPC during their probationary period.

12. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

No council, legal counsel, or staff comments.

13. Adjourn:

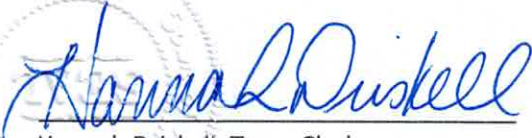
Mayor Kim Koniar asked for motion to adjourn. Councilmember Ross Houser made motion to adjourn. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Approved this 22nd day of November 2022.



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk

