

January 10, 2023
 Council Workshop
 12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
 Magnolia Springs, Alabama 36555

1. Call to Order:
 Mayor Kim Koniar called 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 and Assistant Town Clerk Margy Ruhe-Spencer.
3. Invocation and Pledge:
 Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields led the invocation and pledge.
4. Proclamation:
 - Arbor Day Proclamation, February 25, 2023 – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that she will do the proclamation at the January Council Meeting.
5. Council Minutes, December 2022:
 Mayor Kim Koniar asked Council to review the minutes from the Council Workshop, December 13, 2022, and Regular Council Meeting, December 20, 2022. Mayor Kim Koniar asked for changes to be submitted to the Clerk's Office.
6. Deputy Eric Smith – Monthly Report:
 Mayor Kim Koniar noted that Deputy Eric Smith has been sick during the month of December. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that Council can review Deputy Smith's report.
7. Public Comment:
 No public comment.
8. Resolutions:
 - Resolution No. 2023-01 – Authorizing Civil Southeast, LLC to make Application to ALDOT for Roadway Improvements – Alan Killen with Civil Southeast, LLC discussed the application to ALDOT for Roadway Improvements. Mr. Killen noted that the scope of the project decreased from last year's application due to the increase in pricing. The application would only be for the resurfacing of Live Oak Avenue and Oak Street. Mr. Killen noted that ALDOT opened the application submission period for 5 weeks and the Governor will award randomly throughout the year. Mayor Kim Koniar discussed going to Montgomery and meet with Governor Ivey.
9. Discussion:
 - Mark Wright Vacation Petition – Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that the petitioners, Mark and Diana Wright, submitted a new survey and petition with the changes as discussed previously. Ms. Driskell noted that Mr. & Mrs. Wright's attorney, Dan Blackburn, will be handling the posting and publication requirements and requested that the public hearing be held at the February 28, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Councilmember Ross Houser will speak to an appraiser to get the land appraised.
 - Magnolia Landing Parking Lot – Mayor Pro Tempore, Nick Shields, discussed the gravel parking area at Magnolia Landing. Mayor Pro Tempore Shields noted that there are washed out areas in the parking lot and needs to be regraded with new gravel installed. Councilmember Steve Mobley discussed concerns due to the fact that the Town has an easement with property owners for the use of the parking lot. Councilmember Mobley noted that the property owners need to be notified before any work is to take place.
10. Committee/Commission Reports:
 - Ad Hoc Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Ad Hoc Committee has not met, but a meeting will need to be scheduled soon.
 - Finance & Audit, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Finance and Audit Committee has not met. Mayor Koniar discussed that Avizo will be conducting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 audit soon. The cost for the audit has increased by 7%.

- Public Works, Lands & Safety, Steve Mobley, Chairman – Councilmember Steve Mobley stated that the Public Works, Lands and Safety Committee met and discussed making a priority list of roads that needs to be resurfaced.
- Tree & Streetscape, Nick Shields, Chairman – Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields noted that he met with Gary’s Tree Service to look at a Magnolia Tree near Magnolia Landing. The tree is hollow and needs to be removed. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that there were some trees in the Magnolia Springs Old School Park that are damaged and need attention.
- Magnolia Springs Public Library, Ann Grandin, Board Member – Ann Grandin noted that the Library Board meets later in the week and will be revisiting the hiring process for the Library Director. Ms. Grandin noted that there are enough volunteers to keep the library open through February.

11. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell gave a report on the Clerk’s Office. 75 business licenses have been renewed so far. Avenu will be taking over the business license administration on February 1. Food Truck Friday will begin again soon. Ms. Driskell discussed that an individual would like to rent Magnolia Landing for a wedding in June. Currently, the rental ordinance in place does not include Magnolia Landing. Council discussed that they have no issues with a wedding being held at Magnolia Landing and requested the rental ordinance be amended to include all public areas.

Alan Killen, Civil Southeast, discussed a park grant that could be available to the Town to build a park. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has a grant program that would fund a new park within a community. The grant is a 50% matching grant. The Town could use in-kind or cash donations toward their portion. Mr. Killen noted that the Town Council would have to deed restrict the Magnolia Springs Old School Park property noting that the land would be a park in perpetuity. Alan Killen noted that the Sidewalk Improvement grant is waiting for Governor Ivey’s signature before moving forward.

Councilmember Bob Turner discussed the potential of the Town no longer owning the bridge. Councilmember Turner is researching options for the future of the bridge.

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

No other business that might come before the meeting.

13. Adjourn:


Mayor Kim Koniar asked for motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bob Turner made motion to adjourn. Second, by Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Approved this 28th day of February 2023.



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk

