

July 11, 2023
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; Councilmember Andrew Monaghan;
Councilmember Steve Mobley; Councilmember Ross Houser.
Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields; Councilmember Bob Turner.
Also, present: Town Clerk Hannah Driskell.

3. Invocation and Pledge:

Councilmember Ross Houser led the invocation and pledge.

4. Council Minutes – June 2023:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked the Council to review the minutes from the Council Workshop, June 13, 2023, and Regular Council Meeting, June 27, 2023. 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 June monthly report.

Reports: 3
Traffic Stops: 9
Written Warnings: 0
UTC: 10
Verbal Warnings: 4
Welfare Concerns: 9
Alarms: 3
Investigations: 7
Golf Cart Inspections: 1

Deputy Smith attended training 2 days for EVOC/PIT training, E-Warrant training, and 2 days for Red Dot Training.

6. Public Comment:

Buster Slay – Buster Slay, resident of Rock Street, noted that the 4th of July Parade went great. 600 hot dogs were served.

7. Resolution:

- Resolution No. 2023-04 – A Resolution Assenting to the Vacation of a Portion of Holly Avenue and an Unnamed Street Depicted on the Plat of Magnolia Plaza as Recorded at Slide 36-A in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Baldwin County, Alabama – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that she has been in contact with Mark Wright. Mayor Koniar discussed the Town initiating the vacation, which would allow the Council to vote on the vacation without having all the required documentation from the State of Alabama. The council discussed concerns over initiating the vacation. Mayor Kim Koniar discussed future plans for the Holly Avenue Magnolia River access point. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan noted that the right-of-way is valuable green space.

- Resolution No. 2023-14 – Adopting Public Records Policy – Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that there was a bill in the State Legislature that would put a timeframe on filling public records requests but failed. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that most records are public records and available to the public. Mayor Koniar noted that researching and completing public records requests takes time. Mayor Koniar discussed Resolution No. 2023-14 would implement a fee per page and per hour. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan discussed concerns over those with financial hardships and waiving the fees for those individuals.
- Resolution No. 2023-16 – Establishing the Magnolia Springs Library Board Members – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Magnolia Springs Public Library submitted a letter with the places and names for the individuals they recommend filling the vacancies on the Library Board.
- Resolution No. 2023-18 – Reduce the Corporate Limits of the Town of Magnolia Springs, Alabama and the Boundaries Thereof Reestablished – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that Jim Parker on Richards Lane wants to be removed from the town limits. The town limits line cuts through the middle of his property. Town Clerk Hannah Driskell noted that there was a change to the legal description and the Town Attorneys are reviewing.

8. Discussion:

- 14685 Camelia Street Nuisance – Councilmember Steve Mobley noted that the owners have not mowed the yard. Councilmember Mobley noted that the owners have to be notified of the Resolution that was passed and then the Town can abate the nuisance. The Town would have to pass another Resolution to place a lien on the property.

9. Committee/Commission Reports:

- Ad Hoc Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Ad Hoc Committee has not met but needs to meet.
- Finance & Audit Committee, Kim Koniar, Chairman – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Finance & Audit Committee has not met but needs to meet.
- Public Works, Lands & Safety Committee, Steve Mobley, Chairman – Councilmember Steve Mobley noted that the Public Works, Lands & Safety Committee has not met. Councilmember Mobley requested that all Councilmembers review the drainage study to prioritize projects. Councilmember Mobley discussed concerns from residents regarding dead Oak tree limbs on Oak Street and dead trees on Gates Avenue between Bay Street and Jessamine Street. Councilmember Mobley will reach out to Gary's Tree Service for them to look at and remove the trees and grind the stump that was left from the Magnolia tree on Magnolia Springs Highway. Councilmember Mobley noted that there are boards that need to be replaced at the Arboretum, Magnolia Landing and Bemis Bay. Councilmember Mobley discussed the Garden Club planted plants in places that makes it difficult for the maintenance worker to mow and maintain. Councilmember Mobley will reach out to the Garden Club about the difficulties.
- Tree & Streetscape Committee, Nick Shields, Chairman – Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields was not present to give report.
- Magnolia Springs Public Library – Mayor Kim Koniar noted that there was not anyone present to give a report from the Magnolia Springs Public Library. Mayor Koniar noted that the Library Board has interviewed more candidates for the Library Director position. The library will remain closed until a new director is hired.

10. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments:

Town Clerk Hannah Driskell stated that the Bookmobile will be at Town Hall on the second and forth Tuesdays from 12:30-1:30 pm. The Library Board meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 12 at noon. The Planning Commission is holding a Town Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 5:30 pm to get input from the community on Short Term Rentals. Food Truck Friday will be Friday, July 14, 2023, at the Magnolia Springs Old School Park from 5-7 pm. The grant for the new Comprehensive Plan was awarded and the funds will be available in October with SARPC facilitating the project. The State Legislature passed an increase to the bid law making it \$30,000 for general items to be put out for bid and \$100,000 for public works. Mayor Kim Koniar noted that the Baldwin County Commission approved the Planning Jurisdiction agreement which will allow the Planning Commission to enforce Subdivision Regulations in the 1.5-mile planning jurisdiction.

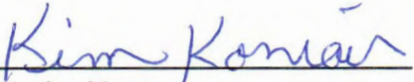
11. Any Other Business That Might Come Before the Meeting:

No other business came before the meeting.

12. Adjourn:

Mayor Kim Koniar asked for motion to adjourn. Councilmember Andrew Monaghan made motion to adjourn. Second, by Councilmember Ross Houser. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Approved this 22nd day of August 2023.



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk