

April 12, 2016  
 Council Workshop  
 12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.  
 Magnolia Springs, Al.  
 5:00 P.M.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Underwood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Members present – Mayor Ken Underwood - Council Members: Dotty Johnson, Jim May, Bob Holk, Donna Esslinger and Ben Dykema. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel, Legal Counsel - Brad Hicks

**3. Invocation and Pledge** – Councilmember Esslinger

**4. Discussion of Minutes – March 2016**

Workshop – 03/08/2016

Regular Meeting – 03/22/2016

No comments or corrections

**5. Discussion of Financials and Expenditures – March 2016**

The Mayor reported: Balances as of 03/31/2016 - General Fund - \$124,677.50. Income - \$20,614.42, Expenses - \$59,205.77. Money Market – \$232,962.99. CD - \$54,178.14. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income \$322.03 – Balance \$20,536.59. The Clerk provided the Council with its six month budget vs actual report for their review. The clerk also informed the council that the paperwork for the reimbursement on the Springs Grant was submitted. She added that she was told that it takes about two weeks to receive the funds. The town should be reimbursed \$30,886.00.

**6. Deputy Smith – Monthly Report**

Deputy Smith reported that he had 6 arrests off traffic stops – 1 on view arrest for public intoxication warrant. 153 Traffic Stops – 41 Citations – 55 Warnings – 57 Verbal Warnings

**7. Public Comment**

Reid Cole, is a first responder and wanted to discuss with the council his concern about the two additional speed tables on the south side of the bridge on Magnolia Springs Highway. He said that speed tables will add response time to emergency vehicles. Seconds matter on an emergency call and it could be a matter of life and death situation. He suggested maybe installing a turn lane by the Village Green entrance. Councilmember Dykema said that the town is trying to slow down the traffic and wouldn't a turn lane speed up the traffic. Mayor Underwood stated that the town is not only trying to stop the speeders but to deter other traffic from cutting through the town headed to the beach. Councilmember Esslinger thanked Mr. Cole for his concern and suggested the council think about his concern. She added that the council did approve the speed tables and maybe the turn lane might be a prospect in the future when the town can study that aspect.

**8. Discussion – Resolution – 2016 “Back-to-School” Sales Tax Holiday**

The sales tax holiday is the first full weekend in August. The resolution will exempt certain school items from the local sales tax.

**9 Committee Reports**

a. **Finance & Audit** – No report

b. **Public Works & Safety** – Councilmember Holk said the committee discussed, agreed and suggested that the speed limit on Magnolia Springs Highway should be changed to 25 miles per hour. At the same time the committee suggested making sure that Pecan Grove, Oak Street and Gates Avenue are at 25 miles per hour. Then everything else in the town will be 15 miles per hour. The clerk informed the council that she received a call from E911 stating that they are trying to do a map with all the street speed limits. The clerk explained to E911 that the town will be trying to pass a blank ordinance with the street speed limits and will forward them a copy when it is approved. Mayor Underwood stated that he will forward the information to the clerk on the streets that he has been working on.

c. **Public Lands** – Councilmember Dykema provided the council with a quote from Fence & Deck Doctor in the amount \$1,700.00 for some repair work. The work was for repairing and replacing split rail fencing and bumper work on the boardwalk at the Springs. It also included installing 54 feet of

split rail fencing at the Bay Street pier entrance. Councilmember Dykema added that he told the contractor to move forward with the repairs.

d. **Tree & Streetscape** – No report

e. **Planning Commission** – No report

f. **Historic Commission** – Mayor Underwood reported that the materials for the kiosk are being ordered.

**10 Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments**


Legal counsel, Brad Hicks, added that the clerk will draft an ordinance for the street speed limits and then send it to him for review.

Councilmember Johnson stated that people are asking her when the municipal election is. The clerk stated that election will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>, qualifying is from July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 19<sup>th</sup>, the town will publish notice of qualifying. The new council will take office November 7<sup>th</sup>.


**Motion by Councilmember Esslinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember May to adjourn the workshop. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting ended at 5:50 pm

Approved this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016

  
**Kenneth D. Underwood – Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk**