

June 10, 2014
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 5:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Invocation and Pledge – led by Mayor Underwood

4. Jenny Williams – Baldwin County Sewer Service (BCSS)

Ms. Williams stated that Family Dollar is requesting service from BCSS because they are having issues with sewage backing up into the store. Baldwin County Sewer is making a request to the town to extend their sewer line from the Shell Station to the Family Dollar. BCSS is requesting to use PVC piping which is not allowed with our present sewer specifications. Mayor Underwood stated that the specifications do call for ductile iron pipe but there have been discussions in the past about adding PVC piping as an alternative. Councilmember Holk had requested that our legal counsel research the process for adding PVC piping to the sewer specifications. Brad said that if the council wanted to add the PVC piping to the specifications the council would have to amend the present ordinance adopting the specifications. Since the engineers drafted the specifications Brad suggested that they also draft the language for the amendment. Councilmember Holk added that he would also like the engineers to draft some language for the town council to have the authority to approve a variance if needed. Councilmember Holk will contact the engineering firm about amendments to the ordinance.

5. Discussion of minutes

05/13/14 – Workshop

05/27/14 – Regular Meeting

No comments

6. Discussion of financials for May

The Mayor reported: Balances as of 05/31/2014 - General Fund - \$52,661.90. Income - \$16,347.88. Expenses - \$20,360.78. Money Market – \$182,772.64. CD - \$53,895.19. Deepwater Horizon - \$9,713.76. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income \$295.34, Balance - \$13,425.41. Councilmember Holk commented on the increase in the sales tax revenue. Councilmember Johnson commented on the citation revenue income

7. Public Comment

Helen Underwood – stated that she was impressed with a letter that Ken and the rest of the council received from the library. Mrs. Underwood said that she wanted to reiterate the importance of the library and read the letter to the council.

8. Deputy Kaiser's Monthly Report

Deputy Kaiser reported: 5 total arrests – 56 traffic stops – 17 citations – 19 warnings – 20 verbal warnings. Councilmember Holk asked the deputy to check the public accesses with it being summer time and the kids out of school. Deputy Kaiser stated that he is making his presence known at the different accesses.

9. Discussion – Natural Resources Conservation Service Grant (NRCS)

Mayor Underwood explained that FEMA will not help with the restoration of the bank at the Springs due to the damage from the flood. NCRS will assist with a grant that is 75/25% match. Mayor Underwood wrote a letter to NCRS requesting the consideration of the grant. The cost to restore the springs is \$89,220 which the town would be responsible for 25% of that. Councilmember Dykema asked if it included engineering fees. Mayor Underwood said that he

was not sure but would check on it. Councilmember Holk stated that this would be the first step to obtain the funding and then there would be engineered plans. Councilmember Johnson questioned why the public lands committee was not informed about the grant request. Mayor Underwood stated that when FEMA said they would not pay for the Springs then he as Mayor has the authority to request the funding and wrote the letter.

10. Magnolia Springs Community Association – Request

Mayor Underwood stated that the Community Association is requesting funding of \$250.00 towards the hot dog lunch for the 4th of July celebration.

11. Committee/Commission Reports

a) Finance Committee – no report

b) Public Works & Safety – Councilmember Holk stated that the town is still getting estimates on the work that needs to be done so we can send them to FEMA. Mayor Underwood stated preliminary estimate is about \$22,000 - \$23,000 which the town's responsibility is 25%. Councilmember Holk said sometimes the state will step in and help with that cost so ours might only be 10%.

c) Public Lands – Councilmember Dykema stated that the committee discussed a report of an open fire on the Bay Street pier. It's only been reported once so the committee decided to wait and see if it becomes a problem before addressing it. He added that completion of Magnolia Landing should be by the end of the summer. The committee also discussed their budget for the next fiscal year and will request the same amount as last year's budget of \$20,000.

d) Tree & Streetscape – Councilmember May stated that the committee will meet to discuss becoming a Tree City. He will be scheduling a meeting. Councilmember Holk suggested looking into trimming the undergrowth of some of the trees. Councilmember May stated that he was going to have someone come in and do a drive through and make a recommendation to the committee.

e) Historic Preservation Commission – Mayor Underwood stated that the historic district signs should be delivered and installed by Father's Day.

12. Council, legal counsel and staff comments

Councilmember Johnson questioned the accuracy of the radar signs. The clerk will contact the contractor that installed the signs and ask about calibrating them. Councilmember Johnson also asked if there was any response from Dr. Lee on the school property. The mayor said there was not.

Deputy Kaiser stated that he was told that a petition would come before the council to lower the speed limit on Woodland Drive because of a speeder. He informed the council that the situation was taken care of. He also informed the council that there are no speed limit signs on Woodland Drive. Councilmember Holk will take a look at the area. Deputy Kaiser also added that there have been reports of five juveniles checking for unlocked vehicles and advised people to keep their car doors locked.

13. Adjourn


Motion by Councilmember Johnson, 2nd by Councilmember Holk to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Workshop ended at 6:15 pm

Approved this the 22nd day of July, 2014


Kenneth D. Underwood – Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk