

August 8, 2017
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, Al.
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Members present – Mayor Bob Holk - Council Members: Dotty Johnson, Marley Gardner, Nick Shields and Ben Dykema. Not present: Donna Esslinger. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel and Legal Counsel - Brad Hicks

3. Invocation and Pledge – Rodney Hubble

4. Discussion of Minutes – July 2017

Workshop Meeting – 07/11/2017

Regular Meeting – 07/25/2017

No comment or discussion

5. Discussion of Financials and Expenditures – July 2017

Mayor Holk reported: Balances as of 07/31/2017 - General Fund - \$78,000.00. Income - \$22,002.70, Expenses - \$21,309.18. Tiered Money Market – \$340,528.09. CD - \$54,463.16.

6. Deputy Smith - Monthly Report

Deputy Smith was unable to attend. Mayor Holk reported - 3 arrests off traffic stops: 158 traffic stops – 91 citations – 50 written warnings – 17 verbal warnings.

Councilmember Dykema requested the Mayor ask Deputy Smith to work some weekends because the public accesses are very busy at that time. Mayor Holk stated that he would ask him to work some of the weekends till Labor Day.

7. Public Comment

No public comment.

8. Discussion - Jessamine Street Access

Councilmember Dykema stated that with advice from legal counsel, he went and talked to each council member individually to see what they wanted to do about the Jessamine Street access project. Councilmember Dykema stated that there are two issues the members had with it at this time;

1 - it is too involved and too convoluted to get into just six months after the election.

2 - the town has three kayak launches right now within a three quarter mile area of the river.

Councilmember Dykema said that he didn't think there was a need for another one right now but maybe later. He added that the members he talked to are inclined to wait for a while and see how things go. Mayor Holk asked legal counsel if he should withdraw his offer and Brad stated that there was never a full acceptance; it was more of an investigation. Brad added that in talking to Councilmember Dykema, since he is the mayor pro-tem, he has withdrawn his request from the Ethics Commission. Brad stated that in his opinion there is no action that needs to be taken. Mayor Holk stated that his concern is that the pier has been there 60-70 years in different stages of repair and disrepair. He has taken care of it for the last 40 years. Mayor Holk said that it is in bad shape and he is going to take the pier down. He stated that when he does take it down, the people that use it will be upset. He also added that no one else has done any maintenance to the pier other than himself.

9. Discussion - 2017/2018 Proposed Budget

Mayor Holk stated that the Finance Committee reviewed and compared this year's ten months financials to draft of the 2017/2018 budget. The Mayor and Council reviewed some of the larger line items. One item the Mayor discussed was Public Works and stated that there are enough funds to look into paving Live Oak Street and Short Street. He stated that on Public Safety he has talked to the Sheriff's Department and they are not going up on the cost of the deputy like they had discussed last year. Mayor Holk said that the Library budget has gone up because of the extra expense of the librarian being hired through SARPC as contract labor. Also, there was a \$900.00 increase in the rent expense for this coming year. Mayor Holk met with Lolly Turner and stated that the town will pay certain bills and that the library can take over the phone bill and the Baldwin County Library Coop fee. That would bring the library budget up from \$25,000 to \$27,500.00. The Mayor said that they seemed to agree with that.

Councilmember Dykema asked about putting money in a fund for the purchase of the school property. He said that it was mentioned to adopt Magnolia School and give them \$5,000 each year to sweeten the pot. Mayor Holk stated that the committee agreed to add \$5,000 into the budget for the Fire Department.

10. Committee/Commission Reports

Finance Committee: Worked on the Budget

Public Works/Safety: No Report

Public Lands/Beautification: No report

Tree & Streetscape: No report

Public Relations & Communications: No report

11. Council, Legal Counsel and Staff Comments

No Comment

12. Public Comment

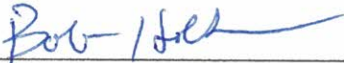
Steve Mobley - with school starting he inquired about trimming some trees in Village Green that might hang too low for the school buses. The clerk informed him, that if there is a problem, usually the bus driver will call the town hall and the problem will be taken care of. Councilmember Shields stated that if we knew the height of the buses then the limbs could be measured. Mayor Holk said that was a good project for the tree committee. Councilmember Gardner said that she knew someone that drives a bus and will check on it.

Councilmember Dykema inquired about adding a stop sign at the corner of Cougill and Jessamine. He said people are flying out of there even though there is a sign that says no thru street. Legal counsel stated that we need to know if it is a dedicated street before putting a stop sign up.

Motion by Councilmember Johnson, 2nd by Councilmember Gardner to adjourn the workshop. All in favor. Motion carried.

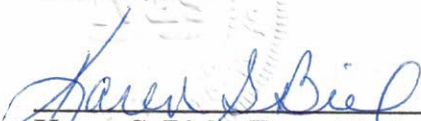
Meeting ended at 5:45 pm

Approved this the 26th day of September, 2017



Bob Holk – Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk