

September 8, 2015  
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 Underwood - Council Members: Dotty Johnson, Jim May, Bob Holk, and Donna Esslinger. Not present: Ben Dykema. Also present Town Clerk – Karen Biel and Legal Counsel – Brad Hicks

**3. Invocation and Pledge** – led by Mayor Underwood

**4. Discussion of Minutes – August**

Workshop – 08/11/15

Regular Council Meeting – 08/25/15

**5. Discussion of Financials and Expenditure – August**

The Mayor reported: Balances as of 8/31/2015 - General Fund - \$90,852.07. Income - \$145,807.08. Expenses - \$31,476.85. Money Market – \$140,227.13. CD - \$54,096.29. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income \$321.78. Balance - \$18,226.61.

**6. Deputy Smith's Monthly Report**

Deputy Smith reported:

5 arrest - 125 traffic stops – 20 citations – 38 warnings – 67 verbal warnings.

**7. Discussion – 2015/2016 Proposed Budget**

Mayor Underwood presented the proposed budget. Councilmember May asked the Mayor if he had heard from the Library Board after the letter was sent to them. Mayor Underwood said that he has not heard anything and didn't believe anyone else did either. The council discussed a few line items. Mayor Underwood pointed out the library expenditure of \$25,000 was what the Library Board requested. Councilmember Esslinger asked the clerk if the library had turned over any vendor information that the town will start paying for in less than a month (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>) and the clerk replied no.

**8. Discussion – Resolution – Town Property Rental**

Mayor Underwood stated that the resolution is for the use of the school property and the closing of a street. Council members revised the previous adopted resolution and added a section for street closures. Legal counsel, Brad Hicks, reviewed the document and had some suggested changes. Council and legal counsel will incorporate the changes.

**9. Discussion – Holiday Schedule Changes**

Mayor and Council discussed the November and December meeting dates that will be falling within the holiday time frames. The council will vote at the regular meeting to change the meeting dates in November and December.

**10. Committee/Commission Reports**

a) **Historic Preservation Commission** – Mayor Underwood reported that the commission is working on revising the forms to make them more user friendly.

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

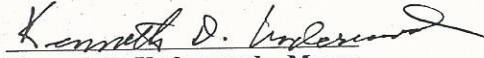
Mayor Underwood stated that CARE House is requesting some financial support. Councilmember Esslinger asked if United Way was cutting back funding. Councilmember Johnson will contact United Way. Mayor asked that the request from CARE House be put on the regular meeting agenda.

Councilmember Johnson inquired about who was responsible for the center section at Oak Street and Magnolia Springs Hwy. Councilmember Holk stated that in the past the Garden Club had planted bushes there. He did speak with a Garden Club member who told him that it was too hot to plant now. The clerk suggested planting low maintenance dwarf shrubs because we have no one that will pull the weeds in a flower bed. Councilmember Holk will look into the situation.

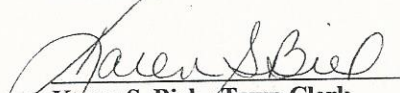
**Motion by Councilmember Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilmember May to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.**

Meeting ended at 5:37 pm

Approved this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015

  
Kenneth D. Underwood – Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk