

October 13, 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 Ben Dykema. Not present: Donna Esslinger. Also present Town Clerk – Karen Biel and Legal Counsel – Laura Strachan

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

**4. Discussion of Minutes – September**

Workshop – 09/08/15

Regular Council Meeting – 09/22/15

There were no changes or corrections discussed

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

The Mayor reported: Balances as of 9/30/2015 - General Fund - \$83,223.12. Income - \$138,589.13. Expenses - \$27,498.61. Money Market – \$259,615.05. CD - \$54,096.29. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income \$358.42. Balance - \$18,586.44.

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

Deputy Smith reported:

3 arrest - 124 traffic stops – 25 citations – 48 warnings – 51 verbal warnings.

**7. Public Comment**

**Ron Chamberlin** – asked if a tax increase could also be considered for some paving and drainage issues around town. Mr. Chamberlin stated that Bay Street needed to be paved because the dust is getting terrible and the speed limit needs to be changed from 20 mph to 15 mph. He added that Riviera repairs leaks and never repairs the street where they had to dig. Councilmember Johnson stated that the referendum is only up for discussion at the meeting. Mr. Chamberlin said if the town is going to do it, then do it for something that means something. Other complaints the Chamberlin's brought to the council's attention was the mowing of the rights-of-ways, ditches are full and the shrubbery is growing out into the rights-of-ways.

**Alida Given** – wanted to clear up a misunderstanding. She read a statement to the council that stated when Councilmember Johnson suggested a referendum concerning the library she (Alida) thought it was a positive idea. To have the town's people reconfirm their support for their library would be far better than the town council being the only one considering decisions. She went on to say that she was misquoted in the newspaper and that she never said the word millage and she does not support the action of raising taxes.

**8. Discussion – Springs Restoration Grant Update**

Mayor Underwood stated that Volkert has not heard back from the Corp of Engineers but an extension for the project has been granted (November 14<sup>th</sup>). Bid opening will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the town hall at 2:00 p.m.

**9. Committee/Commission Reports**

**Public Works/Safety** – Councilmember Holk stated that the Garden Club said they are going to get started on the center area by Jesse's. He also added that he is working on the tree and brush trimming.

**Historic Preservation Commission** – Mayor Underwood reported that the commission held a special meeting for the demolition of the blue apartments. Councilmember Dykema asked if an ordinance for a no burn within the historic district could be passed. Councilmember Holk stated that he didn't think that the town needed to pass an ordinance but within the Land Use Certificate we could have a no burn policy.

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

**Councilmember Dykema** inquired about the additional speed table on the south side of the bridge and if the sidewalk across the bridge is still going to be painted. Mayor Underwood stated that he marked the areas for the chevron signs around the curve south of bridge. Councilmember Dykema also asked about painting the speed bumps on Cougill. Councilmember Holk stated that he is waiting for Volkert to finish with everything and get a final approval from ALDOT before moving forward with additional work at the area.

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

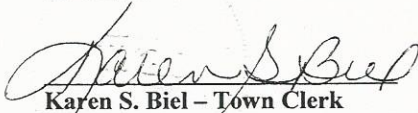
Meeting ended at 5:35 pm

Approved this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015



**Kenneth D. Underwood – Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk**