

November 8, 2016  
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: Donna Esslinger, Marley Gardner, Nick Shields and Ben Dykema. Not present: Dotty Johnson. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel

3. Invocation and Pledge – Mayor Holk

4. Discussion of Minutes – October 2016

Workshop – 10/11/2016  
Special Emergency Meeting – 10/11/2016  
Regular Meeting – 10/25/2016  
No discussion

5. Discussion of Financials and Expenditures – October 2016

The Mayor reported: Balances as of 10/31/2016 - General Fund - \$72,055.90. Income - \$74,079.93, Expenses - \$49,719.13. Money Market – \$265,165.22. CD - \$54,327.00. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income \$361.74 – Balance \$12,342.38. Councilmember Dykema questioned the attorney fees (\$7,000 pending litigation) and the clerk stated that was just for September.

6. Deputy Smith

Reported – 4 arrests off traffic stops - 158 Traffic Stops – 43 Citations – 72 Written Warnings – 43 Verbal Warnings

7. Public Comment

No comment

8. Discussion – Permit Application – Baldwin County Sewer

Mayor Holk stated that Baldwin County Sewer submitted an application to install sewer service to a residence on Cougill Avenue. He explained that in the past the town has approved a few other applications for residential installation because they were having trouble. The most recent was in Village Green. Mayor Holk went on to say that with the other installations that Baldwin County Sewer has completed they have met our sewer specifications which are very stringent. He added that our legal counsel, Brad Hicks has concerns about approving these applications on a case by case basis and believes it might be time to enter into a franchise agreement with Baldwin County Sewer. The franchise agreement can be designated for a specific area of the town. Councilmember Shields asked about being able to hookup other residences along this area. Mayor Holk stated that Baldwin County Sewer will be able to hookup others along that line, but they will have to submit a Right-of-Way Disturbance Permit application for each hookup. Those applications would not have to come before the council they can be approved by the Public Works Chairman.

9. Discussion – Resolution – CARE House

The clerk explains that the council budgets \$1,500.00 for agreements with certain organizations, such as CARE House, Baldwin County Heritage Museum and Red Cross. The council approves resolutions to enter into each of these agreements.

10. Discussion – Committee Appointments

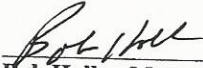
Mayor Holk discussed some of the committees that he will be appointing. He stated that he has heard that the council doesn't do enough to communicate with the citizens. Councilmember Esslinger suggested a committee for public relations and communications that would work on the perception of the council. She stated that we should make an effort to get the positive actions of the council into the community. Councilmember Shields questioned the use of the website and added that the clerk keeps the website up to date with the most recent information and that it is a lot of work to maintain the website. Mayor Holk talked about the existing committees that are in place, Finance, Public Works,

Public Safety, Public Lands/Beautification and Tree/Streetscape Committees. He asked for the council members to suggest members and to let him know which committee they would like to serve on.


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

Meeting ended at 6:00 pm

Approved this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016

  
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**Bob Holk - Mayor**

ATTEST:

  
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**Karen S. Biel - Town Clerk**