

October 10, 2011
Council Workshop
12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
Magnolia Springs, Al.
5:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Members present – Mayor Charles S. Houser. Council Members; Bob Holk, Rick Odess, Ken Underwood, Brett Gaar, and Kenny Laurendine. Also present: Town Clerk - Karen S. Biel and Legal Counsel – Brad Hicks.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge by Mayor Houser.

4. Discussion of minutes – 09/13/11 Workshop – 09/21/11 Special Meeting & 09/27/11 Meeting

There were no corrections or additions

5. Discussion of financials and expenditures for September

The Mayor reported: General Fund Balance 09/30/11 - \$80,306.04 - Income - \$81,236.60, received the Riviera franchise check of \$63,083.53 – Expenses - \$24,843.65. The Council reviewed the 2010/2011 Budget vs Actual report. Money Market - \$102,355.95. CD - \$52,627.47. Deepwater Horizon - \$226,966.12. Special Revenue 4, 5, & 7¢ Gas Tax – Income \$408.16 – Balance \$3,632.20. Councilmember Holk asked if the town has received any word on the grant application for the remaining BP Oil monies. The clerk stated that the application had been reworked and was mailed the previous week.

6. Public Comment

No public comment.

7. Discussion - Resolutions

Mayor Houser stated that there are four resolutions on the agenda for consideration:

Magnolia Springs Library – they are asking \$5,064.00 for certain items. The Mayor recommends approving this resolution. The budget approved the library for \$6,000.00

Magnolia Elementary School – the Town Council agreed to \$1,000.00 per year to support programs and expenditures to benefit the children and families of Magnolia Springs.

American Red Cross – they are asking for \$500.00 to provide services such as education for volunteers, who will assist with disasters as needed through the branch manager in Baldwin County.

VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster – VOAD is asking for \$1,000, the Town approved \$500.00 last year. VOAD is an association with a mission is to foster efficient, coordinated service delivery to people affected by disaster and is available to any citizen in Baldwin County.

The clerk stated that the Council approved a budget of \$4,000.00 for these types of contractual agreements.

8. Committee reports

Finance: Mayor Houser stated that the committee did not meet but he has asked Bob Zeanah to come to the next meeting. Mr. Zeanah has a couple of grants he would like to discuss with the committee.

Public Safety: No report

Parks & Recreation: No report

Public Works: Councilmember Gaar reported:

Tom Granger attended the meeting and they talked about a proposal for the Bay Street drainage design. The project may be completed in phases depending on finances. They also asked Tom for a proposal for the right-of-way staking of Jessamine from Oak to Cougill. Councilmember Gaar talked about the paving projects for this coming year and starting to get some estimates on the projects. Mayor Houser said that he would like to complete as much as the committee can with their budget. Councilmember Gaar said that Volkert is going to provide the town with a proposal on traffic calming on Hwy 49. Mayor Houser stated that he would like to research the possibility of changing the name of Magnolia Springs Hwy. He also reported that the radar signs have been turned on and it was highly recommended that our deputy show his presence at the two areas for the next few weeks. Councilmember Gaar had a proposal from Shannon in the amount of \$800.00, to do some work around town, such as replacing

signs, washing some signs, installing the signing on the bridge (No swimming, no jumping and no fishing from the bridge), lay some sod at Rock St. north, and trimming of some right-of-ways. He also asked the Council what they thought about clearing the lots on Live Oak and fencing it off for future storage of equipment and rock, etc. Mayor Houser stated that he would like to see about selling the lots and someone asked about it being a residential area. Mayor Houser said that he has talked with Casey Pipes about the school property and has advised him to proceed with discussion on purchasing the property.

Planning Commission: Mayor Houser stated that the Planning Commission will have a public hearing on a rezoning application from Barbara Sherman. Councilmember Holk stated that only one person has called against the rezoning and is suppose to send a letter to the Commission. He added that this is the start of the process, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to the Town Council, and then the Council will also hold a public hearing and vote on the application. Mayor Houser asked legal counsel to attend the Planning Commission meeting. Councilmember Holk also added that the Commission will be given a final draft of the Subdivision Regulations to review and will hold a public hearing and vote on them at the December meeting.

Historic Preservation: Councilmember Underwood stated that the meeting in Montgomery for the nomination for the National Registry was favorable and when approved the state will send a press release.

Environmental Protection Committee: Councilmember Odess reported that in 6-8 weeks the OAW signs should be installed. Councilmember Odess added that he is working on the permit for the Bay Street project. Councilmember Underwood reported that the Historic Commission is working on a design for street signs within in the historic district and will present them to the Council for approval at a later date.

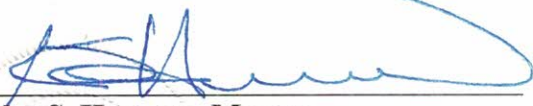
9. Council, legal counsel and staff comments

Legal counsel, Brad Hicks addressed the issue of only receiving one proposal for the Disaster Management and since the town had a price competition lacking that the town should perform some kind of analysis on pricing. He suggested calling around to other municipalities that have had to bid out this process and document the calls or get copies of their contracts, so when and if FEMA ever asks how did the town arrive at awarding this proposal, the town will have an answer in the file. The clerk said that she will research other municipalities about the same size and get copies if she can. Brad advised the Council that the hearing for the Turner/Fuller Rock Street case is to be heard on October 18th at 9:00 a.m.

With no other business:


Mayor Houser adjourned the meeting at 6:23

Approved this the 21st day of November, 2011



Charles S. Houser – Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk