

November 7, 2016
 Swearing In Ceremony
 Organizational Meeting
 12191 Magnolia Springs Hwy.
 Magnolia Springs, Al.
 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Kenneth Underwood (2012-2016) opened the ceremony at 4:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Chapel Parish Hall

Council Members Elect Present: Robert Holk, Donna Esslinger, Marley Gardner, Nick Shields, and Bernard Dykema

Also present: Tim Russell – Judge of Probate
 Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk

Invocation and Pledge – The Reverend Aaron Smith

Oaths of Office

Judge Tim Russell administered the Oath of Office to the Mayor and Town Council of Magnolia Springs as follows:

Robert Holk, Mayor was sworn in with his wife and grandchildren holding the Bible.

Donna Esslinger, Place #2 was sworn in with good friend, Maybelle Godwin, holding the Bible.

Marley Gardner, Place #3 was sworn in with her husband and daughters holding the Bible.

Nick Shields, Place #4 was sworn in with Gracie Gardner holding the Bible.

Bernard Dykema, Place #5 was sworn in with Gracie Gardner holding the Bible.

After the Oaths of Office were administered Mayor Holk thanked all that attended and invited everyone to stay for refreshments. The Mayor and Council mingled with the crowd for about forty-five minutes and then excused themselves to move to the Town Hall to have their Organizational Meeting.

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. Also present: Town Clerk – Karen Biel.

3. Resolution for Consideration – Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore

Motion by Councilmember Shields, 2nd by Councilmember Esslinger to adopt Resolution 2016-16 appointing Ben Dykema as Mayor Pro Tempore. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Resolution for Consideration – Appointment of Town Clerk

Motion by Councilmember Esslinger, 2nd by Councilmember Dykema to adopt Resolution 2016-17 appointing Karen Biel as Town Clerk. Discussion: Mayor Holk stated that Karen has done an excellent job for the town. He added that previous councils didn't know how they would have ever gotten started without Karen having the knowledge as a town clerk and that we are very lucky to have her. The clerk, Karen Biel thanked the Council for the appointment. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

5. Resolution for Consideration – Appointment of Town Legal Counsel

Motion by Councilmember Esslinger, 2nd by Councilmember Dykema to adopt Resolution 2016-18 appointing Stone, Grande, & Crosby as legal counsel for the town. Discussion: Councilmember Dykema stated after what he has seen in the last few weeks, is that we have good representation. Mayor Holk added that the council is appointing the firm but Brad Hicks is our attorney and will stay with us. Mayor Holk added that with the recent litigation he was real impressed with Brad. **All in favor. Motion carried.**

6. Resolution for Consideration – Ratify Bank Depository and Signatories

Motion by Councilmember Esslinger, 2nd by Councilmember Dykema to adopt Resolution 2016-19 ratifying the current depository, and authorizing certain town officials as signatories. All in favor. Motion carried. Signatories will be Mayor Holk, Councilmember Dykema and Town Clerk, Karen Biel.

7. Council Closing Comments

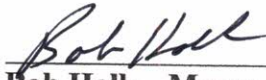
Councilmember Esslinger stated that she thought this evening (Swearing-In Ceremony) was a wonderful, positive start for the community and we needed it.

Mayor Holk said that he takes serving on the council very seriously. He added that with this type of government we are equal and we each have one vote. He encouraged the council members to participate and bring their concerns to the council. He said that we might not all agree but we will leave the meeting as friends. Mayor Holk said that he has not had time to work on the committee appointments with all that has been going on. It looks like the lawsuit is over and now it's time to settle on the attorneys' fees. He said that he will discuss at the workshop the committees and who would like to serve on them.

Motion by Councilmember Esslinger, 2nd by Councilmember Dykema to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.

Approved this the 13th day of December, 2016



Bob Holk – Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk