

March 18, 2022  
Sewer & Septic Systems Informational Town Hall Meeting  
Magnolia Springs Community Association, Community Hall  
14775 Oak Street  
Magnolia Springs, Alabama 36555  
6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:  
Mayor Kim Koniar called Town Hall Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Welcome:  
Mayor Kim Koniar welcomed residents to the meeting.
3. Invocation and Pledge:  
Mayor Pro Tempore Nick Shields led the invocation and pledge.
4. Bob Turner, Councilmember, Town of Magnolia Springs:  
Councilmember Bob Turner discussed his research on Baldwin County Sewer Service from his discussions with other municipalities. Councilmember Turner stated that his research had concluded that of the municipalities he spoke to, none had issues with Baldwin County Sewer Service and many municipalities did not require residents to hook-up to sewer.
5. Ross Houser, Councilmember, Town of Magnolia Springs:  
Councilmember Ross Houser thanked residents for attending and thanked Councilmember Turner for conducting the research to bring to the Council to move forward on making decisions regarding sewer. Councilmember Houser noted that he is concerned with the water quality of the Magnolia River and septic systems near the river that are failing is of concern.
6. Tommy Rachel:  
Tommy Rachel presented documentation regarding research he conducted regarding septic tanks impacting the quality of the Magnolia River. Mr. Rachel discussed the impact of failing or poor performance of septic tanks near the river. Mr. Rachel discussed the soil types of the Magnolia Springs area and the ability of those soils to absorb affluent from the field lines of septic tanks.
7. Mike Shelton, Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve:  
Mike Shelton discussed previous projects that South Alabama Land Trust, formerly Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, had been a part of to repair failing septic tanks. Mr. Shelton discussed alternative septic tank options that could be used in lower lying areas.
8. Ken Underwood:  
Ken Underwood discussed the engineering process of installing a septic tank and the functions of the tank and field lines. Mr. Underwood discussed alternative septic tank options for different soil types. Mr. Underwood discussed the maintenance of a septic system to keep it operating at best performance.
9. Gerry McManus & Jenny Williams, Baldwin County Sewer Services:  
Gerry McManus and Jenny Williams discussed the Baldwin County Sewer Service company regarding their employees, equipment, and processes. They discussed the difference between septic and sewer systems and the services and equipment that are provided to both systems. Baldwin County Sewer Service discussed the cost of installing a sewer line, cost of operation of a sewer line and cost of pumping out a septic tank. Ms. Williams noted that there is information on their website on how to maintain septic tanks and grinder pumps. Mr. McManus noted that the entire sewer system is being monitored online for any interruptions to service and there are crews available to always respond.
10. Questions & Answers:  
Residents were able to ask questions to the presenters regarding the installment of sewer lines in Town as they impact the Magnolia River and the tree canopy on Oak Street and the impact of septic tanks on the Magnolia River. Town Engineer, Richard Peterson, discussed the efforts the Town has made to bring sewer into the Town that would be a benefit to the Magnolia River and residents. Mayor Kim Koniar asked residents to attend the next Council Meeting for information regarding the franchise agreement with Baldwin County Sewer Services and Town Ordinances regarding sewer.

11. Adjourn:

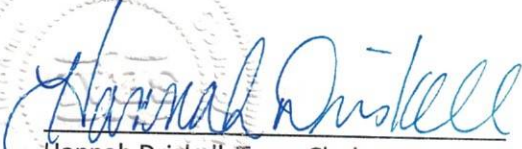
Mayor Kim Koniar thanked residents for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of April 2022.



Kim Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:



Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk