

Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

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Mayor James Frazier called the December 9, 2013 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Michael Cohill, Bud Faircloth, Barry Fillman and Scott Fowler were present. Diane Cahall, Ralph Satterfield and Mr. William Walker were also present. Guests: Mr. David Jenkins.

The agenda for the December meeting was accepted with no additions. Michael Cohill made a motion to accept the agenda, 2nd by Barry Fillman - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Michael Cohill made a motion to accept the minutes with the change, 2nd by Barry Fillman - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier requested a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Michael Cohill made the motion to approve the report and pay the bills; 2nd by Bud Faircloth. Diane noted that the Ordinance 308 for "Clean Up After Your Pet" will be included in the 4th quarter bills.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,273,000 gallons of water during November 2013. Pump 2: 648,000 gallons. Pump 3: 625,000 gallons. Well levels: 30', 25', and 30'. Pump 2 ran 36.9 hours, Pump 3 ran 37.1 hours. Average chlorine is .247. Had a major break in water line on West Walnut; Aztech did the repairs. Pump House #2; upgrading a few corrosion issues. South Main had a few black water problems; opened cap at 7 North Main.

Bud Faircloth noted that snow plows hit 2 mail boxes on West Walnut and also struck a man hole lid. Ralph Satterfield will check if the storm drain was repaired correctly.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Since 11/11/13: All lines flushed, W. Walnut clearer than normal. 11/13/13: 4704 W. Walnut (Killen) called Station 55 that they had no water and the area on north side of the street was flooding. Investigated; called Scott and DelDot for salt/sand. Stayed with repair off & on for 8 hours until completed on 11/14/13. Service line broken on north side of street; reconnect to main on South side. 11/19/13: At Scott's request reflushed lines on West Walnut, Thorn and South Main after receiving complaints of discoloration. My normal "monitors" of water problems in the area had not noticed a problem. No problem was noticed in the reflush. 11/30/13: Replaced flood lamps. Searching for a better lighting system with Thompson Electric.

Mayor Frazier advised Council that we are required by law to review our original (3/16/2009) Comprehensive Plan every 5 years. He confirmed with David Edgell (State Planning) that this must be completed by March 16, 2014. The Comp Plan Committee is as follows: Frank Young, Rebecca Campbell, Ray Lehman, Barry Fillman, Bud Faircloth and James Frazier. The Comp

Plan is on the website and the committee can begin reviewing it. Diane will have 15 copies made to be used to review plan at meeting scheduled after the 15th of next year.

Mayor's Updates:

* GPS Mapping: Post Office is going to remap the entire town. Diane would like to have a copy of the 911 listing if possible.

* Dog waste Ordinance 308 is now posted on the town website; if the problem does not improve we will look into purchasing signage.

* Jado Terrance - was a right of way and a land searcher should do an in-depth study. Orendorf did not let the county pave the 9' lane years ago. There is a 15' right of way on the Faircloth and Aldridge properties.

* Mayor Frazier met with Ralph Satterfield, Buck Dougherty and Earl Dempsey from the Magnolia Fire Company regarding the Parking Lot Repaving. It was a good meeting and they ironed out a good timeline for the project. The RFP will be completed late January or early February, with no more than 90 days from RFP to contract. The contract will be awarded by the Town for the Fire Department. A rating system is included in the RFP and Jerry's Paving and others contracted will offer sealed bids. Jim Frazier and Barry Fillman will complete the RFP agreement with DelDot and an agreement between MVFC and the Town stating that all costs will be paid by the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company.

* Mayor Frazier spoke with Leslie Persans from Kent County; there are over 11,000 properties on the "bad shape" list in Kent County. The Lane property has no improvements; property is boarded up. Barry Fillman stated: "Do we have to get legislation passed to tear down houses?"

Mr. David Jenkins came to meeting to ask town why they did not put one electronic speed sign on each end of Walnut Street. Mayor Frazier explained that the funding came from Rep. Peterman/DelDot and they insisted they go where they are. The town will look for further funding to obtain more electronic signs for the town. Also, Mr. Jenkins stated that East Walnut is still flooding badly and DelDot no longer puts the High Water signs on the road. One gentleman blew his car motor going through high water. Mayor Frazier will contact DelDot and find out why the signs are not placed on the road to warn of high water. Main Street & Walnut Street are both state-owned roads and they control all aspects of them.

The town election will be held on January 13, 2014, from 5pm - 8pm. All incumbents had prepared letters of intent to run. The deadline to file is 12/13/2013.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm made by Michael Cohill and 2nd by Bud Faircloth. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary