

Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

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Mayor James Frazier called the March 10, 2014 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Michael Cohill, Barry Fillman and Scott Fowler were present. Bud Faircloth was out of town. Diane Cahall and Ralph Satterfield were present. Guest Rebecca Campbell arrived later.

The agenda for the March meeting was accepted: 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; Barry Fillman made a motion to accept the minutes; 2nd by Michael Cohill - 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 Scott Fowler. One additional bill for spot lights in the amount of \$48.24 was added.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,626,000 gallons of water during February 2014. Pump 2: 829,000 gallons. Pump 3: 797,000 gallons. Well levels: 30', 25' and 30'. Pump 2 ran 47.5 hours, Pump 3 ran 47.5 hours. Average chlorine is .24. The last line at the Magnolia Trailer Park was located after 4 hours. Aztech still has more work to do. Scott advised council that Ralph Satterfield spent many hours working on this project and recommended extra pay. Michael Cohill made a motion to give Ralph an additional \$200 for this work; 2nd by Barry Fillman - Motion carried.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: 2/ 11 Flushed all hydrants; plan B no problems. 2/12 On site for leak repair at MMH Park. Still cannot shut off supply. 2" located, could not find other shut off. Wrong type curb stop, valves replaced. 2/13 Cleared snow and salted. Front of MMH Park has no water. Pipes found - frozen. 2/14 Pipes thawed; still no water. Investigated problem, found twin valves in front of park are not a loop. West valve controls front of park only. This had been left off by Aztech on 2/12. Turned on - problem solved. 2/15 Cleared snow and salted. 2/26 Attended Del. Rural Water Assn. event in Harrington; visited vendors and explained our problem to one (M. Friedl (problem locating pipes). He stated his detectors would do the job. I challenged him to prove it - yes he would! 2/27 Friedl spent 4 hours with us locating pipes in the park with Aztech. We now know there is a 3" line to feed the office area in the park. Another line on the west side was found but not dug up yet; is the line that is part of the park loop that we have not been able to find. Time will tell. I was very impressed by Mr. Friedl and his locator. For someone to do what he did for us in one day would be rare. The unit sells for \$3,034, which may seem pricey but in the long run is not. Enough said. 03/02 plotted most of Friedl findings. 03/03 removed snow and salted - total hours this month 34.0.

Mayor Frazier opened the two bids for our 2014 Lawn Care Contract: Frazier's Lawn care had the lower bid with a rate of \$88 and \$125 to \$180 on weed removal application. Mike Cohill

made a motion to re-award the contract to Frazier's Lawn Care. (No relation to Mayor James Frazier). Barry Fillman 2nd the motion - Motion approved.

Council was informed that Nextel will discontinue their contract for space on our water tower. Sprint is not affected in this decision. Nextel has offered us a settlement of \$6,500 and they will leave their equipment on tower and we can do with their building whatever we want. Nextel has found another location in the area to service their need; termination date is 7/31/14. Mayor Frazier has a 4 page termination letter that they want returned immediately. Scott Fowler noted that Sprint completed an upgrade on their equipment last year. Other companies will be notified that we now have space on our tower for another carrier.

Councilman Barry Fillman advised council that he has been in contact with Commissioner Eric Buckson regarding a \$400 grant to assist with the cleanup. We will receive the grant but not until the fall of 2014. Barry made a motion to support Rebecca Campbell's clean-up plan effort and purchase supplies now for the April 5 event; knowing that we will be reimbursed in the fall. Mayor Frazier 2nd the motion - Motion carried. Diane will meet Rebecca at Lowes to purchase the supplies.

Councilman Fillman advised council that Commissioner Buckson called Mr. Lane regarding his dilapidated properties on Main Street and if Mr. Lane does not do improvements on his property within 2 months, the houses will come down. Commissioner Buckson is also looking into 10 and 12 West Walnut street properties.

Mayor Frazier presented a Resolution for our Comprehensive Plan Review. Barry Fillman made a motion to approve the Resolution; 2nd by Mike Cohill - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier advised council that the MVFC Parking Lot project bids are available online and were mailed to everyone that attended prebid meetings. There is a 2 week question & answer period. Bids are due 4/14/14 and will be logged in.

Mayor Frazier was informed by contractor Mike Smith that the Lindale House is infested with black mold and the house is separating. The 2 rear rooms in the home are falling off. It is uninhabitable. Mr. Smith and his wife inspected & were in the house 45 minutes and were sick for 4 days.

Rebecca Campbell was present to discuss Town Clean Up day set for April 5. She has recruited many volunteers from the town and friends. Rebecca also posted notices around town. The group is planning to clean up the town sidewalks - 5' in front of each house, 1/2 block up Walnut Street.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm was made by Michael Cohill and 2nd by Scott Fowler - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary