

Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

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Mayor James Frazier called the March 9, 2015 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Mike Cohill, Bud Faircloth, Scott Fowler and Shawn Ramsey were present. Diane Cahall and Ralph Satterfield were present.

Mayor Frazier requested approval or additions to the published agenda. Mike Cohill motioned to accept the agenda as posted; 2nd by Shawn Ramsey - Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; Mike Cohill motioned to accept the minutes as presented, 2nd by Bud Faircloth – Motion carried.

Diane Cahall presented the treasurer's report. First quarter 2015 water bills with outstanding balances will be mailed on March 31st. Dennis Consalo will be advised to pay back water invoices, or his water will be turned off.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Activities since 2/9: MVFC at four corners 1/27, 2/3 and 2/10. Last was fire truck cutting corner too short – three Tuesdays in a row. Due to weather, limited flush on 2/17. 2/17: leak in service line on North Main. 2/25: Leak in service line on West Walnut (Old line had been repaired 5 times in a span of 8 feet. (Supported both of these). 2/25: Attended Rural Water Conference; well worth the time. Tower surveyors for Verizon had to cut rusted combo lock. Replaced and covered lock — same combo. Shoveled and salted several times.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,910,000 gallons of water during February 2015. Pump 2: 876,000 gallons. Pump 3: 1,034,000 gallons. Well levels: 31', 26' and 31'. Pump 2 ran 60.1 hours; Pump 3 ran 62.2 hours. Average chlorine is .208. This has been a very busy month with water repairs. 2 leaks - one on North Main Street and one on West Walnut. The system had to be shut down for repairs. Many of the repairs were due to old patches completed in previous years. 27 N. Main required a mole (new service under the road). In the future it is recommended that we replace not repair leaks when possible. Scott noted that Ralph Satterfield should be compensated with an additional \$200 for his time and effort spent on these projects. Shawn Ramsey motioned to pay Ralph an additional \$200; 2nd by Bud Faircloth - Motion passed.

Council discussed the current water and tax rates; Bud Faircloth made a motion to leave the rates the same at this time; Mike Cohill 2nd the motion - motion passed.

Councilman Ramsey advised council that during a previous snow storm, DelDot came through the town so fast, gravel was bouncing off his front windows. He contacted DelDot and stated they were doing a good job but please don't travel so fast. Mayor Frazier noted the plows traveled much slower the following day. Councilman Ramsey will draft a letter and Mayor Frazier will send a formal letter to DelDot.

Councilman Fowler contacted Corrosion Control to paint the water tower (as covered in our 10 year plan) as soon as Verizon has completed installation.

Mayor Frazier has spoken with Ed Hammond of ReMax Horizons regarding abandoned buildings. The City of Dover has a very strict "Vacant Building Ordinance" that perhaps we could utilize by bumping up our language. Owners are required to register vacant buildings; every year the fee goes up; after 5 years the fee could be \$4000.00 per year. It has been very successful in Dover. Mayor Frazier will work with Barrett Edwards on drafting a new ordinance.

Councilman Faircloth advised council that David Aldridge will finally be taking down his garage (which is falling down). He also questioned if the town could get someone to repaint the yellow no parking sidewalk curbs in town.

Mayor Frazier advised that no contract has been signed for the Verizon tower. All environmental issues are approved and we are just waiting on a final contract. Mayor Frazier will contact Barrett Edwards in a couple of days and check on the progress.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm was made by Mike Cohill and 2nd by Bud Faircloth - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm. `

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary