

# Town of Magnolia

Mayor James Frazier

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Vice Mayor Barry Fillman called the April 8th, 2013 meeting of the Magnolia Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. Councilpersons Cheryl Carney, Michael Cohill and Scott Fowler were present. Mayor Frazier was absent caring for his mother, Diane Cahall, Ralph Satterfield, Frank Young, William H. Walker and two college students: Ms. Charlton and Mr. Reed were present to observe.

The agenda for the March 2013 meeting was accepted with no additions.

Vice Mayor Fillman asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; Cheryl Carney made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd by Michael Cohill — Motion carried.

Vice Mayor Fillman requested a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Cheryl Carney made the motion to approve the report and pay the bills, 2nd by Scott Fowler — Motion carried. Council advised Diane to mail water statements to past due residents stating a payment of at least 10% of their balance is due every month by the 15th; or their water will be turned off.

Council reviewed all of the invoices from Aztech for the water repairs in the town. Scott Fowler reported we still have permanent patch bills to pay.

Frank Young was present to present a letter from Caesar Rodney approving the placement of a mail box across from Frank's house on East Walnut. Two signs must be posted: No stopping, standing or parking. Mr. Young stated several dates including 1/9/13, 2/ 11/ 13 that he was told the mailbox was approved. Mr. Young can hardly walk to the Post Office and it is impossible for his wife to walk to the Post Office. Mr. Young stated after we get the signs he will go back to the state for final approval. The approximate cost of the signs will be \$180.00. Mr. Young will donate the \$50 he received for working the election back to the town to help with the cost. Michael Cohill and Barry Fillman were in agreement, Scott Fowler was on the fence, and Cheryl Carney was opposed stating this will cause all residents to require the town pay for necessary equipment to obtain a mailbox. After discussion council approved moving on with the project.

Council opened bids for the Lawn Mowing contract; the lowest bidder was Frazier's Lawn Care (no relation to Mayor Frazier). If they provide Certificate of Liability Insurance and Business License, and understand we can cancel contract at any time, the contract will be awarded to Frazier's. Motioned by Scott Fowler and 2nd by Barry Fillman — motion carried.

Cheryl Carney presented the following Heritage Day report: Scheduled for September 21st, 2013. The town will not be required to spend any money on Heritage Day. The

event will be paid for by sponsors. The committee has already raised \$1,000 with a \$5,000 goal. They will have a petting zoo, the McIlvaine School children, 1st year car show with Dash plaques, Felton Fire Company Ice Cream, Centerpoint Choir, Ponies and 4-H Clubs with children's games. DelDot was a big expense and the Fire Police have committed to do this. Burke Equipment, Pleasanton Seafood, Restaurant 55 and UHaul are the sponsors so far. Restaurant placemats will be created with the sponsors names.

Mayor Frazier called in and via speaker advised council that he has provided Kent County with addresses and photos of the properties in town that need to be demolished or refurbished.

Mayor Frazier also updated council on the alternative electric power supply issue. The town will prepare a letter of interest for a rate; the rate will require a one year agreement. The projected amount of savings should be \$600 – \$1000 per year. We must submit a Memorandum of Understanding prior to May 1, 2013. Cheryl Carney made the motion to proceed with the electric supply, 2nd by Scott Fowler – Motion carried.

Diane is working with Tom Worley from Comcast regarding a franchise fee that showed up on town residents bill last month. The town does not receive any franchise funding from Comcast and therefore Magnolia customers should not have to pay this fee.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: 3/14,17,19 filled pot holes W. Walnut from valve replacement. 3/25 turned off H2O at 12 West Walnut/ Scotts request. 3/29. Cleaned up stones from W. Walnut, pot hole fills. 4/3,4 Supported street patching. 4/7 Flushed school. 4/ 12 Flushed hydrants. Provided info for 3rd party electric rates as well as form to get on State contract by 4/5/13 to Jim.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,468,000 gallons of water during March 2013. Pump 2: 762,000 gallons. Pump 3: 706,000 gallons. Well levels: 30', 30' and 25'. Pump 2 ran 42 hours, Pump 3 ran 41.6 hours. Average chlorine is .379. Scott Fowler and Ed Marvel prepared the public health reports and Diane will mail reports to the Division of Drinking Water.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm made by Cheryl Carney and 2nd by Scott Fowler – Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall, Secretary