

# MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Aug 17

Monday, September 11, 2017  
6:00 PM  
Magnolia Town Hall

6:00 PM - Call to Order  
Called to order at 6:00 pm  
Held at Magnolia Fire Hall

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier; Scott Fowler, Rebecca Campbell, Mike Cohill, Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall were present. Shawn Ramsey was absent. The following guest were present; Chip Kneavel and Ann Gravatt from DelDot TAP Program. Scott Vautard, Mike Murray, Scott Vautard, Rigoberto Perez and Lisa Marie Doughten were also present.

## **Additions/deletions to published agenda**

No changes to the published agenda.

### **Scott Vautard property plan:**

Mayor Frazier gave the floor to Scott Vautard who presented a plan to construct homes on five ½ acre lots on the South Side of East Walnut Street. The property is 3.19 acres. The homes would be approximately 7,500 square feet. Mr. Vautard is asking the town to provide water service to this development which is half inside the town limits and half outside the town limits. The main water line would have to be extended 185' to the entrance of the development. This would have to be approved by the Office of Drinking Water, the State Fire Marshalls office and the property would be recorded as a minor sub development. The council discussed Mr. Vautard's request and agreed that our water system is capable of serving the small development. Council advised Mr. Vautard that he would have to pay for the extension of the main water line to the entrance of the development and to the individual homes within the development. Mr. Vautard will continue to research the county requirements; impact fees etc. and will advise the town if he is still going on with the plan.

### **Ann Gravatt and Chip Kneavel; DelDot:**

Ms. Gravatt and Mr. Kneavel presented a PowerPoint presentation on Transportation Alternatives (TAP). Councilwoman Rebecca Campbell contacted DelDot and explained our needs: ADA compliant sidewalks, traffic increasing and speeding through the town, children need a safe walk to school and handicapped need safe sidewalks. They explained that the TAP programs include Streetscapes, Safe Routes to Schools and other programs. All projects are community driven – we contact them and they prepare an idea and design. Projects are capped at one million or they can break it out in phases to complete the entire project. They will assist with the application process. First they will meet with a council member and conduct a walking audit. We must prove we have a need. Council explained that we have requested a traffic study from

DELDOT for over 3 ½ years with no response. Truck traffic is tearing up our roads. Rebecca Campbell, Scott Fowler and Mayor Frazier will do the walk with Chip Kneavel after Labor Day.

### **Council Minutes of previous meeting.**

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Cohill and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Fowler.  
Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills was submitted by Diane Cahall. Quarterly water bills and annual taxes are coming in. A motion was made by Mike Cohill to approve the report and pay the bills, seconded by Jim Frazier, Motion passed.

### **Public Works Report**

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: All hydrants flushed, Service has been ready to turn on at 9 North Main since late May. No one has been around since the request. 7/6: request to turn on 12 West Walnut, curb stop valve leaking (gasket) Aztech replaced. Grass cut.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: The town used 1,137,000 gallons of water during July 2017. Pump 2: 505,000 gallons. Pump 3: 632,000 gallons. Well levels: 31', 24' and 31'. Pump 2 ran 39.1 hours, Pump 3 ran 39.2 hours. Chlorine average is .412. Water usage is a little heavy. Chlorine is up a little. Rebecca Campbell received several calls complaining of brown water at random hours of the day. Scott purchased a new chlorine meter. Replaced curb stop by church and jolted the system on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Henry Mast (Aztech) will get sidewalk back in order. Scott walked the system with Dustin Russum, Council stated that we must get a Certificate of Liability Insurance from Dustin. He currently works full time for Frederica and part time with Air Park. Scott will be conducting lead and copper tests by the end of the month. He will begin working with Corrosion Control on interior tower cleaning mid-September.

Ralph Satterfield reported that the hydrant flush was normal. The school will be flushed before 8/28. Leak on North Main repaired on 8/8. Will address sidewalk repair on 8/14. Have a new name for curb repair; but haven't heard back yet.

### **New Business**

Rebecca Campbell purchased yard signs "Drive Like Your Kids Live Here". The signs cost \$11.95 each; Mike Cohill made a motion to reimburse Rebecca for the signs, Shawn Ramsey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed. Rebecca will provide a copy of the invoice and the town will reimburse her.

The Magnolia Volunteer will hold a parade on September 23, 2017 to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mayor Frazier will create a proclamation for the fire company. Mayor

Frazier also suggested the town purchase a granite marker or a bench for the town square: 1927-2017 in honor of the volunteer fire company.

## **Old Business**

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Mayor Frazier will attend a meeting at the Office of Management and Budget with David Edgel on September 11<sup>th</sup>, there is a new University of Delaware intern to assist with the Comp Plan update. The process should be less demanding than 2009; we don't have to reinvent the wheel just update a few sections.

### **Ordinance Implementation**

No information regarding the Ordinance.

### **Curb Replacement**

No information to report.

### **Truck Traffic**

No report.

### **Mayors Report:**

Mayor Frazier sent out three citation letters to; Koutarfaris: regarding tenants above restaurant. Craig: regarding cleaning up dump behind his house. Patel: dumpsters out on street all week.

### **Adjournment**

Mike Cohill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Fowler, Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall