

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 14, 2018

6:00 PM

Magnolia Town Hall

6:00 PM - Call to Order
Called to order at 6:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler, Ralph Satterfield, Dustan Russum and Diane Cahall were present. Mike Cohill was available via telephone.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by James Frazier and 2nd by Scott Fowler.
Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills submitted by Diane Cahall. Delinquent water bills are slowly coming in; still no response from Maria Bennett, Rigoberto Perez or Waneta Rentz. Council discussed the possibility of accepting credit cards for water and tax invoices. Diane will obtain cost information and present at the May meeting. Scott Fowler made a motion to accept the report and pay the bills, 2nd by James Frazier. Motion passed.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

Water usage: 1,124,000 gallons of water during March 2018. Pump 2: 458,000 gallons. Pump 3: 666,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 40.7 hours, Pump 3 ran 39.8 hours. Chlorine average is .45. Fluoride is .8. Dustan presented new quote information from Southern for the water tower contract. Scott Fowler noted that Corrosion Control must fix rust holes in the top of the tower; this must be completed before the final check is mailed. Scott knows and inspector who can come and provide a final inspection prior to finalizing the past contract. He also stated that new contract must include an annual report and photos of tower condition.

Dustan explained to council that the town is eligible to apply for funding with the following conditions: Assessment of water system thru a USDA engineers study. Water meters must be installed. (They do not have to be used, but must be installed). USDA

will cover up to 70% of the project. We must have a low household median to quality for a 40 year low interest loan. The town uses Duffield/Cabe for engineering information.

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: Trailer park count; matched the figure Diane has on file. Patch count completed. Salted one time. Dressed flags as needed. Flushed all hydrants. Supported tank cleaning as needed. Have a candidate for council when he has more resident time; Charles Dougherty of 4 South Main. Removed two damaged parking signs on South Main Street. Fire Company is very pleased with the John Deere tractor purchase.

Old Business:

Council:

Mayor Frazier spoke with Mike Cohill regarding remaining on council. Mike stated he will remain on council as proxy voting and on call until he can be replaced but he is not in good health. We are now looking for three new council members. Our charter states all council members must be a resident of the town for 12 months prior to serving. Buck Dougherty is interested but will not be eligible until September 2018.

Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Frazier advised council that the University of Delaware IPA has provided another quote to assist with the Comp Plan. \$4500 will cover statistical information, graphs and maps; they will also attend two meetings with the comp plan team. The team met on March 22nd and discussed the primary goals and which ones are unrealistic, rewording and combining certain goals. The next meeting will be held in May and questionnaires will be reviewed. Scott Fowler made a motion to pay the University of Delaware IPA \$4,500.00 for their assistance; James Frazier 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

National Flood Insurance:

The town application has been submitted with DNREC. Diane received a call and the paperwork has been mailed.

Lawn Contract:

The town received a proposal from Frazier's Lawn Care and the rates are the same as last year. Being very pleased with their service the council accepted the contract for 2018.

The Fire Company has paid the town for a used tractor and are very pleased with the purchase.

Adjournment

James Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6.57 pm. 2nd by Scott Fowler, Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall