

# MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 9, 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. Guest: Ashton McLaughlin.

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

The agenda was approved with the addition of Road Striping under new business.

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

Mayor Frazier noted that Mr. Brian Howard is a Luthier (string instrument expert) which will be corrected in the minutes. Mayor Frazier made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Scott Fowler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mayor Frazier introduced Ms. Ashton McLaughlin who is interested in joining the Council. Ms. McLaughlin lives at 4 East Walnut Street, PO Box 71 and has been a resident for six years. [McLaughlin.Ashtonm@gmail.com](mailto:McLaughlin.Ashtonm@gmail.com) She is an Engineer with Davis, Bowen and Friedel and has knowledge and experience in town codes, utilities, etc. Council unanimously appointed Ms. McLaughlin effective immediately; she was sworn into office by Mayor Frazier and stated the Oath of Office; her term will run until the end of 2019. Buck Dougherty will be joining the council in September 2018.

## **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; Rigoberto Perez (15 & 17 South Main) owes \$1,424.00 in back water bills. Municipal Street Aid paperwork for 2018 has been submitted. The Magnolia Trailer Park (Magnolia Crossing) has been sold: Previous owner, Kodiak Properties sold to Andrew Reisinger. Phone 804 767-7721. Diane requested 2018 tax assessment from Kent County and the tax bills and water bills will be mailed on June 30th. Scott Fowler made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, 2nd by Mayor Frazier, Motion passed.

## **Public Works Report**

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

Water usage: 1,436,000 gallons of water during May 2018. Pump 2: 588,000 gallons. Pump 3: 848,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 53.2 hours, Pump 3 ran 51.8 hours. Chlorine average is .5325. Fluoride is .52. Dustan informed council that Southern Corrosion inspected the tower and can offer a contract for \$62,700. If we want struts replaced add \$1,000. Ten year installment plan for payment; they will provide annual inspection and annual reports. Scott Fowler made a motion to engage Southern Corrosion and approve the contract effective August 1, 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> b Jim Frazier, Motion passed.

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: 5/15 all lines flushed, East and West Walnut clear; still need some more work on North and South Main. 5/30 Spent 3 hours at the Magnolia Trailer park; they replaced some clogged lines. Dressed flags as needed. Still need to address a way to flush South Main. Henry Mast reviewed patches (4) and will have a quote. Problem areas: 16 North Main, multi groups living in garage. 20 South Main, multi groups in campers and tents. West Walnut unlighted area. 17 and 19 South Main repair business. 9 North Main looks super.

## **New Business:**

### Meeting Time:

Council discussed the current meeting time of 6:00 pm. It still works with everyone's schedule and will remain the same.

### FY2019 Budget:

Mayor Frazier has reviewed the 2018 financial reports: income vs. expenses and the budget will project a \$7,000 surplus. The budget will be posted July 1, 2018.

## **Old Business:**

### Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Frazier advised council that the Comp Plan Review Team will meet again on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The University of Delaware IPA has completed all of the charts, maps and diagrams except one. Team reviewed 32 questionnaires that were returned; no significant changes since 2009.

### Street Repairs:

Mayor Frazier send a letter to Rep. Charles Postles requesting \$10,000 for 4 patch repairs to bring Main Street up to Del Dot Specs.

### New Council Members:

Mike Cohill is still recuperating and living with his daughter, he will remain on council as proxy voting and on call until he can be replaced but he is not in good health. Buck Dougherty is interested but will not be eligible until September 2018. Ashton McLaughlin was sworn in as new council member tonight.

### Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier is sending a letter to Kent County requesting assistance with the property of Lloyd Schmidt. Ted Barwinski's daughter contacted Mayor Frazier and is having a problem selling her father's home due to the condition of neighboring property owned by Schmidt (28 West Walnut).

Council discussed complaints received from residents concerning multiple people living in the rear building at 16 North Main. Nick McCulley owns the property but the front house is occupied by his sister and apparently the rear property is occupied by several renters all sharing one bath. Mr. McCulley lives in Alabama and council is in the process of contacting him regarding the situation.

It is reported that there are two abandoned cars located on Thorne Street and South Main Street. Also, tents and campers on 20 South Main (Larry Farrow). Complaint received regarding Rigoberto Perez (15 & 17 South Main Street) regarding dumping oil into well. Mayor Frazier will contact owners. It was explained to Ms. McLaughlin that Kent County enforces all of our codes, violations, ordinances, etc.

### **Adjournment:**

James Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Fowler, Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall