

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, September 10, 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. Ashton McLaughlin was excused due to illness. Mike Cohill was available via telephone. Guest: Charles (Buck) Dougherty.

Mayor Frazier introduced Mr. Buck Dougherty who is interested in joining the Council. Mr. Dougherty lives at 4 South Main Street, PO Box 31 and has been a resident for one year. Email address: hunting4177@gmail.com Council unanimously appointed Mr. Dougherty effective immediately; he was sworn into office by Mayor Frazier and stated the Oath of Office; his term will run until the end of 2019. In October, Councilman Scott Fowler must submit a letter of intent for the January 2019 election. The final council seat is still vacant. Mr. Brian Howard has shown interest in serving on council.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was approved as published.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Mayor Frazier made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 13th meeting; Scott Fowler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills submitted by Diane Cahall. Water bills will be going out the end of September and a letter from Ashton McLaughlin regarding Magnolia's history will be included. Diane is working on setting up credit card and or ACH payments through Quick Books for water bills and tax bills. A Lowes credit card has been ordered for Dustan Russum; Scott Fowlers card has been cancelled.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

Water usage: 1,526,000 gallons of water during August 2018. Pump 2: 722,000 gallons. Pump 3: 804,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 49.4 hours, Pump 3 ran 49.2 hours. Chlorine average is .47. Fluoride is .7.

Problem with contact on relay. Contacted Ray Horney and Dave Thompson. Recommended we go with Horney Industries, they will be here Friday to get us lined up. Should cost no more than \$2,000; that is Phase 1. Phase II; move away from phone line to communicate from town hall to wells. It should cost less than \$10,000 total. Can monitor from cell phone, iPad, etc.

Hydrants flow tested for Fire Company; DRWA came and completed test at no cost.

Scott Fowler explained the process he discussed with Carrie DiSimone of Duffield regarding CWSRF/DWFRF program: *If we assume 110 services being replaced with road patching and traffic control– not sure what state will require...full overlay or just trench patching? And we replace 19 fire Hydrants. I would think we would be in the neighborhood of \$ 600,000.00. If overlay is required by state that could add another \$ 400,000.00 plus real quick. Not sure what they would consider loan wise. If we reduce to 60% of services then it should be close to proportional cost wise.*

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: Busy time; not sure what I did when! Mice in town hall have finally slowed up. Lines flushed 8/14 and 9/4 until clear. 8/22 Rural Water completed flow test for Fire Company. 8/28: Relay failed #2 well. Tower overflowed several times, shut down pump. Dustin contacted Horney Industry Electronics. Meet twice with Ray Horney Jr. No part available; have proposal for new type due 9/13. (Dave Thompson is a strong asset to have). 9/4 DelDot inspected W. Walnut project, some corrections to be made. (We have a damaged curb box at old Consalo house). Problems with grade at Keith Vautard property among others. Trying auto flushes from Rural Water; monitored at 1:00 am – 3am / did not work. Will try another type when #2 pump is back on line. 2 purchases at Felton Hardware (lock & bulbs). Note: we really should not have a dead line at South Main Street. Will be out of town for Delaware Fire Conference most of Tuesday thru Friday afternoon.

New Business:

Facebook:

Tabled until October meeting.

Street Flooding:

Tabled until October meeting.

Old Business:

Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Frazier advised council that they have completed the major rewrite of full Comprehensive Plan; including planning comments and town resident's questionnaire. The plan will be reviewed at a public hearing on October 8th at 6:00 pm at the Magnolia Fire hall. The town council meeting will be held immediately following.

Street Repairs:

Mayor Frazier advised Council that DelDot agreement #19=P=PROG=15 pertaining to transfer of \$25,032.00 for paving project has been approved. Walnut and Main from E. Walnut to N. Main. Funded by Rep. Charles Postles. 1/5 of the project has been completed by Aztech and paid during our August meeting. Jerrys Paving will complete the remainder of the project.

New Council Members:

Council member Charles (Buck) Dougherty is appointed and sworn into office. We are still in need of one council member.

Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier was contacted by Vikram Patel regarding adding additional apartments be added to 31 South Main which he bought in October 2015. Mayor Frazier explained to Mr. Patel that adding apartments to this unit was denied by Council in the past due to parking and other issues. The town has received numerous complaints about the condition of the property. Mayor Frazier suggested Mr. Patel improve what he has and do not add an additional 15 units.

Adjournment:

James Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. 2ND by Buck Dougherty; Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall