

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, October 8, 2018
7:00 PM
Magnolia Fire Hall

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler, Buck Dougherty, Ashton McLaughlin, Dustan Russum, Ralph Satterfield, and Diane Cahall were present.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was approved as published.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 10th meeting; James Frazier seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills submitted by Diane Cahall. Diane has completed setting up credit card and or ACH payments through Quick Books for water bills and tax bills. Mayor Frazier presented a workman comp refund check in the amount of \$310.52, this is from a shared insurance pool with other municipalities. James Frazier made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Ashton McLaughlin seconded the motion, and Motion passed.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

Water usage: 1,258,000 gallons of water during September 2018. Pump 2: 324,000 gallons. Pump 3: 934,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 21.9 hours, Pump 3 ran 61.9 hours. Chlorine average is .51. Fluoride is .6. The pump is running with 31.3 pounds of pressure. The relay will automatically rotate wells in case of a fire or main break; both will run if necessary. Dustan advised Council that we need chemical for the water softener; so far Amazon is the best price. Dustan will check with Lowes to see if item can be ordered at a better price. We also need a LMI Coring Ring which can be ordered from USA Bluebook.

Scott Fowler advised council that we are waiting for Duffield to put a final proposal together for the CWSRF/DWFRF program before Council can review. *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: All lines flushed – no problems. W. Walnut tends to be our heaviest area. 9/13: Horney Industries installed new controls – back on two wells again. 9/17: D Thompson dressed up the installation. 9/19: George & Lynch working on areas of W. Walnut that had drainage problems. 9/20: Request from realtor to turn on water at 8 W. Walnut. Found someone there on 9/24; Many broken pipes in house. 9/14-10/4: Rep. Postles still trying to get E. Walnut speed sign repaired. 10/3: No firm date from Jerry's on patching. (maybe late Oct. or early Nov.) rain has them behind. Tower is getting unsightly, don't think pressure washing will help – but it can't hurt. Tried to cut back in Sept, July and August seemed like a full time job. We need to think about Christmas lights. Auto flusher will be back on soon.

New Business:

Facebook:

Ashton McLaughlin reported on the Magnolia Facebook page. The page is up and running with a few photos; more information and photos will be added as they become available. A letter requesting history information and photos was included with all 3rd quarter water bills.

Street Flooding:

George & Lynch addressing problems after inspectors reviewed. DelDot needs to complete a study for a long term solution which would probably require storm drains. Also they paved over manholes (marked with green paint), discussed water valves on W. Walnut from 3 years ago.

School/MVFC Crosswalk Project:

Mayor Frazier opened discussion regarding school crossing guard. Rep. Postles has been contacted. The MVFC is private property and not sure if it will qualify for DelDot program. No RFP has been completed at this time.

Old Business:

Comprehensive Plan:

The review this evening went well, the rewrite is complete. Rumor has it that all towns will be required to complete a Master Plan in the future. Mayor Frazier reviewed the Delaware Code and nothing is there at this time.

Street Repairs:

Previously discussed.

Council Members:

Town elections will be held on Monday, January 14, 2019. Two seats will be available. The deadline to run is November 12, 2018. Anyone intending to run for a council seat in the January 14, 2019 election must submit a Certification of Intention (form available at elections.delaware.gov) to the Town of Magnolia, Election Committee, PO Box 233, Magnolia, DE 19962. Letters must be received prior to 6:00 pm on November 12, 2018.

Code Enforcement:

Nothing new to add.

Good of the Order:

Halloween Trick or Treat will be held on Wednesday October 31st from 6-8 pm for children 12 years and under. Diane will post notices on the town hall and post office. Ashton will put information on Facebook and Mayor Frazier will put on town website.

Adjournment:

James Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. 2ND by Ashton McLaughlin; Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall

TOWN OF MAGNOLIA

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW

Monday, October 8, 2018
6:00 PM
Magnolia Fire 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, Buck Dougherty Ashton McLaughlin Ralph Satterfield, Dustan Russum and Diane Cahall were present. Guest to the plan review signed in when they arrived.

Mayor Frazier gave a summary of the plans history: In the mid 2000 Delaware Legislature required Municipalities to complete a Municipal Plan. In 2007/2008 Town Council established a group of residents to begin the process. Several grad students from the University Of Delaware Institute Of Public Administration volunteered to assist the committee with statistics and created a draft Comp Plan. The committee finalized the plan and it was approved by the State Planning Office and Gov. Markell in 2009. Every 5 years a plan update is required, a committee including Rebecca Campbell, Ray Lehman, Frank Young and Mayor Frazier updated our plan in 2014. The 2017 plan review committee is Cheryl Roe, Thomas Summers (Del. Archives), Frances Zomes (Magnolia Furniture) and Mayor Frazier. They have met several times since October 2017. 90 questionnaires were mailed to all town residents; 30-40 responses were received. It was noted that very little progress has occurred since 2009 and the goal is to make progress by 2019. Plan recommendations have been extracted from major plan and the first draft completed and presented Nov. 1, 2017. The State Planning office will review and respond by to us by the end of Dec. 2018. The final plan must be completed by April 2019.

Mayor Frazier then read all sections of the plan to all in attendance. Any questions and or comments were addressed. Mayor Frazer stated that it would be great to have a pocket park in the town for residents to read and relax. After review of the plan review, Mayor Frazier invited any interested residents to remain for the monthly council to follow. Plan review was closed.