

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, November 12, 2018
7:00 PM
Magnolia Town Hall

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

Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was approved as published.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

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

Election

No one has filed for a seat in the January election. Scott Fowler did submit a letter of intent and will begin a two year term beginning February 2019 at the Annual meeting. Brian Howard has shown interest in a council seat but has to wait until March 2019 to fulfill qualification.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills submitted by Diane Cahall. Diane has not received any letters of intent from elections. She did receive a call from an out of town resident and she referred him to the website for full qualifications. Credit card and ACH payments are working out good; many residents are using the process. We received an invoice from Jerry's Paving for W. Walnut road work; Diane will send all necessary paperwork to State for reimbursement. Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay all bills, James Frazier 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Public Works Report

Dustan Russum presented the water report:

Water usage: 1,258,000 gallons of water during October 2018. Pump 2: 512,000 gallons. Pump 3: 728,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 32.3 hours, Pump 3 ran 30.3 hours. Chlorine average is .62. Fluoride is .9. The relay is working great and automatically rotate wells as planned. Each pumps runs longer instead of constantly shutting down and restarting. In case of a fire or main break; both will run if necessary. Dustan advised Council that he has ordered a water softener from ACE Hardware. He will submit an invoice to Diane when it arrives. Ashton McLaughlin commented that her water smells extremely clean. Dustan stated that the State requires a minimum chlorine level of .30 and a fresh drum has been installed. Ashton also commented that DelDot is satisfied with the road improvements but will keep checking the area and other Magnolia roads in the future.

Scott Fowler has received a proposal and loan term information Carrie for the ODW lead replacement loan. He will forward to all via email to review and he has invited Carrie to the December meeting to answer questions and elaborate on details.

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: All lines flushed – no problems. Flags dressed as needed. Keys made for new members. Fire Company new building is ready for water hook up. Road patching on W. Walnut is complete.

New Business:

Facebook:

Ashton McLaughlin reported on the Magnolia Facebook page. Ashton received several old photos from the Semans family that she will put on the page. She will also put a notice that the town is receiving credit cards and bank ACH for payment of water and tax invoices.

Street Flooding:

West Walnut project is complete.

School/MVFC Crosswalk Project:

Mayor Frazier has not received further information from Rep. Postles but Buck Dougherty did advise that the MVFC approved the 9' easement.

Old Business:

Comprehensive Plan:

The plan was submitted to the State Planning office on November 1st. David Edgell called Mayor Frazier on November 2nd and advised him of a newly created 5 page document that was needed immediately. The pdf was un-writeable and Mayor Frazier contacted David and submitted the document as soon as possible. Mayor Frazier will attend a meeting with the State Planning Commission on November 28th.

Street Repairs:

Previously discussed.

Code Enforcement:

Speeding through town is becoming worse; Ashton will contact the Delaware State Police and advise them of the situation. Council discussed planting a police car in town to try to slow drivers down.

Mayor Frazier notified council that there has been a silver car parked on the road in front of the restaurant and Mr. Howards house since October 1st. This is very dangerous for fire safety, it is a bus stop, and the car is taking up two parking spots. Ordinance 205 states – Hazardous cars can be towed. Ordinance 206 states: Abandoned cars must be moved.

Mayor Frazier provided the MVFC a letter of approval to move the companies sign.

Good of the Order:

Ralph Satterfield advised council that we need new Christmas lights. Buck Dougherty stated that MVFC should be able to assist with the lights.

Adjournment:

James Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. 2ND by Buck Dougherty. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall