

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2019

6:00 PM

Magnolia Town Hall

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Buck Dougherty and Ashton McLaughlin were present. Brian Howard was excused. Dustan Russum absent in a meeting in Nashville. Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall were present. Guests: Francis Young, Germane and Nicole Hooper (to observe) were present.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was updated with the deletion of Patel Property; ARC Construction. Francis Young vs. MVFC via fence declined to be added to the agenda.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 12th Council meeting. Ashton McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Cahall presented the following treasurer report: Water invoices will be mailed and/or emailed on Sept. 30th for the 3rd quarter. All reimbursements for the Asset Manangement Water project have been submitted and received. Quick Books payroll increased to almost \$600 per year. Diane researched several options: CPA cost \$1,135 per year. The best price is ADP Payroll Service which is \$44.38 month. Mayor Frazier made a motion to accept using ADP for payroll and payroll taxes. Ashton McLaughlin 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Information was requested regarding the towns borrowing limit for water loan; Diane thought that was the purpose of conducting a full audit on the town's finances for the past four years. Credit card payment is working well; especially for caretakers of elderly home owners. Scott Fowler made a motion to approve the report and to pay the bills. Buck Dougherty 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Council reviewed the water reports prepared by Dustan Russum presented the water report:

The town used 1,525,000 gallons of water during August 2019. Pump 2: 682,000 gallons. Pump 3: 857,000 gallons. Well levels: 23.8, 25.1 and 39'. Pump 2 ran 49.1 hours, Pump 3 ran 42.8 hours. Chlorine average chlorine is .7 and Fluoride average is .8. Scott Fowler advised council that he would email Heather and Carrie regarding the EPA Grant and State Revolving Grant.



Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Tank overflows: late August around 10:00 am and again on Sept. 6th at 9:25 PM. May have been 100-200 gallons. Dug out #1 well head for inspection. Flushed hydrants. It is getting harder to get lines to run crystal clear. Request to dig out a water shut off valve on W. Walnut, will do shortly. Verizon may relocate signal wire to a new pole for us. Thompson will replace ground fault covers.

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New Business:

Information regarding 31/33 South Main removed from agenda.

Water on Roadway:

Ashton McLaughlin contacted Greg Layton (DelDot Project Dept. Maintenance and Operations regarding flooded roads after a rainstorm. Other problems such as rattling storm drains, more sidewalks, additional storm drains were discussed. Ashton stated we might as well aim for the stars if we are making requests. Ashton will take photos of the flooding and send to DelDot.

Old Business:

MPO Traffic Study:

Mayor Frazier is meeting with consultants representing Whitman Requardt and Associates, LLP tomorrow Sept. 10th at 3:30 pm. Jim also mentioned that there is a new traffic light available that calculates speed; however it is not legal in Delaware at this time. Peter Hagg of DelDot would be our contact to request Red Light Cameras.

Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier reported on the following issues:

Car has been removed between the homes. Ferger barn has been torn down. WMDT for Furniture store. 2 tone house; requested that owner finish painting all one color. 19 S. Main: Porch propped up with post. Farrow property is a real mess and has been this way for a long time. 15 W. Walnut; Sandra Knight Nauman is in arrears for town water and taxes for over \$3,500. She is also behind in Kent County taxes and Kent County sewer since 2005. Mayor Frazier is checking with Barrett Edwards to see if property can be forced to go to sheriff's sale. The cost for this request is \$1,500. We do not know if the house is habitable. Buck Dougherty made a motion to proceed with the request, Ashton McLaughlin 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

Building Maintenance:

Buck Dougherty has completed review of the issues to be repaired. The town hall header is going to be difficult to repair. Buck will do a contract: Town of Magnolia/S E Doyle for the following projects:

1. Town Hall roof – replacement.
2. Town Hall, lean-to on west side - tear off
3. Town Hall front wall - questions have been raised about its structural integrity
4. Pump House (#2 pump) - new roof needed
5. Maintenance Bldg - door frame on south facing is rotted out.

T Mobile/Sprint Merger

Drop from agenda until further information is received. FYI, the DISH network is possibly interested in getting into deal.

Facebook:

Ashton McLaughlin advised council that she would like to maintain our Facebook profile even after her term on council.

Good of the Order:

Council discussed:

Buck Dougherty, James Frazier and Ashton McLaughlin's seats are up for reelection in 2020.

Adjournment:

James Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Second by Ashley McLaughlin. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,
Diane P. Cahall