

# MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

## Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2019

6:00 PM

Magnolia Fire Hall

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Brian Howard and Ashton McLaughlin were present. Buck Dougherty was excused. Dustan Russum, Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall were present. Guests: Heather Warren (DPH, Office of Drinking Water). Francis Young, Jamie Van Horn, and from The Hub: Adriene Watkins, D'wan Shorts and E. Brandon Surman were present.

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

The agenda was presented as published.

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

Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 9th Council meeting. James Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Diane Cahall presented the treasurer report and all invoices to be paid: Brian Howard made a motion to approve the report and to pay the bills. Ashton McLaughlin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

### **Public Works Report**

Heather Warren from the Dept. of Public Health, Office of Drinking water was present to report on the 1.1 Million dollar Delaware Drinking Water Revolving Fund. Barrett Edwards has reviewed the policies, intent letter must be signed by November 1, 2019. Mayor Frazier, Scott Fowler, Ashton McLaughlin and Dustan Russum will meet with Carrie at Duffield on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Frazier will meet with Heather to discuss tax on the lines underground.

Council reviewed the water reports prepared and presented by Dustan Russum: The town used 1,302,000 gallons of water during September 2019. Pump 2: 534,000 gallons. Pump 3: 768,000 gallons. Well levels: 24' and 25'. Pump 2 ran 47.4 hours, Pump 3 ran 37.8 hours. Chlorine average chlorine is 5.3 and Fluoride average is .8.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: All lines flushed; they continue to have heavier than normal discoloration. Ralph contacted TMC regarding speed sign down at the Church. Within 20 hours area cleared and temporary signs put up. DelDot continues to work on road project. When lines were flushed on Oct. 8: heavy discoloration; could not clear any lines in 15 minutes. Best was a pale ginger ale color.

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## **New Business:**

### Magnolia Furniture Complex:

Adrian Watkins (Décor, Balloons, Planning), D'wan Shorts (Audio) and E. Brandon Surman (Maintenance) presented information regarding a wedding and venue hall to be called "The Hub". The venue will utilize the professional kitchen for caterers and food trucks. The second floor will be opened up for sound effects and appearance, total should be approximately 12,000 sq. feet. Council discussed: parking issues, liquor license, resurfacing of parking lot, water run-off, noise control, event security, DelDot and Fire Marshall approval and hours of operation; 6 am – 8 pm Sunday thru Thursday and 6 am – 11 pm Friday, Sat. and Sunday. They are working with an architect now and then proceed to contractor for renovations. Adrian Watkins currently operates "Precious Jubilee Décor" Best Productions.

Council will hold an Open Residents Meeting to discuss "The Hub": Diane will send a letter to all town residents informing them of a question/answer meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Fire Hall. Ms. Watkins advised that they would be ready to present a formal presentation to residents regarding the project on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Halloween

Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm to 8 pm. Diane will post on town hall door, post office and restaurant. Mayor Frazier will post on website and Ashton McLaughlin will post on Facebook.

### Dead Tree in Park

Ralph Satterfield will remove the dead tree in the town park.

### Damaged Speed Sign

The speed sign on the north end of town was damaged. Ralph Satterfield contacted the Traffic Maintenance Center and it was replaced. No need to contact Representative Postles.

### 2020 Council Election

The Solicitation of Candidates must be posted by October 22, 2019. James Frazier, Buck Dougherty and Ashton McLaughlin are the incumbents and must file a letter of intent by 6pm on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Old Business:**

### Water on Roadway

Ashton McLaughlin is waiting for rain to take photos of the problems.

### MPO Traffic Study:

Mayor Frazier advised that surveyors and persons conducting traffic counts are working; the project will take 6-8 months.

### Code Enforcement:

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 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion approved.

### Building Maintenance:

Due to Buck Dougherty's absence; discussion deferred to November meeting. Mr. 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.

### Facebook:

Ashton McLaughlin advised council that she will continue to maintain our Facebook profile.

### Good of the Order:

### Adjournment:

Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Second by Brian Howard Ashley McLaughlin. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,  
Diane P. Cahall