

# MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

## Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2020

6:00 PM

Magnolia Town Hall

### Call to Order at 6:00 pm

### Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor James Frazier, Scott Fowler, Brian Howard and Buck Dougherty were present. Dustan Russum and Ralph Satterfield were present. Diane Cahall and Ashton McLaughlin were absent. Mayor Frazier kept the meeting notes.

### Additions/deletions to published agenda

The agenda was presented as published.

### Council Minutes of previous meeting

Brian Howard made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 13<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Buck Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

No report given. Mayor Frazier made a motion to pay the bills. Buck Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Public Works Report

Heather Warren from Office of Drinking Water has been promoted but will still be involved with our Delaware Drinking Water Revolving Fund grant for at least the next 6 months. Engineer has returned from vacation and activities will be gearing up again.

Council reviewed the water reports prepared and presented by Dustan Russum. Dustan Russum presented the water report to Council. The town used 1,227,000 gallons of water during January 2020. Pump 2: 536,000 gallons. Pump 3: 691,000 gallons. Well levels: 34.3' and 41.5'. Pump 2 ran 32.8 hours, Pump 3 ran 39.5 hours. Chlorine average is .64 and Fluoride average is .9.

Water Usage Report was submitted to Office of Drinking Water. Report from Southern Corrosion regarding the December water tower inspection will be forthcoming.

## **New Business:**

### **Annual Town Organization for CY 2020**

For Mayor – James Frazier (unanimous)

For Vice Mayor – Scott Fowler (unanimous)

For Town Secretary – Diane Cahall (unanimous)

For Water Operator and Town Assistant – Dustan Russum and Ralph Satterfield (unanimous)

For Town Solicitor – Barrett Edwards, Esq. (unanimous)

### **Resettlement Letter:**

Mayor Frazier conferred with the Town's attorney and determined that nothing further is needed. Barrett Edwards said only one of his client municipalities sent back a letter and the rest of us missed the short deadline. It is likely that the letter was sent for political purposes regarding the issue of illegal immigrants and probably achieved its intent.

### **Park Bench Incident:**

Another vehicle plowed into the Town park on January 25, missing everything except the same stone bench that was demolished 3 yrs. ago by a pizza delivery car. We received a police report, but the MVFC camera images were not clear enough to determine the driver. Damages were far less than our \$1000 deductible, so no insurance claim will be made. Ralph Satterfield and Buck Dougherty will investigate possibly replacing just the damaged legs or the entire bench. Either way, Mayor Frazier will cover the cost since the 3-yr. old bench was originally purchased by him in memory of his family.

### **Wellness Center:**

Mention of a wellness center being established on West Walnut Street has surfaced on social media. Mayor has no knowledge of such, but did offer an update on property further west at 4406 Irish Hill Road, the former Frazier homestead. Since 2008, the property has been owned by ACTS, a Presbyterian-based firm operating 35+ east coast continuing care retirement communities from PA down to FL. The existing structures have been taken down recently and the property will be returned to farming for the time being. At some TBD time, they will build a continuing care retirement community there, to include independent living, assisted living and skilled nursing care.

### **Mail/Package Deliveries:**

Brian Howard related that he is having difficulty receiving packages and shipments at his place of business due to his business address (7 South Main Street) not being recognized by the universal database used by USPS and numerous commercial delivery services. He is paying extra fees for delivery to a non-deliverable address. When he purchased 9 South Main Street two years ago, he opted to use his vacant lot's address (7 South Main Street) for his business. Although 1 or 2 houses occupied his lot in the 1930s, there have been no structures apart from an empty garage there since at least the 1970s, which of course predates any electronic record-keeping systems.

He has approached USPS locally and on up the chain of command to a USPS regional coordinator to no avail. Mayor Frazier offered to consult with Town Attorney Barrett Edwards to get his thoughts and then to follow up with a letter to the USPS Regional Coordinator to see if anything can be done.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Water on Roadway**

No update

#### **Damaged Speed Sign**

Replacement ongoing with Representative Postles.

#### **MPO Traffic Study:**

No update

#### **Code Enforcement**

Letter was sent to Williams/Glover property at 10 North Main Street. Yard continually full of furniture, etc. and a wooden media unit was placed on the curbside/sidewalk over a month ago.

#### **Facebook:**

No update

#### **Adjournment:**

Buck Dougherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Second by Mayor Frazier. Meeting was adjourned.

*Notes recorded by Mayor James Frazier, Transcribed and Submitted by Diane P. Cahall, Town Secretary*