

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, July 13, 2020

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order at 5:59 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor James Frazier. Councilpersons: Buck Dougherty and Ashton McLaughlin were present online. Diane Cahall and Dustan Russum were present online. Scott Fowler was excused. Mayor Frazier received a resignation email from Brian Howard on July 13, 2020 effective immediately.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

Buck Dougherty addition to house.

Council Minutes of previous meeting

James Frazier made a motion to accept the limited minutes of the June meeting. Buck Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Cahall presented the treasurers report including: Invoices to be paid, copy of checks and deposits for June 2020. Tax bills from Core Logic (company that collects taxes through mortgage companies) are delayed because many employees are working from home. Many home owners are refinancing and there are several home sales/purchases. Mayor Frazier made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Buck Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report

Council reviewed the water reports prepared by Dustan Russum.

Water system is currently operating without any problems. The town used 1,211,000 gallons of water during July 2020. Pump 2: 479,000 gallons. Pump 3: 732,000 gallons. Well levels: 26' and 31'. Pump 2 ran 38.3 hours, Pump 3 ran 45.9 hours. Chlorine average is .63 and Fluoride average is .4. Dustan and Scott Fowler met with Duffield regarding preliminary lines on the water system. Scott provided information regarding Lead and Copper testing sights. Dustan verified with Diane that Magnolia has an established account with EnviroCorp.

Ralph Satterfield reported: Hydrants and tower flushed, West Walnut good, Main Street fair. Dressed flags as needed. I will repair the latches on white fence in the near future. Magnolia Furniture sold out of furniture in the last 2 ½ weeks using Facebook and word of mouth; no paid advertising.

New Business:

Sidewalks and Curb Painting

Mayor Frazier advised that Precision Concrete will provide an analysis of sidewalk issues in the town. After sidewalk report, curb painting can be completed by Wilkinson Marking Service. Buck Dougherty to proceed with projects, seconded by Ashton McLaughlin, motion passed.

2020 Budget

Mayor Frazier presented and Council reviewed the finalized 2020 Budget. Buck Dougherty made a motion to approve the budget. Ashton McLaughlin seconded the motion, motion passed.

Old Business:

Water on Roadway

Buck Dougherty noted that standing water and flooding are different. Ashton McLaughlin reported that since we have had no real winter weather; additional pictures were unavailable. She will continue communicating with DelDot regarding problem.

Damaged Speed Sign

Ralph Satterfield is still working with Representative Postles regarding repair.

Properties and Code Enforcement

Mayor Frazier filed a complaint with Kent County on the 31 South Main Apartment Building owned by Vikram Patel. The inside condition is condemnable. Tyler (Patterson Schwartz) and Sal Leone contacted Mayor Frazier and stated they will still be the Management Team for the property? The Farrow property (20 South Main) remains a problem. State Police were contacted by two separate people. The Commander at Troop 3 has been contacted and we are working on condemnation from Kent County.

Facebook:

Ashton mentioned that people do not understand the difference between living in town and out of own Magnolia. Diane agreed and noted this has always been a problem. Mayor Frazier did put a map and general information on the front page of Magnolia's website last year to help people figure out where they live.

Mail/Package Deliveries:

Mayor Frazier will draft a letter to Senator Carper regarding postal delivery problems. Town has previously used Magnolia Furniture as a drop off location for Fed Ex, UPS deliveries. Council discussed possibly using the MVFC or Mayor Frazier's house as drop off location. Council will discuss further in August.

Good of the Order

Buck Dougherty showed plans and property lines for an addition to his residence. It will require 2 foot variance from town to obtain permit. Council advised Mr. Dougherty to obtain a letter from his neighbor stating no objection to the variance. Ashton McLaughlin requested Buck to scan and email her the plans for construction and location on property.

Mayor Frazier advised council that Magnolia Furniture has been sold to Sumuri, Inc. Sumuri will not occupy the building until April 2021. The company is owned by a retired State Trooper. They will conduct background checks, and have contracted work with NASA. Mayor Frazier invited the new owners to attend a council meeting in the fall. The building will be getting a new roof but will keep the historic building appearance.

Council has accepted the resignation of Brian Howard. Mayor Frazier will contact Barbara Adams to see if she is interested in joining council.

Adjournment:

Buck Dougherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm. Second by Ashton McLaughlin. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted, Diane Cahall