

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, August 10, 2020

6:00 PM

Teleconference

CALL TO ORDER

Made at 5:58 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor James Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler and Councilperson Ashton McLaughlin took part in the teleconference, as well as Dustan Russum, Water System Operator. Councilman Buck Dougherty and Secretary Diane Cahall were excused. Victoria Frazier took the meeting notes in Diane's absence.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the published agenda.

COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mayor Frazier made a motion to accept the minutes of the July meeting, as provided by Secretary. Ashton McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was distributed electronically to members by Diane Cahall. Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Mayor Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Council did not review the water reports prepared by Dustan Russum as they were forwarded to Secretary earlier.

Dustan and Ralph responded to a service call at 32 W. Walnut Street. Leak was a result of conditions on the owner's property and thus resolved.

Southern Corrosion inspected the water tower after the hurricane and everything appeared to be in order.

Tree behind pump house fell into farmer's field. Mayor Frazier will address this issue.

Carey Kruger is leaving Duffield. Scott Hoffman will take over as our contact. Discussion ensued regarding transition over to Mr. Hoffman. Dustan observed that Bond Bill Phase I sites are beginning work. Magnolia is in Phase II.

Scott Fowler indicated that the window of opportunity for a new water tower to be covered by any federal stimulus funds has probably closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

SIDEWALKS AND CURB PAINTING

Precision Concrete provided estimate for refurbishment and replacement of damaged sidewalk sections. Proposal was approx. \$9000.00 for replacement of 25 sidewalk panels and 90 feet of crumbling curbing. Scott questioned the words of the emailed proposal vs. the contract. Ashton asked for more clarification regarding the specifics of “replacement”. Mayor Frazier will follow up and will also check with Representative Charles Postles about possibly obtaining State Community Transportation Funds to fund the project. It would take an additional \$8000.00 to repair all 135 out-of-alignment sidewalk joints, as determined by Precision Concrete.

WATER ON ROADWAY

Nothing to report.

DAMAGED SPEED SIGN

Ralph Satterfield is still working with Rep Postles regarding replacement.

PROPERTIES AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

A. Mayor Frazier filed a complaint with Kent County regarding four properties – 19 S. Main Street, 20 S. Main Street, 15 West Walnut Street and 28 West Walnut Street – providing pictures and documentation of violations.

B. Buck Dougherty's Building Project - Letter was received from William Craig agreeing to Buck's proposal, with the stipulation that he be allowed the same consideration should he ever build onto his structure. Council again approved the project. Mayor Frazier will send copies of relevant documents to both property owners.

FACEBOOK

Nothing to report.

MAIL/PACKAGE DELIVERIES

Mayor Frazier's letter to Senator Carper recommending a new post office has been completed and requires some attachments before sending.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm. Second by Ashton McLaughlin. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Frazier (for Diane Cahall)