

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, Sept. 14, 2020

6:00 PM

Magnolia Fire Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Made at 6:01 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor James Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler, Councilperson Ashton McLaughlin and Buck Dougherty were present. Dustan Russum; Water System Operator, Ralph Satterfield; Water assistant and Diane Cahall; Clerk were also present. Barbara Adams was present and sworn in as newly appointed Councilperson. Barbara Adams completed the Oath of Office and was welcomed by all council members.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the published agenda.

COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the August meeting, as provided by Secretary. James Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was presented to members by Diane Cahall. Ashton McLaughlin made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Scott Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Dustan Russum presented the following water report: Water system is currently operating without any problems. The town used 1,096,000 gallons of water during August 2020. Pump 2: 587,000 gallons. Pump 3: 509,000 gallons. Well levels: 43.5' and 37.5'. Pump 2 ran 38.3 hours, Pump 3 ran 45.9 hours. Chlorine average is .47 and Fluoride average is .4. Dustan advised we are required to collect 5 samples for Lead & Copper testing. Dustan stated that Dover Air Park included in the 1st round year of Bill Bond. Magnolia will be in 2nd round and has until end of 2021 to complete project.

Ralph Satterfield reported: All lines have been flushed. North Main remains discolored rest looks good. Cleaned off some storm sewers. School also flushed. Installed gate latch on East gate of water tower. Ralph assisted Sherri (DRWA) in hand collecting Pb/Cu water samples. What a mess; if they were home they would forget to sample the water in the morning or some other reason. Took 5 days to obtain 5 samples. Something loose on cell tower equipment; may bother some people or worse case blow off.

NEW BUSINESS:

Junk removal: Mayor Frazier sent a certified letter to Richard Carey at 34 South Main Street regarding junk on his property. The letter must have worked; because the junk was removed the following day. Dustan Russum advised council that Frederica uses Sunnyfield Contractor to remove junk from properties and bill the homeowner for the cleanup.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water on Roadway: nothing to report.

Damaged Speed Sign: no response received, Mayor Frazier will contact.

Properties and Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier also advised council that Mr. Carey has caused problems with the new owners of the Furniture Store (Sumuri, , Inc.) being very mean to personnel and workers. Not allowing access to the road between the Careys and Sumuri; blocking access to fire entrances. Also, posting false accusations online. Mr. Wayland from Sumuri has installed gates on both side of their building.

15 W. Walnut: Nauman-Knight, 2 realtors have inquired about back taxes/water.

28 W. Walnut: Joshua DuPont, being sold next week; will advise new owners.

19 S. Main: Clint Moore, repairs in process.

Farrow property has a broken window;

Mayor Frazier working with Sarah Keifer, AICP Director, Kent County Levy Court regarding code enforcement.

FACEBOOK

Halloween: Council will decide at October meeting how to handle Trick or Treat.

Ashton McLaughlin would like council to post a notice about residence leaving their trash cans on the curb after pick up. Diane Cahall will put a note on all 3rd quarter water bills regarding this problem.

SIDEWALK REFURBISHING (ANALYSIS)

Scott Fowler noted the proposal did not include replacement of 15 panels and curbing. Mayor Frazier will follow up, Ashton McLaughlin advised town to try one contractor for all work. Tabled until October meeting.

MAIL/PACKAGE DELIVERIES

Diane Cahall advised one Fed Ex Package for town was delivered to Walgreens on Birdie Lane for pick up. Mayor Frazier picked up the letter for Diane. Diane also noted; most overnight mail is now being delivered to our PO Box since the postal service now has overnight delivery.

Mayor Frazier informed council he has invited Sumuri, Inc. to the October 12th meeting. Sumuri is a Cyber Security Company and works on projects with NASA.

ADJOURNMENT

Buck Dougherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. Second by Ashton McLaughlin. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane P. Cahall