

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, October 12, 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 were present. Barbara Adams was present virtually. Councilman Buck Dougherty was excused. Dustan Russum; Water System Operator was excused. Ralph Satterfield; Water assistant and Diane Cahall; Clerk were also present. Guests from Sumuri: Allyn Whalen, President and Co-founder. Steve Whalen, C.P.O. and Co-founder. Jason Roslewicz, C.E.O. Guest from Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company: Harry Consalo, Frank Malone, Walt Slezak.

Mr. Steve Whalen provided the following information on Sumuri:

Founded in 2010 by retired Delaware State Trooper Steve Whalen and his wife Allyn. They are a team of retired military, law enforcement, and corporate practitioners of digital forensics and have Certified Forensic Computer Examiners and Delaware Licensed Private Investigators on staff. They provide Digital Forensic solutions including Software development, Computer building, Certified forensic Services and training on Digital Forensics with an emphasis on Apple products of the world. In the 10 years since their founding they have quickly

become a leader in the Digital Forensics field and are the number one supplier of Forensic workstations in the world, this growth brought them to Magnolia and the Magnolia Furniture building was ideally suited to their needs. Their goal is to restore and preserve as much of the John B. Lindale Peach House as possible while updating to support our needs. They anticipate spending around half a million dollars on preservation and improvement with an emphasis on retaining as much of the flavor of the original building as possible. They will be replacing the roof and siding to recreate the look of the original building with Red barn metal siding and white metal roof and trim. They will be paving the parking lot and adding a community garden for their employees as well as other beautification projects. 15 people max parking, cannot invite people on the property. On the interior they will repair and refinish the existing floor and walls and on the second floor they have opened up the ceiling to showcase the original wood beams. The back buildings will be used for storage and the large building will be converted to rental space or a small business or church.

Mr. Whalen answered several general questions from members of the MVFC regarding fire safety.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the published agenda.

COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Scott Fowler made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 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. James Frazier made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Ashton McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Dustan Russum left reports with Council and Diane presented the following water report:. The town used 1,111,000 gallons of water during September 2020. Pump 2: 498,000 gallons. Pump 3: 613,000 gallons. Well levels: 43.5' and 37.5'. Pump 2 ran 34.6 hours, Pump 3 ran 37.8 hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

TOWN ELECTIONS:

Incumbents have submitted letters of intent to run for an additional two years on council. Letters of intent must be postmarked by November 9, 2020. Council seats of Scott Fowler and Barbara Adams are up for reelection. Information posted on website, post office, restaurant and town hall.

HALLOWEEN:

Trick or Treat will be held on October 31 2020 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Diane will prepare notices concerning hours, must wear mask, if porch light is off skip that house, please consider risks involved. Mayor Frazier will post on website and Ashton will post of town Facebook page. Mayor Frazier informed the Orchard Church that town square tree lighting is discouraged due to COVID-19. He suggested it could be held in the Church parking lot.

TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT:

Included in the measures recommended: Rest on red – all the time no one is at the intersection; the light will remain red. A line on the road East bound on West Walnut by the restaurant. Council noted that 10 feet back will create dangerous

situations in front of restaurant corner. Mayor Frazier will verify information and Scott Fowler will follow up with committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

WATER ON ROADWAY: Delayed

DAMAGED SPEED SIGN: No response received; Mayor Frazier will contact.

PROPERTIES AND CODE ENFORCEMENT: No updates.

FACEBOOK: Ashton McLaughlin will update and post Halloween information.

MAIL/PACKAGE DELIVERIES: Going smoothly.

CURB PAINTING: Delay

ADJOURNMENT:

James Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm. Second by Ashton McLaughlin. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane P. Cahall