

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2021

6:00 PM

Magnolia Fire Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Made at 6:02 pm.

Monthly Council Meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor James Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler and Councilmen Ryan Clarke and Buck Dougherty were present. Councilwoman Barbara Adams and Clerk Diane Cahall were present virtually. Dustan Russum; Water System Operator and Ralph Satterfield; Water assistant were present. Guests: Norville and Alta Pontius, Jason and Megan Knight.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the published agenda.

GUESTS

Mayor Frazier opened the floor to guests: Alta and Norville Pontius and Jason and Megan Knight. Their complaint was parking on Thorn Street; can we make it a one-way street? Off of South Main going to West Walnut. Cars are parking 11 plus hours on the street. Council advised this would have to be presented to DelDot for approval. Other options might include new No parking signs, Towed at owners expense signs and Speed Bumps installed.

COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Scott Fowler made a motion to accept the minutes of the last council meeting, as provided by Secretary. Buck Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was prepared and presented to members by Diane Cahall. Second quarter water bills and 2021 tax bills will be sent out on June 30th. Diane noted that Drawl 6 from Duffield is being prepared. Also, the funds in the amount of \$4,681.00 from the Asset Management grant have been spent on GPS for water system payable to Anatum Geo Mobile Solutions. After the system is prepared and installed the company will instruct Dustan Russum how to use it. Monthly check from T Mobile is arriving to replace Sprint check. Annual Tax bills challenging with refinancing and property sales occurring during May and June. Jim Frazier made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Buck Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Dustan Russum presented the following water report: The town used 1,439,000 gallons of water during May 2021. Pump 2: 645,000 gallons. Pump 3: 794,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 26.3 hours; Pump 3 ran 49 hours. Chlorine average is .5 and Fluoride .4. Dustan advised that there was a repair on the curb stop at 16 E. Walnut Street. Dustan worked extra hours with DRWA and you will notice marks on the street.

Mayor and Vicki Frazier and Ralph Satterfield attended the Soft Opening of Sumuri in early May. Improvements over one million dollars on the building. It is beautiful with plenty of space for expansion. The company works with digital forensics.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Flush normal on May 11. Numbered 32 Walnut, replaced all pump house place cards. Had part of fence removed by Forest Fence for Reybold to access work area. 5/16: Visited Jado Terrace over water concerns when mains are to be replaced. Talked with several residents. There is a 2" main put in at least 35 years ago or more; planned for 5 homes, Idea dropped and Carter purchased ground. Will start flush of line this month. 6/3: Supplies, etc. started to arrive. Removed more fence, Attended upstate meeting. 6/4: Leak at 16 E Walnut on owners' side; they had repaired on 6/5.

6/5: Helped Henry Mast locate water line for Sumuri. They had graded over and paved valve. Billed to Sumuri. 6/10: Started milling; they were not prepared for concrete roadway. 6/13: Read email about leak at former Hobbs house 8:15 am. I don't check emails in a timely manner. I read it at 6:00pm; leak is not too bad I will address on 6/14. Called Dustan; Henry will repair on 6/15. Hot, busy month.

CROSS CONNECTION SERVICE

Mayor Frazier signed and sent necessary paperwork back in April. Ralph Satterfield and Mayor Frazier attended the meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13th at 2:00 pm. A draft ordinance on the service has gone to Barrett Edwards for review. Council should be able to approve in July.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Properties and Code Enforcement:** Buck Dougherty noted we could get a list of certified plumbers to recommend for service from curb stop to houses: this is the property owners responsibility. Jim Frazier noted there has been activity on 19 South Main Street.
- b. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA);** Mayor Frazier was advised the town will receive \$ 93,000 from state for Rescue Plan. One half of the amount \$46,050 will be deposited into town general checking shortly after 6/10/21. The towns first report is due October 31st. It is noted we should save \$46,050 until the water project is complete to cover unexpected overage.
- c. **FY2022 Budget:** Council reviewed the budget noting the transfer tax income has been increased and office supplies expenses increased. Jim Frazier made a motion to approve the budget as presented; 2nd by Buck Dougherty, all approved, Motion carried. Budget will go in effect 7/1/22.
- d. **Facebook:** nothing to report.
- e. **Mail /Package Deliveries:** nothing to report.
- f. **Curb Painting:** nothing to report.
- g. **Traffic Assessment (Follow up):** Mayor Frazier received a six page follow up DelDot regarding red light. There is a new concept to be discussed involving "Cycling light overnight". More info to come.

Complaints have been received from residents regarding dirt bikes and ATV's speeding through the streets at night. Residents reminded to call Delaware State Police and report immediately.

ADJOURNMENT:

Buck Dougherty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. 2nd by Jim Frazier, Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane P. Cahall