

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, October 11, 2021

6:00 PM

Magnolia Fire Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Made at 6:00 pm.

Monthly Council Meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor James Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler, Councilpersons Ryan Clarke and Susanne Whitney were present. Buck Dougherty was excused. Clerk Diane Cahall, Water System Operator Dustan Russum and Assistant Ralph Satterfield were present. Guest: Michele Weeks of Keller Williams Real Estate.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

No changes to published agenda.

COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Diane Cahall noted that she incorrectly spelled Suzanne Whitney's name in the minutes; it will be corrected to Susanne. . Susanne Whitney made a motion to accept the minutes of the last council meeting with correction, as provided by Secretary. James Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Guest:

Realtor Michelle Weeks is the buyer's agent for 31 South Main Street owned by Vic Patel. The property is listed in MLS under Myers Real Estate. It is listed as 1.2 acres for \$325,000. Robert DodenhauF stated that the building has been condemned and Michele wants to know if it can be un-condemned. She also questioned if a storage could be built on the rear of the building. It was reported that it will cost \$30,000 to demolish the current building. The MVFC cannot burn anything over two floors.

There is nothing in our zoning regarding storage units under residential property. Mayor Frazier explained that our Comprehensive Plan Town Survey showed residents do not want any more apartments or town homes in town. Council would like the property to have two entrances in the front and no rear entrance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was prepared and presented to members by Diane Cahall. Council reviewed bills to be paid and disbursements during September. Jim Frazier made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Ryan Clarke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Dustan Russum presented the following water report: The town used 1,364,000 gallons of water during August 2021. Pump 2: 603,000 gallons. Pump 3: 761,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 43.4 hours; Pump 3 ran 47.1 hours. Chlorine average is .55 and Fluoride .7 Dustan noted the Lead Copper Mandate and explained to council that the EPA will need to know what kind of water we have in ground (not only in the homes) by 2024. No lead or copper can be found. Homeowners can be mailed a scratch test. Mayor Frazier advised that the arbitration from Reybold has been dropped since we provided more time for completion of project. Reybold will be working overnight hours and this could cause some complaints. Notices have been posted on the town website. Jim and Diane have handled four FOIA request to date. It was noted that the lines on top of the water tower are still singing during high winds; and it is usually windy at that height.

Ralph Satterfield reported: Dressed flags as needed. Flush was fair at best due to construction situation. Break in service line by Magnolia Mobile Home Park, repaired by R&C Construction. Break/loose connection on W. Walnut due to construction. Mobile Park is complaining of low pressure; the town has ample service to the park but their lines are not ample to handle the size of the park. They look to us but I explain it is a park problem. Mayor Frazier will write a letter to the owner of the park and advise them that they are responsible for the parks water lines and to inspect them for problems and necessary upgrades needed. The water project is going along, locating lines and valves is a daily chore; we will make it. Spoke

with Rep. Postles and he stated he thought our speed signs had been repaired and he will have the signs replaced.

CROSS CONNECTION SERVICE: A check for \$500 is being sent to Hydro Corp for the Cross Connection Control Panel.

NEW BUSINESS:

Project at 31 South Main Street: Covered above with guest Michele Weeks.

Elections: Council members: Ryan Clark, Buck Dougherty and Jim Frazier will be up for reelection on January 22, 2022. Mayor Frazier will provide a letter of intent for all incumbents to sign by October 19, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

Properties and Code Enforcement: Mayor Frazier spoke with Todd Davis from the Dept. of Ag regarding the Spotted Lantern Fly s on the Trees of Heaven at the properties of Lyelle Champion and Rebecca Campbell. Mr. Davis suggested Jim contact Sussex Tire in Bridgeville, Strobert Tree in Georgetown/Wilmington and David Morgan in Milford. Jim met with each company at the properties with the results”

Sussex Tree, \$12,000 Trees down with no treatment option.

Strobert Tree, \$ 4,500 Trees down and \$650 for treatment after.

David Morgan, \$ 9,900 Trees down with treatment after.

Mayor Frazier spoke with all contractors and recommended David Morgan. Lyelle Champion told Mayor Frazier she will contribute \$500 to the cost of the project and the town can use funding from the ARPA grant. Council discussed and Jim Frazier made a motion (per council recommendation) to use Strobert Tree, Ryan Clarke 2nd the motion, Motion passed 4 – 1.

Facebook: Mayor Frazier told council that previous member Ashton McLaughlin is commenting on Facebook that the water update is helping the town; so please be patient with the construction. Mayor Frazier is updating Facebook and the Town website with new water project reports.

Mail /Package Deliveries: nothing to report.

Curb Painting: on hold until infrastructure water project is complete. .

Traffic Assessment (Follow up): Mayor Frazier will contact two engineering firms to evaluate the Thorn Street situation and offer suggestions to make things better. This street affects 11 homes on Thorn and 4 on each end with partial frontage. The approximate cost for the report is \$5,000. Jim Frazier made a motion to approve the study and Scott Fowler seconded. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan Clarke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. 2nd by Susanne Whitney. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane P. Cahall