

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, November 8, 2021

6:00 PM

Magnolia Fire Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Made at 6:04 pm.

Monthly Council Meeting

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor James Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler, Councilpersons Buck Dougherty and Susanne Whitney were present. Ryan Clarke was excused. Clerk Diane Cahall, Water System Operator Dustan Russum and Assistant Ralph Satterfield were present.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

No changes to published agenda.

COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Scott Fowler noted that Sussex Tire should have been Sussex Tree in the October minutes. Diane Cahall will make the correction. James Frazier made a motion to accept the minutes of the last council meeting with correction. Scott Fowler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Properties and Code Enforcement: Mayor Frazier notified Strobert Tree Service that council approved their bid and they sent us a Certificate of Liability insurance as requested. After no further contact; Mayor Frazier contacted them again and he was advised that the project was listed as pending. They stated they had contacted Rebecca Campbell, Lyelle Champion and Mike Murray. After checking with residents, they have received nothing. Mayor Frazier told them to mail information to him and he will deliver to the homeowners. If Strobert does not contact the town; Council discussed and approved Mayor Frazier to go to the next bidder.

Facebook: 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): Christopher Sylvester of Del Dot advised Mayor Frazier that the new white strip will be painted by the town hall. Mayor Frazier received an email from Sarah Coakley of DelDot regarding transportation planning. There will be a zoom meeting on November 9th at 10 am with Planning and Kent County Government. TID (Transportation Improvement District) reviewed the town comprehensive plan.

Mayor Frazier and Steve Whalen of Sumuri would like to get the South Main Street and MVFC bus stops for children attending private schools moved. It is extremely dangerous for the children attending private schools. Drivers are passing the busses on the right as well as speeding to avoid stopping.

ADJOURNMENT:

Susanne Whitney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm. 2nd
By James Frazier. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane P. Cahall

PUBLIC WORKS

Dustan Russum presented the following water report: The town used 1,375,000 gallons of water during October 2021. Pump 2: 591,000 gallons. Pump 3: 784,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 42.8 hours; Pump 3 ran 48.8 hours. Chlorine average is .82 and Fluoride .87. Mayor Frazier will be preparing a letter to the owners of the Magnolia Mobile Home Park. Dustan and Ralph have addressed many water issues in the park that needs to be handled by the owners. The town is only responsible for delivering the water to the entrance. Mayor Frazier requested that Dustan hook up the heater we purchased last year in the pump house. Diane provided Mayor Frazier and customer contact list for all water customers on the town system; this was requested for the Cross Connection project. Mayor Frazier stated there have been rumors that the town is laundering money due to the funds we are required to pay for the new MVFC truck. We will be reimbursed by the MVFC as stated in the previous minutes. This is the only way the funds can be provided by the state.

Ralph Satterfield reported: Dressed flags as needed; replaced Delaware flag. Radar sign by church is working and the one on South Main is missing. Most of my time on water main project. For most part, the project is going forward. The metal on the water tower is still loose and needs attention.

CROSS CONNECTION SERVICE: A water customer contact sheet was provided to Hydro Corp for the Cross Connection Control Panel.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections: Letters of intent have been received by Council members: Ryan Clark, Buck Dougherty and Jim Frazier. The three incumbents will be up for reelection for another four years on January 22, 2022.