

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, December 13, 2021

6:00 PM

Magnolia Town 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. Guest: Bud Faircloth.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

No changes to published agenda.

COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council discussed and a change will be made to the paragraph concerning the fire company truck, it will read: Questions have been raised about payments by the Town for MVFC vehicle. 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. Also under Elections, it should read: Since no one filed to run for Council by the deadline, there will be no election held in January 2022 and the three incumbents will be reappointed to serve another two years at the February 2022 meeting. Diane Cahall will make the change. Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the last council meeting with corrections. Suzanne Whitney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Guest: Mayor Frazier addressed Bud Faircloth; Bud is concerned that there might be shavings in his water; his kitchen faucet screeches and his bathroom faucet sprays water everywhere. The contractor had to remove, redrill and replace a new section. Mayor Frazier asked Bud to contract him after the meeting and they would discuss the situation in detail.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was prepared and presented to members by Diane Cahall. Council reviewed bills to be paid and disbursements during November. Diane advised that the State has approved the final request for reimbursement on the Asset Management Plan in the amount of \$6,812.50. This should be deposited late December. Buck Dougherty 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 1,111,000 gallons of water during November 2021. Pump 2: 629,000 gallons. Pump 3: 482,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 33.3 hours; Pump 3 ran 38.6 hours. Chlorine average is .87 and Fluoride .8. Problem on 67 East Drive for two weeks a 6" line by Doug Russum's. They will be digging up two spots tomorrow. Greg from Duffield, Ralph Satterfield and Dustan Russum have been working on the problems. The boiled water requirement has been lifted. Roads should be completed by Christmas; they are going to work on the sidewalks now. Asphalt has to be done before plant shuts down. Ralph Satterfield advised all fire hydrants have been replaced. The project was 1.1 million when it started and is now a 1.7-million-dollar project. We have \$90,000 in ARPA funds and \$50,000 in Capital Improvement funds that we will protect until Infrastructure project is completed. Mayor Frazier prepared a letter to the owners of the Magnolia Mobile Home Park. Levy Court Representative Eric Buckson is aware of the problems. Letter was sent certified with return receipt.

Cross Connection project; nothing to report.

Lead Service Line Inventory: Mayor Frazier took an informational class. The project cost for the Town of Magnolia, using comparable figures for Town of Frederica provided by Dustan, might be in the 4K to 6K range. The funding would likely come from the Federal ARPA money we received last spring. Jeff from Duffield has been keeping an inventory of pipes as we go along. Final decision on lead amounts should be available December 16th. Project should be complete by January 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

Project at 31 East Walnut Street: Anthony McDonald contacted Mayor Frazier and was going to attend tonight's meeting. He is purchasing 31 E. Walnut and has questions about setbacks, etc. He will now attend the January 2022 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Properties and Code Enforcement:

Tree Removal: Strobert has removed numerous trees from 17 and 21 North Main Street. Lyelle Lu Champion sent the town a check for \$500 to contribute to the cause. Town is looking into grant monies from the Delaware Invasive Species Council. We will hold Ms. Champions check until we find out grant info.

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):

Thorn Street: On November 3rd, Mayor Frazier walked Thorn Street with Matheau J. Carter, P.D. Delaware T2/LTAP Center regarding Thorn Street Safety. Since projects like this are a routine part of his position at the Univ of DE, Mr. Carter prepared a report for the town at no cost. GPI Engineering has proposed doing a similar appraisal for \$5,000 and Rybinski Engineering has proposed the same for \$10,000. Mayor Frazier made a motion to accept the report from Mr. Carter and subsequently engage just GPI Engineering to do a second appraisal, hopefully creating an even larger list of Thorn Street improvements to consider. Susanne Whitney 2nd the motion, motion passed with a council vote of 3-2.

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