

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, January 10, 2022

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 Ryan Clarke, Buck Dougherty and Susanne Whitney were present. 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

Ryan Clarke noted that he was present at the November meeting. Diane Cahall will make the change. Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the last council meeting with corrections. Ryan Clarke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Frazier advised council that Mr. A. McDonald has purchased 31 E. Walnut Street from Jack Barnhardt and wanted to address council regarding zoning. He was on the agenda for November and December; council will wait for Mr. McDonald to contact us re future meeting.

The Office of Drinking Water received a nasty letter from the Magnolia Trailer Park regarding notices posted regarding the construction.

Repaving trenches will have to wait until March 1st due to hot mix. The plant should open around March 7th. Scott Fowler noted we would get a better job if we wait for the plant to reopen. Hot Mix will take about three weeks.

Mayor Frazier spoke with Bud Faircloth after the November meeting regarding his requests for reimbursement of a plumbing bill due to construction in front of his house. The contractor had to remove, redrill and replace a new section which caused the problem. Buck Dougherty made a motion to reimbursement Mr. Faircloth \$112.50 for the plumbing bill; 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 December. Diane advised that the State has received two more sections of the infrastructure grant and paperwork has been completed. Deposits include payment to Reybold and Duffield and all paperwork has been signed, documented, copied and filed. 4th quarter water bills for Oct. Nov. and Dec. were mailed on January 3rd. Final reimbursement on the Asset Management Plan in the amount of \$6,812.50 was deposited into our general checking account on January 6th, 2022. This should close out the grant. 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 1,072,000 gallons of water during December 2021. Pump 2: 469,000 gallons. Pump 3: 603,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 35.4 hours; Pump 3 ran 37.9 hours. Chlorine average is .66 and Fluoride .7. Heater is almost installed – concrete crumbled so we are getting larger brackets. Scott Fowler suggested we get an estimate on an epoxy floor. Buck Dougherty suggested custom concrete washing; he will get an estimate. Also, the vinyl siding is coming off building. T-Mobile put a lock on the fence behind the town hall. Ryan Clarke noted that radiation would only be detected at the very top of the tower.

Ralph Satterfield reported: Dressed flags as needed. Started snow removable and Buck finished. Partial flush due to temperatures. My view of what's left of water line project other than street surface: Cap on S. Main flush (at or below grade). Flow rate of all hydrants. Color hydrants after testing. Replace fence at pump house. Bill called DRWA, Reybold will do theirs and the town will pay for the rest. Place a lock on gate. Reybold sent in street sweeper after the holidays for all streets.

Cross Connection project; nothing to report.

Lead Service Line Inventory:

Mayor Frazier attended a very information class on the Lead service line inventory. The final decision on lead amounts will be decided by Dec. 16th and project completed by January 2025. Jeff from Reybold has been keeping inventory on the pipes as the project goes along.

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 has missed November and December meetings; council will wait for him to contact us regarding rescheduling

Lawn Contract:

Robert Frazier's Lawn Care informed Diane that he is retiring. Buck Dougherty advised council that Robbie Roe and group are interested. The contract does not have to be bid; due to the size of project. Buck will obtain a proposal from the company.

OLD BUSINESS:

Properties and Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier notified council that the For Sale sign is down on the Apt. Building on South Main.

Mayor Frazier applied for a grant from the Delaware Invasive Species Council for \$500. We will know on Jan. 16th if grant is received.

ARPA forms are due April 30th. Mayor Frazier will begin the process which is submitted entirely via portal.

Traffic Assessment: Mayor Frazier asked to delay the assessment until the repaving is completed; end of March.

Ralph Satterfield noted that no one is interested in doing curbing because DelDot is so hard to work with. Scott Fowler will request an estimate from Straight Line.

Town is sending a check to DRWA for Ralph Satterfield to attend the 2022 Annual conference.

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:

Ryan Clarke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm.
2nd by Buck Dougherty. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane P. Cahall