

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2022

6:00 PM

Magnolia Fire Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Made at 5:58 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, Dustan Russum, Water Systems Operator and Assistant Ralph Satterfield were present. Guest: Jessica Brower and Tim Flagler.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

Guests Jessica Brower and Tim Flagler regarding apartment building at 31 South Main Street.

Mayor Frazier opened the floor to the guests regarding 31 South Main Street. They explained to council: If they can purchase the property, they want to take it down to the bones and restore it. Open up the interior and clear the back property; bring 4 units back to life. They have a sales contract and have one month to close. They previously restored a building in downtown Milford to a successful 3-unit commercial building.

COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting; Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting. Ryan Clark 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 February. Buck Dougherty made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Susanne Whitney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Dustan Russum presented the following water report: The town used 1,353,000 gallons of water during February 2022. Pump 2: 629,000 gallons. Pump 3: 724,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 49.7 hours; Pump 3 ran 46.3 hours. Chlorine average is .86 and Fluoride .6. Dustan explained the Office of Drinking Water is closely monitoring chlorine levels. Town must have .30 level of chlorine or they are written up. Dustan advised there will be 65 million available to lead and copper; to inventory all pipes. Question is: What is on the customer side of the curb stops. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the town is completed. There is no charge for an engineer to prepare NOI. State now requires 10 samples (up from 5) under EPA rules. Funding must be completed by October 20, 2024. Dustan suggests we get a feeling from Greg as it would cost \$4,500 a day X 10 days to go under our road. Council discussed the possibility of redeveloping our wells. Dustan will also discuss with Greg.

Ralph Satterfield reported: Dressed flags as needed. All hydrants flushed – most to crystal clear or near so. First time since July. Complaint from SUMURI: water smells at times; will follow up. Working with trailer park to shut off system while they are putting new services in for two vacant lots. Waiting for Forest Fence to reinstall fence at pump house (32 East Walnut). Hydrant at 32 East Walnut working – may need service. Attended Rural Water Expo and Conference; very worthwhile. Southern Corrosion wants to meet on contract concerning Tower use by others, T Mobile does not follow rules; they cut off lock and their work area is not left as found, etc. I have more questions than I do answers about the lead/copper mandates.

Council discussed 3 complaints about hydrant flushing. Scott Fowler suggested we flush every other month. Ralph stated he has had 1 good flush since last July and asked if our iron level is higher in our reports. Consensus is to let Ralph flush tomorrow then check if chlorine is either up or iron is coming out of ground. It was questioned if Doug or Greg can find out if anyone can cover the cost of wells rehabbing, developing. Greg has hydrant flow test and hydrants are color coded. He gave a copy of the report to the MVFC.

Cross Connection project; Mayor Frazier pushed Cross Connection to June with other project still in the works.

Lead Service Line Inventory: nothing to report

Lawn Contract:

Gravatt's Lawncare & Landscaping
1583 Fork Landing Road
Milford DE. 19963
302 382-5491 Donald K. Gravatt, Owner

OLD BUSINESS:

Properties and Code Enforcement:

Mayor Frazier advised council that we have received a grant he applied for from the Delaware Invasive Species Council for \$500. The town has to send the council a receipt in the fall.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):

Report due to State the end of April; other half of funding still to come.

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):

Mayor Frazier will put Thorn Street traffic study on hold until Reybold is done.

The project on the property located on the south side of Irish Hill Rd. on the west side of Clapham Rd. 1045 ft. south of Thorn St., south of Magnolia was denied.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Diane P. Cahall