

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 13, 2023

> Call to Order

Called at 6:00 PM

> Pledge of Allegiance

> Roll Call

All council members present; Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Ryan Clarke, Susanne Whitney and Buck Dougherty. Diane Cahall and Ralph Satterfield were present. Dustan Russum was absent due to illness.

> Minutes of Last Meeting

Approved as presented; motion by Buck, second by Susanne, motion carried.

> Treasurer's Report

Review of Diane's prepared report. Susanne motioned to pay the bills, second by Buck, motion carried.

> Public Works/Infrastructure

a. Water System & Fire Hydrants: Will be reviewed when Dustan provides information. Ralph dressed flags as needed, flushed lines and still waiting to swap propane tanks. Working with DPL to repair street lights. DelDot put a temporary patch on West Walnut. West Walnut Project (broken curb stop) who repairs?. Completed two shut offs for in house repairs.

b. Delaware Drinking Water Revolving Fund: Mayor Frazier advised that House Bill #38 has passed the house re addendum to bill re reference point. Senator Buckson called Jim and advised the bill will be put on the agenda the end of February or beginning of March. The Joint Finance Committee is in session now and the bill should be completed in time for our application.

- c. Cross Connection Service No update.
- d. Lead Service Line Inventory: Magnolia is on the list and can reapply next year.
- e. Similar System Data Collection No update.
- f. Traffic Assessment: No update
- g. Curb Painting No update.
- h. Transportation Improvement District (TID) No update.
- i. DAFB Compatible Use Study No update.
- j. Regional Resiliency Assessment Program. No update.

New Business:

Organizational Meeting:

Annual Town Appointments for CY 2023

For Mayor – James Frazier (unanimous)

For Vice Mayor – Scott Fowler (unanimous)

For Town Secretary – Diane Cahall (unanimous)

For Water Operator and Town Assistant – Dustan Russum and Ralph Satterfield (unanimous)

For Town Solicitor – Barrett Edwards, Esq. (unanimous)

Motioned by Buck Dougherty, seconded by Ryan Clarke, Motion passed.

a. Resolution – Funding for Water Tower Planning

With the resolution presented we can match grant for new water tower. Jim will scan and send to Greg and Office of Drinking Water. Mayor Frazier motioned to pass the resolution and put forth the application; Scott Fowler seconded motion and all council voted in favor

b. TMobile:

Mayor Frazier was contacted regarding renewal of contract. TMobile wants to renew another 5 years with four 5 year extensions; totaling 25 years. We currently received \$2,710.00 per month; they propose a 17% increase every 5 years. The renewal has been sent to town solicitor Barrett Edwards for review. Buck noted they are adding more heads; are they removing old stuff? And questions who approves the additional equipment. After they work on the tower they leave trash and bolts etc. behind. We need chain of protocol to get authorization. Southern Corrosion should be involved when tower is adjusted,

c. Ordinance 308 – Animals and Pets

Council discussed request for residents to have chickens. It was noted that Kent County would handle violations and fines because all chickens have to be registered with the County. Council will discuss further at next meeting.

Old Business

a. Properties and Code Enforcement

Susanne reported very little improvement on trash piling up at 24 North Main Street.

b. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Town will submit receipts for Audit \$3,000 and Traffic Assessment \$5,000.

c. Mail/Package Deliveries

No update.

The town received a request from Scott Vautard to construct an accessory cottage on his property at 9 Hat Lane. Raising no objection, a motion was made by Ryan Clarke and seconded by Susanne to approve construction.

Council is waiting on information from Dustan regarding new Flag Pole for town.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Ryan, second by Buck and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cahall