

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 9, 2023

> Call to Order

Called at 5:56 PM

> Pledge of Allegiance

> Roll Call

Council members present; Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Ryan Clarke, Buck Dougherty and Susanne Whitney. Diane Cahall, Dustan Russum and Ralph Satterfield were present.

> Minutes of Last Meeting

Council reviewed the September 11th minutes. Jim Frazier made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Scott Fowler, motion carried.

> Treasurer's Report

Review of Diane's prepared report. Council reviewed the financial report, balances, and bills to be paid. Diane advised Council that all paperwork has been provided to Shore Bank and after signatures (James Frazier, Scott Fowler and Diane Cahall are obtained tonight the CD's will go into effect tomorrow October 10th. CD's are for \$45,000, \$40,000 and \$40,000. Diane sent out delinquent notices to town residents owing more than 2 quarters of water. Many residents paid their bills up to date and several provided credit card numbers to be charged monthly until accounts are paid up to date.

Ryan motioned to accept the treasurers report and pay the bills, second by Buck, motion carried.

> Public Works/Infrastructure

a. **Water System & Fire Hydrants:** Dustan Russum read September water reports and provided copies to Council including: water usage, fluoride/chlorine levels, and well levels. Ralph advised council that a fire hydrant on West Walnut was damaged; reported to DSF. Notified all concerned and repaired Oct. 5 by Sunnyfield. Ralph reseeded on Oct. 6. A police report cost \$25 and Jim advised it will not pay for us to report incident to our insurance company. Our property/casualty policy has increased from \$3,200 to \$6,000 and our yearly insurance has increased from \$9,000 to \$12,000.

Ralph addressed street light in front of Town Hall, turned water off at 11 South Main, Flushed school and stand pipe.

Cross Connection Service: Dustan advised we must have ordinance in place by February 2024.

Dustan advised council that we must provide an inventory of lead service lines. Jim spoke with Samantha of 120Water, we can get software that will produce inventory for \$5,500 including data analysis and inventory. Scott has several questions regarding the program; What does the program give us for \$5,000, who does data entry, do they tell Dustan where to test, the school has to be tested annually. Jim will provide Scott with Samantha 's phone number to answer questions. Dustan stated if we do not know we must assume the piping is lead? Only 15% can be reported as unknown. A swab test can be completed on 20 homes. Greg has files on all lines except 20 housed not upgraded. We have to do the Trailer Park, Dustan will contact sales lady from 120 Water.

Curb painting: estimates were provided and weed removal contract is on the way. Scott obtained another cost proposal for curb painting. Wilkerson \$2,625 plus fee to weed sidewalks. Jim got a cost for weed treatment only in the amount of \$1,300. Scott needs date and he will set up painting two weeks later.

Management Transition Plan: Susanne showed interest however a Council Member cannot be Clerk. Susanne might be holding a public seat in the near future. Jim Frazier provided Council with a detailed list of his responsibilities as Mayor. Diane was asked to create a bullet list of her duties as Clerk.

Elections 2024:

Ryan Clarke, Buck Dougherty and Jim Frazier's seats are up for election. Election information will be posted on the Town Hall, Post Office and Restaurant by October 24th. Incumbents seeking reelection must submit a letter of intent prior to 6:00 pm on November 13th.

Jim was advised no updates on the John Wooten Jr. property.

Jim held the first meeting with the Workman Plan Committee on Sept. 18th. Mr. and Mrs. Hannah, Jason and Steve from Sumuril. They will be meeting again and wrapping up the plan in November.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Ryan, second by Susanne and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cahall