

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 13, 2023

> Call to Order

Called at 5:56 PM

> Pledge of Allegiance

> Roll Call

Council members present; Jim Frazier, Ryan Clarke, Buck Dougherty and Susanne Whitney. Diane Cahall, Dustan Russum and Ralph Satterfield were present. Scott Fowler was absent due to illness. Marc Cote with the Dept. of Transportation was visiting.

>Minutes of Last Meeting

Council reviewed the October 9th minutes. Buck Dougherty made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Ryan Clarke, motion carried.

>Treasurer's Report

Review of Diane's prepared report. Council reviewed the financial report, balances and bills to be paid. The Money Market savings has a balance of \$163.81 and PNC charges \$12.00 per month to maintain an account less than \$500.00. Council discussed and voted to transfer the funds to the Regular Checking account and close the Savings account. Ryan Clarke motioned to accept the treasurers report and pay the bills, second by Susanne Whitney, motion carried.

> Public Works/Infrastructure

a. Water System & Fire Hydrants: Dustan Russum read October water reports and provided copies to Council including: water usage, fluoride/chlorine levels, and well levels. Dustan notified council that Southern Corrosion will be in town the week after Thanksgiving to wash out the water tower and power wash where their ladder will reach. Dustan notified Kent Center so the MVFC is aware of the cleaning. Ralph reported the speed lights are all working. He flushed the standard pipe at the school and Walnut Street. Ralph requested direction on when/where to flush. Council discussed Holiday lights and decided to decorate the fence like last year. Ralph will decorate.

*Cross Connection Service; Dustan advised ordinance must be in place by February 2024.

*Lead Service Line Inventory; 120Water ends October 2024.

*Water Tower Planning Project: Surveyors are done and will provide summary and placement. Cost is \$16K to this point and we have \$100K so all is good.

*Wells Rehab and Replacement: cost came in \$1k under engineer's cost. Nov. 1st received three proposals: Mel's Well's \$72K, A.C. Schultz \$79K, American Wells, \$119K. Office of Drinking Water told us no to lending us money. Council discussed when they start running 12-hour test, pump 3 is ok, pump 2; can we take hose from pump 2 over hill in field? It cannot be during crop season or it will flood the field.

*Traffic Project; Brandon Bonk of Bonk Farms has trouble with farm equipment, Jim Smith of Delmarva Power with service trucks and Buck Dougherty with firetrucks from the MVFC.

*Curb Painting: will begin in the next couple weeks by Wilkison's Curbing.

Mayor Frazier notified Council that the cost to replace the fire hydrant on West Walnut was reported to our insurance company per advice from Terri Desanto (DFIT). The cost is \$2,340 less the \$1,000 deductible.

Management Transition Plan: Diane created a bullet list of duties.

Elections 2024:

No one filed to run against Ryan Clarke, Buck Dougherty and Jim Frazier's for the seats up for 2-year terms. Therefore, the incumbents will remain in office and Magnolia is not required to hold an election.

Jim received no updates on the John Wooten Jr. property.

Diane has received several calls on the Murray and Wooten property. The properties of Donald Buckland and Joseph Anello are also for sale.

Jim and the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Hannah, Jason and Steve from Sumuri have been meeting in the conference room at Sumuri and will be wrapping up the plan in November.

The Council congratulated Ryan Clarke on his marriage.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Buck, second by Susanne and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cahall