

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 11, 2024

MVFC

> Call to Order

Called at 6:00 PM

> Pledge of Allegiance

> Roll Call

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

>Minutes of Last Meeting

Council reviewed the February 12th minutes. Ryan Clarke made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Buck Dougherty, motion carried.

>Treasurer's Report

Review of Diane's prepared report. Council reviewed the financial report, account balances and bills to be paid. The properties of Gail Light, Scott Vautard have settled. The Anello property is pending. Diane spoke with several residents having delinquent invoices and has set up monthly payments on their credit cards until paid in full. Diane took an online course by Security Metrics through QuickBooks to obtain a license for the town to accept credit card payments. A certificate is in the town hall. Diane paid with credit card and will be reimbursed. 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 February water reports and provided copies to Council including: water usage, fluoride/ chlorine levels, and well levels. Dustan notified council we are running on one well: #3.

The State has made changes to water testing. We have to pull samples from all systems. Dustan pulled all the samples; we still get billed by the state to pick up reports but they will not pick up. Pump 3 had a major blow $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Dustan made the repair; Jim ordered a company to cover the building in the emergency situation. Dustan advised 120 Water is the portal we will be using. Dustan will have an app on his phone; he can take pictures and insert information right into the app. Another new program addressing PFAS is on the way. Scott Fowler advised Council the water Allocation report is completed. 2018 allocations of 80,000 per day. AC Schultz is getting permit for new well. DNREC fees are \$375.00. Well 2: test hole done – charts provided to Jim, Scott and Greg. Cover for well head and piped into chemical room. Well drilling TBD, approximately 2 monthss: Mid-May.

Jim, Dustan and Scott outlined progress with the drilling of the new well #2, specifically the test well results, placement of the new well, funding discussions with State agencies and US Dept of Agriculture, plus the well drilling footprint relative to the MVFC's adjoining farm field.

b. Cross Connection Service;

Jim also updated progress with the Cross Connection Plan project and the Lead Service Line Inventory project, after which Dustan shared word with us of a new water project called P-Fault, for which municipalities will have to plan. Jim commented that, in light of our part-time management arrangement, coupled with ever-increasing government regulatory requirements, maybe it was time for the Town to once again consider selling the water system to a regional water provider. "

Old Business:

- a. Properties and Code Enforcement; The sofa on 7 N. Main Street for over a month has been removed.
- b. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): information under well project. Annual report to IRS.
- c. Management Transition Plan; n/a

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Buck, second by Susanne and the meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Cahall