

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 9, 2014
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> **Call to Order**

Called at 5:56 PM

> **Pledge of Allegiance**

> **Roll Call**

Council members present; Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Buck Dougherty Ryan Clarke. Diane Cahall, Donald Woikoski and Ralph Satterfield were present. Dustan Russum was attending a water conference and Susanne Whitney was excused. Visitor Julian Gregg from Trapper Lane arrived mid meeting. No agenda just visiting.

> **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Council reviewed the August 12th minutes. Jim stated that Ralph has been working and showing Donald the system all month. Jim requested a motion to approve the minutes; Ryan made a motion, second by Buck, motion carried.

> **Treasurer's Report**

Review of Diane's prepared report. Council reviewed the financial report, account balances and bills to be paid. The town received a tax bill with assessment of \$1,555,100.00 showing our taxes as \$6,144.21. Mayor Frazier wrote a letter to the County that we have never received a tax bill in the past as a nonprofit. We received notice of an audit from Strategic Insurance Partners DFIT that RLD Associates will be conducting the annual audit on our workman comp policy. The 40K CD from Shore bank is \$46,966.90 renews 9/10/24 for 11 months. The Murray property sold to Wittich for \$700,000. With no more questions; Buck motioned to accept the treasurers report and pay the bills, seconded by Scott, motion carried.

> Public Works/Infrastructure

a. **Water System & Fire Hydrants:**

Dustan Russum was attending a water conference. We paid final on Well #3. \$38,299.00 including replacement pump. Council discussed roof issues with Well 3, Jim will get back with them and get a price first. Donald stated pump ok in #2, has been changed from 2 stage to 3 stage; hammering issue. Ralph stated Henry Mast laid cold patch, R&D put in three more but it needs a permanent patch. Lost roof and a half on both well houses and two double doors are falling off. Chlorine ending up in pipes in both houses.

b. **Cross Connection Service;**

Jim noted that in January last year we had signed on to participate in Ordinance 409 as explained in the August minutes. Dover is putting a moratorium on the project, Senators Lynn, Paradee and Bush stated the project was over exaggerated and much too large for them to handle. Barrett Edwards gave Magnolia permission to put a moratorium on the project and not move forward. Jim read amendment to Ordinance 409 to council and visitor. It is too much to force on small legal offices with three employees, we are so small compared to Dover that there should be no repercussion to us per Barrett. The government over reacted by Hydrocorp back flow preventer. Originally it was 9 large user and now they say every resident must pay for a preventer. Jim made a motion on the floor to approve the amendment to Ordinance 409, seconded by Buck Dougherty, motion carried. Diane Cahall signed the document.

c. **Lead Service Line Inventory; 16th**

Jim said the Lead Service line Inventory are coming back in; we have 30 so far. Jim sent out 120. We are doing a drawing tonight the winner will receive a \$100 gift card. The winner is Jeff Newman. The deadline to return the form is October 16th then a second letter to all will follow.

d. **Traffic Projects; no update.**

e. **Transportation Improvement District (TID) no update.**

New Business:

a. Duties – Water Dept. Assistant

Don has come on to replace Ralph and a list of duties was created by Ralph. Scott noted the well houses are in bad shape and need to be kept up on a routine basis. The list of duties was read and discussed. Report leaks, handle complaints and advise water operator. Flush hydrants only when directed. Shadow water projects and repair crews. Provide access to buildings as needed. Monitor storm sewer drains and clear as needed, attend council meetings. Report nonfunctioning street lights report to town council. Monitor gas heaters in pump houses and town hall. Maintain town flags pertaining to state protocol. String Christmas lights on the white fence during the holiday season. Don acknowledged his duties and signed the information sheet.

Old Business:

- a. **Property and Code Enforcement;** It was noted that the Post Office grass is high. A letter will be sent to the Postmaster.
- b. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA),** no update.
- c. **Management Transition Plan,** no update.
- d. **PFAS Class Action Litigation**

The town is part of the Class Action Suit regarding PVC pipes with Baird, Mandalas, Brockstedt & Federico, LLC, two years out in the program we are required to present Report 537. We submitted Report 333 which ended May 15th. Enviorcore in Harrington can handle our testing. Bottom line is: We need the more detailed report.

Buck offered to shop for a new flagpole for the town square.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Ryan, second by Buck and the meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Diane P. Cahall