

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

FLAG SALUTE

All present pledged their allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

ROLL CALL

Councilwoman Paula Bonamassa, Present
Councilman Anthony DePrince, Absent
Councilman Richard Krause, Present
Councilwoman Mary F. Martz, Present
Councilman Odell Saxton, Present
Councilman Steven Whalen, Present
Mayor BettyAnn Cowling-Carson, Present

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Dan Long, Solicitor, Mark Basehore, Engineer, Chief Paris, Jay Miles, Department of Public Works Supervisor, Mark W. Godfrey, Borough Administrator, Christine Pippet, Acting Borough Clerk

"OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW" ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Cowling-Carson announced this meeting is being conducted in full compliance of the "Open Public Meetings Law" and notices were sent to the Courier Post and The Central Record and other news media. In addition, the notice was provided on the Official Bulletin Board.

EMERGENCY EXITS

Mayor Cowling-Carson stated to please be aware in the event of an emergency, all persons in the courtroom should exit the courtroom quickly and orderly, using the two main doors in the courtroom and then locate the nearest exit to safety. In addition, all cell phones and pagers should be placed on vibrate and all ringers should be off.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Cowling Carson along with Chief Paris, and Councilman DePrince presented lifesaving awards to Sergeant John Huston and Patrolman Matthew Wolf for an incident that occurred July 5, 2018.

Chief Paris, then presented a plaque of appreciation to Councilman DePrince for the recent transition that the Magnolia Police Department has gone through.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Minutes from August 15, 2019-Regular and Executive Session were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Saxton to approve the aforementioned minutes. Councilman Krause requested a revision regarding

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the last name of the owner of 415 W. Adams. All council present voted in favor with the correction as discussed with Councilman Krause.

RESOLUTIONS

2019-153

A resolution amending resolution 2015:178 to correct clerical error

A Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause to authorize resolution 2019-153 amending resolution 2015:178 to correct clerical error. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-154

A resolution amending resolution 2015:177 to correct clerical error

A Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause to authorize resolution 2019-154 amending resolution 2015:177 to correct clerical error. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-155

A resolution amending shared service agreement for Tax Collector services

A Motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause to authorize resolution 2019-155 A resolution amending shared service agreement for Tax Collector services. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-156

A resolution releasing the performance bond for Magnolia Equities (a/k/a Royal Farms)

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution 2019-156 A resolution releasing the performance bond for Magnolia Equities (a/k/a Royal Farms). Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-157

A resolution appointing Department of Public Works Laborer Desmond Carpenter

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-157 A resolution appointing Department of Public Works Laborer Desmond Carpenter. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-158

A resolution appointing Department of Public Works Laborer Michael Faulls

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-158 A resolution appointing Department of Public Works Laborer Michael Faulls. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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2019-159

A resolution authorizing a cooperative pricing agreement contract between the Borough of Magnolia and various vendors for copy, computer paper and envelopes

A Motion Was Made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen to authorize resolution 2019-159 A resolution authorizing a cooperative pricing agreement contract between the Borough of Magnolia and various vendors for copy, computer paper and envelopes. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-160

Resolution authorizing final payment and release of performance surety for the New Park Lighting Phase II-Albertson Park

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize resolution 2019-160 A Resolution authorizing final payment and release of performance surety for the New Park Lighting Phase II-Albertson Park. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-161

A resolution to authorize tax lien for maintenance of property

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize resolution 2019-161 A resolution to authorize tax lien for maintenance of property. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2019-162

Resolution to approve a shared service agreement between the County of Camden and the Borough of Magnolia for the Development and/or Enhancement of local recreation facilities

A Motion Was Made by Councilwoman Bonamassa and seconded by Councilwoman Martz to authorize resolution 2019-162 A Resolution to approve a shared service agreement between the County of Camden and the Borough of Magnolia for the Development and/or Enhancement of local recreation facilities. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative

BUSINESS LICENSE:

PV Auto Center, LLC
105 White Horse Pike
Block: 3.02 Lot: 10
Automotive Service Center

A brief discussion was had regarding the business and technicians. Currently there are taxes due on the property A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and Seconded by Councilman DePrince to table this business license application until September 19, 2019 to allow the owner of the property to pay the outstanding taxes due. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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The Laughing Fox Tavern
510 S White Horse Pike
Block: 3.11 Lot: 40
Restaurant/Tavern

Discussion was had in regard to the vision of the restaurant/tavern. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and Seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize a business license be issued for the Laughing Fox Tavern. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMPLIANCE – Submitted in writing

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Whalen advised Council that the tax sale is scheduled for October 30, 2019. Sewer bills are due. He asked everyone on Council to start reviewing their departments as part of the 2020 budget. He also announced that Mark Godfrey has passed his exam for tax collector.

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa discussed the revolving door of part time employees in the public works department. There have been 21 employees in and out since January. The yellow painting has been completed. Councilman DePrince advised that he needs the dimension of the STOP signs that need to be repainted. Jay will get them to Councilman DePrince. She also briefly discussed that she met with Mike Mangold and that all the hardware has been installed. He will be performing and inventory of all equipment.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz advised the Code Enforcement has been quite busy and is working hard to clean up the town. She was questioning the status of 601 N. Walnut and the status of the summons's and if they were being issued daily. Chief Paris advised that Jeremy Hackney has been closely monitoring the situation and summons's have been issued accordingly. The area of Evesham and Camden Avenue the residents are parking on the lawn. She advised Chief Paris this issue needs to be addressed as well.

PUBLIC EVENTS – Councilman Krause discussed that the By Laws have been completed for the recreation committee. Upcoming planned events are the Halloween Parade and pumpkin decorating contest.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton advised that there was an issue with the Wilson Center over the weekend with the renter. They will not be getting their deposit back.

MAYOR – Mayor Cowling Carson attended the Brownie Fly Up Ceremony. Today was the first day of school for Magnolia students. She further described that there are new rules regarding dropping of and picking up the kids. It appeared to go well. She also announced that the FLU shot clinic will be held on October 31, 2019 at the Wilson Center.

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ENGINEER REPORT –Mark Basehore gave an overview of his report which has been submitted in writing.

SOLICITOR REPORT –Mr. Long has nothing to report at this time.

CLAIMS APPROVAL

A list of the Claims has been submitted by treasury for approval and individual vouchers are available for review.

A Motion Was Made by Councilman Whalen and Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Roll Call Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Let it be noted that Councilman Whalen abstained from payment to the animal census personnel.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause to open this portion of the meeting to the public. A voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

- Andy Parks 323 W. Madison Ave. discussed with council that he would like to replace the front landing on his home to allow for his mother to be able to sit outside. She is currently wheelchair bound and getting her in and out of the house is a difficult task. He applied for a building permit and was told that he would require a variance because of the front setback. Debbie Simone, Zoning Officer explained the setback requirement. Mr. Parks was looking to getting the fees for the variance waived, as the fees are actually more than building the landing. A discussion was had regarding the American Disabilities Act, and handicapped accessibility etc. Mr. Long is going to research it further and advise council. Mr. Parks will be advised of the findings.

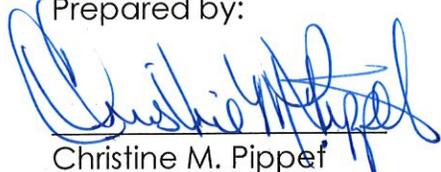
CLOSED TO PUBLIC

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Krause. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman Krause to enter closed session at 8:35 PM to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Prepared by:



Christine M. Pipper
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 hours 35 Minutes