MINUTES
BOROUGH OF MAGNOLIA
COUNCIL MEETING
May 2, 2018

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Dan Long, Solicitor, Mark Basehore, Engineer, Police Chief Robert Stetser, Mark Godfrey, Administrator, Christine Pippet, Acting 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.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from April 19, 2018 were distributed and are subject to approval.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded Councilwoman Martz to approve the aforementioned Minutes. All council present voted yes.

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SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2018:04

A Bond Ordinance of the Borough of Magnolia authorizing miscellaneous road improvements and acquisition of trash truck.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilman Saxton to open the meeting to the public. There being no one desiring the floor, A motion was made to close the meeting to the public by Councilman Whalen, Seconded by Councilwoman Martz. Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, second by Councilwoman Bonamassa that Ordinance 2018-04 be adopted as read on second reading. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried

Ordinance 2018:05

Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances, Chapter 142 entitled Fire Prevention.

Motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman Whalen to open the meeting to the public. There being no one desiring the floor, A motion was made to close the meeting to the public by Councilman Krause, Seconded by Councilman Whalen. Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, second by Councilman Whalen that Ordinance 2018-05 be adopted as read on second reading. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion carried

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2018-75

Resolution authorizing receipt of proposal/qualifications for private collection of municipal court debt.

A motion was made by Councilman DePrince and seconded by Councilman Whalen. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Resolution 2018-76

Resolution adopting the master plan re-examination report

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz and seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative, with the exception of Councilman Krause who abstained.

Resolution 2018-77

Resolution regulating the salaries of the employees of the Borough of Magnolia

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen and seconded by Councilman DePrince. Roll call vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

leave for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours each year. The bill further permits employers to create more generous policies that provide additional leave time. Councilman Whalen announced that the Treasurers report was submitted in writing

PUBLIC WORKS & TECHNOLOGY – Councilwoman Bonamassa discussed that the Public Works Department was transitioning to the Spring and Summer seasons. Public Works has been working on renovations in the front office. Originally repairs were going to be made on the carpet, however it may require a complete replacement. Trash has been a heavier. Public Works has been working on patching the streets and also cutting overgrown grass on vacant properties. Mid-month Public Works will be hiring two (2) seasonal employees. She also announced that there will be a transition in phone services to USA Phones, the overall transition should take approximately 60-90 days. She further advised that she has prepared a few documents in regard to rental policies for the recreation center and also the field usage, as discussed with Councilman Saxton.

PLANNING/ZONING, CODES, LICENSING & STREET LIGHTING – Councilwoman Martz reported that the Technical Assistant/Zoning officer is at a convention and will be back in the office on Tuesday. Code Enforcement has received 12 complaints, 9 trash, 1 car, and 2 high grass. 301 Evesham Avenue is looking to sell. The property is currently zoned commercial, they are looking to sell it as residential. The owners was advised that they would need to appear before the board in order to sell strickly as residential. Councilwoman Martz also announced that Pat O'Brien manages Coventry Place where many units were rejected for their annual inspection. Ms. O'Brien is not happy with all of the rejections, Councilwoman Martz has been trying to connect with her to discuss.

PUBLIC EVENTS – The Miss Magnolia pageant was be held on April 28th, 2018, he commended Mayor Cowling-Carson for her hard work and everyone who was involved in making the even a success. Attendance was down from previous years it is believed because of the time of day. Movies night at Albertson Park is scheduled for May 12, 2017. Vince Pappale will be present. Youth in Government day is set for May 17, 2018. The Memorial Day, Civil Air Patrol has confirmed there attendance.

FACILITIES & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – Councilman Saxton advised that all projects are still in progress. National Night meeting has been moved to May 10th, 2018..

MAYOR reported that Miss Magnolia was a success. Congratulations to Sarah Deegan, Miss Magnolia 2018; 1st Runner-Up-Samantha Kosche; 2nd Runner-Up-Olivia Radcliff and Miss Congeniality-Rebecca Krause. Attendance was down a bit so it will most likely be moved back to an evening event. Mayor Cowling Carson further announces that the SPCA is looking to cease enforcement activities.

ENGINEER REPORT – Mark Bashore, advised that the engineering report has been submitted in writing. A discussion took place in regard to the roof they are currently working on the bid and spec package. As a result of a recent site visit, it has been determined that the cupola is not water tight. Mr. Bashore is looking to prepare the bid specifications for the roof without a large change order for the repairs that may be necessary due to the cupola.

SOLICITOR REPORT –Dan Long, Esq. discussed with Council the ongoing issues that we are experiencing in regard to Bingo applications. He advised that they should be reviewed and should be accurate to the best of our knowledge. Should we determine that an applicant is not being truthful we should not accept the application.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

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

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

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

CLOSED TO PUBLIC:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Krause and seconded by Councilman Whalen at 8:40 to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by:

Christine Pippet
Acting Borough Clerk
Borough of Magnolia

Time: 1 hour 26 minutes