

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 10, 2025

Magnolia Fire Hall, 6:00 pm

Call to Order: 5:59 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Ryan Clarke, Buck Dougherty, Dustan Russum, Donald Woikoski were present. Susanne Whitney and Diane Cahall were absent.

Minutes of Feb 10 Meeting - Motion by Ryan to accept; second by Buck; approved.

Treasurer's Report: In Diane's absence, Council reviewed bills as prepared by Don Cahall and their daughter Laura Connor; motion to pay the bills by Buck; second by Ryan; approved.

Public Works/Infrastructure

Pot hole remains on Irish Hill from previous project. Can Sunnyfield handle? Scott will make contact.

Changes in fluoride equipment upgrades.

Iron levels are up; getting close to trigger for remediation (e.g. filtration). It is natural but ODW wants better readings. Filtration could run \$200,000 - \$300,000. Dustan has found a new additive that may help. One 55-gallon container lasts a year.

No word on lead service grant funding till summer. If successful, would it be possible to redirect some of that money to a filtration system? TBD

It should be noted that we have traditionally used chlorine for odor, not disinfection.

Cross Connection Service - No update

Lead Service Line Inventory – No update

Traffic Projects – No update

Transportation Improvement District (TID) – No update

New Business

10 W. Walnut Street, The Wittichs – No update

Property Tax Rates

Jim presented a draft spreadsheet that looks at current tax rates vs proposed tax rates that will better accommodate the higher property assessments. Attorney says we are not required to be revenue neutral and that he will share ordinances and notices used by his other municipal clients when they are available. Jim will attempt to expand this spreadsheet to show every property in Town.

Old Business

Properties and Code Enforcement

North Main St and South Main St trouble spots have both cleaned up.

American Rescue Plan Act – No update; final report due in April 2025.

Management Transition Plan

Diane's absence presented problems with accessing financial info from Diane's files. We will discuss further when she returns. Something along the lines of additional authorized users into her systems seems the best.

PFAS Class Action Litigation – No update

No further business; motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm by Buck; second by Jim; motion carried.

Recorded and subsequently transcribed by Mayor James Frazier, March 16, 2025.