

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, May 12, 2025

Magnolia Fire Hall, 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: 5:55 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Susanne Whitney, Ryan Clarke, Buck Dougherty, Dustan Russum, Donald Woikoski, Laura Connor were present.
Guest: Randy Farrow

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of April 14, 2025 meeting were recorded and transcribed by Mayor Fraizer. Motion by Susanne to accept; second by Ryan; approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Council reviewed payments and financial summary as prepared by Laura Connor. Motion by Buck to accept; second by Ryan; approved by all.

Quarterly water bills for 1st Quarter 2025 were sent to residents on April 15, 2025. Property tax bills are due to be mailed by June 30, 2025. Current budget 2024/2025 is on website and 2025/2026 budget will be discussed at next meeting. It was requested to look at our CD's and percentages with Shore Bank to see any progress. Transition of financial responsibilities are still in progress with making updates to contact, log in and password information.

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE

Water System & Fire Hydrants - Dustan presented his wells report. Testing of PFAS can be free with no cost to the Town. The State of Delaware is planning testing June-December. Annual testing is scheduled for next month. Parts may need to be ordered. Flusher is currently on between 1:00 – 2:00 am at 3% flow. Well depth is good.

Post office cut off could not be located. Scott may have curb stops.

Mayor Fraizer indicated that he has communicated with Representative Sarah McBride, Senator Chris Coons, and Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester regarding grants available for the Water Town Project. Representative McBride indicated

that the Town is designated for 1 of 10 projects this coming year that could assist with the \$2 million project of which there is \$500,000 still to be funded.

Cross Connection Service – currently on hold

Lead Service Line Inventory – waiting for funding and will have more information in August

Traffic Projects – no updates

Transportation Improvement District (TID) – no updates

NEW BUSINESS

10 W. Walnut Street, The Wittichs – No update

OLD BUSINESS

Properties and Code Enforcement – high grass on Walnut Street, address unknown. Mayor Fraizer will view and send letter if needed.

Property Tax Rates – no changes to property tax rates.

Management Transition Plan – no additional updates not already discussed.

PFAS Class Action Litigation – Dustan indicated that there is a free version of the testing process for PFAS that he will investigate further.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS

Solar on Earth – Progress is being made to sign up for solar credit program tied to the new solar farm southwest of Town with one eligible account. It was requested to provide contact information that can be forwarded to Magnolia Fire Company to see if they can also qualify.

No further business; motion to adjourn at 6:17 pm by Ryan; second by Buck; motion carried.

Transcribed by Laura Connor.