

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 14, 2025

Magnolia Fire Hall, 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: 5:57 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of June 9, 2025 meeting were transcribed by Laura Connor. Motion by Ryan to accept; second by Susanne; approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Property tax bills and 2nd quarter water were sent prior to June 30, 2025.

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

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE

Water System & Fire Hydrants – Dustan presented wells report.

He mentioned that a bill has been passed that will allow DNREC to charge a service fee NPDES Municipal Fee of \$0.10/1,000 gallon discharged, up to \$15,000 per year per entity. The municipal annual fee in this paragraph takes effect on July 1, 2026

Representatives from the Water Town showed up and installed a new vent.

Cross Connection Service – no updates

Lead Service Line Inventory – Meeting in August that should provide additional information. Concerns with the median income survey and property ownership changes.

Traffic Projects – no updates

Transportation Improvement District (TID) – no updates

Other P/W Discussion - Buck stated that the Fire Company would be interested in the old fire house that is currently the Town Hall to store antique apparatus. Discussion ensued that included renovating Town's storage building on Walnut Street. Mayor Fraiser stated that the

Request for Community Fund from the Controllers Office that was granted for \$119,808 was originally slated for the water tower can be repurposed if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

10 W. Walnut Street, The Wittichs – No update

OLD BUSINESS

Properties and Code Enforcement – no updates.

Property Tax Rates – no updates.

Management Transition Plan –

Signature cards with PNC have been updated for Mayor Fraiser and Laura Connor, still waiting on verification process from PNC for Scott. Laura still waiting for communication from Shore Bank. Annual Municipal Street Aid form received that required Laura to be bonded. She is verifying to see if her bond is still valid from previous employment. If not, she will proceed with becoming bonded.

Mayor Fraiser mentioned that it is challenging working with PNC Bank. Discussion ensued with possibly transitioning to WSFS or Shore Bank with concerns with FDIC regulations.

Laura stated that remaining transition items include Verizon, ADP and QuickBooks/Intuit. She also indicated that the lock box keys have not yet been located and will follow up.

PFAS Class Action Litigation – no updates.

No further business; motion to adjourn at 6:31 pm by Susanne; second by Buck; motion carried.

Transcribed by Laura Connor.