

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, November 10, 2025

Magnolia Fire Hall, 6:00 pm

Call the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Laura, Scott, and Susanne were all out of town. Jim, Ryan, Buck were present. Dustan and Don present

Our guest was Scott Vautard, representing MVFC.

First, no one filed to run in 2026 election so Jim Frazier, Buck Dougherty and Ryan Clarke move through to another two-year term. Annual meeting will be in February.

Minutes reviewed. Motion by Ryan. Second by Buck to approve the minutes as presented.
Thank you, Laura.

Treasurer's report. Noted that Paragon Insurance is our property and liability carrier. Mayor Frazier commented we were paying 300 a year for insurance with the town back in 2009. The 120 Water payment is the yearly fee for the electronic data system that we have all our data in. Went up only \$50.00 bucks from last year. Ryan motion to pay the bills, Buck second; approved.

Public Utilities

Dustan presented water report (see hard copy)

Had to work on the fluoride injector. Our PFAS testing in support of the class action suit went off to the lab.

Lead service line inventory – database renewal fee as noted under Treasurer's report.

Traffic projects. Nothing new except speed cart left. May come back again. Buck suggested looking into possibly buying one for the Town's use. Jim will check further.

TID - nothing to report.

Town Hall – nothing new to report

Ordinance 409 for the Cross Connection project. Moratorium put on in 2024. Will expire end of 2025. Mayor suggested we extend the moratorium 2 more years. Read draft text into the record. All 3 Council members present approved, but will wait for Laura's return in December for her to sign and validate the document.

Properties

Scott Vautard says Fire Co wants to build a pole building in the lot behind Town Hall and their blacktop parking lot that is identical to the one that houses their retired fire engines. Possible 16 foot side wall instead of 14 foot. Using the same exact plan and the previous builder.

This has been discussed by Council before and it duplicates the conversation on the earlier building. Ryan and Buck recused due to Fire Company membership, and Mayor Frazier will share plans with Susanne and Scott to get their approval. They desperately need storage space for all of the vehicles and equipment they use to provide service. Town will then issue permit and approval letter for them to use with Kent County.

We have 4 properties for sale in Town currently - one on Thorn Street, one on West Walnut, one on South Main and one on North Main. For the one next to the Post Office, Mayor Frazier fielded a call for someone in Newark who wanted to stuff a Gold's Gym-like business into the parcel. Mayor explained the parcel was far too small (100' x 200') and that the entrance to a DelDot street would be a non-starter, not to mention insufficient parking spaces within the footprint.

Motion to adjourn by Ryan, second by Buck at 6:20 pm.

Transcribed from audio recording by Mayor Frazier