

# MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, January 12, 2026**

**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, Laura Connor were present

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of December 8, 2025 meeting were transcribed by Laura Connor. Motion by Ryan to accept; second by Buck; approved by all.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Water System & Fire Hydrants** – Dustan presented well reports. He indicated that the trailer park usage is up. This could be because trailers are not well insulated and residents are leaving their water on trickle.

PFAS water sample performed in December.

Toby has completed work on roof of pump house #3 and will begin working on the inside with plywood (not drywall) to repair any damage.

Dustin is working on water tax reports for DNREC, but is having challenges with portal to upload data. He has been working with them but has been unsuccessful.

Asset management plan 2019 there is a free update from DNREC.

Tower funding status – EPA no progress with a \$400,000 gap. The \$120,000 from the Community Fund is still available but not sure if there is a deadline to use the funds. The University of Delaware group that was going to perform the medium house income survey did not occur due to timing of submission of grant, but was asked to continue for use in future submissions.

Cross Connection Service – no updates

Lead Service Line Inventory – no updates

Traffic Projects – A request for a grant to cover the speed cart from the Office of Highway Safety is available. Mayor Fraizer is planning to attend the DFIT Safety meeting next week and will ask others for recommendations.

Transportation Improvement District (TID) – no updates

Town Hall/MVFC – no updates

## **NEW BUSINESS**

none

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Properties and Code Enforcement – there were 2 settlements that occurred for properties on West Walnut.

Property Tax Rates – no updates

Management Transition Plan – no updates

PFAS Class Action Litigation – no updates

## **Other Discussions**

Buck asked why the hydrants were flushed in the middle of the day back around Thanksgiving. Suggested a possible purchase of an automatic flushing system. He showed samples of filters that were severely covered with sediments from the pipes. Dustin mentioned that the automatic flushing systems were about \$6,000 each and we would need two of them. He will obtain quotes. The automatic flushing systems would run at night with little inconvenience to residents.

Scott mentioned that there was flooding that occurred on West Walnut. He mentioned that he believes it is a possible low spot and not necessarily a drainage issue. He will reach out to Department of Transportation Magnolia Yard for any suggestions.

No further business; motion to adjourn at 6:20 pm by Buck; second by Suzanne; approved by all.

Transcribed by Laura Connor.