

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 8, 2025

Magnolia Fire Hall, 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUESTS: Timothy Pettit, Lauren Newman, Jeff Newman, Dee Sowe, Kevin Miller, Jenn Gondolfo, Bill Morton, Max Gondolfo, David Jenkins, Alex Gondolfo, Mary Stiff, Debbie Satterfield, and State Senator Eric Buckson

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of August 11, 2025 meeting were transcribed by Laura Connor. Motion by Buck to accept; second by Susanne; approved by all.

PERMIT REQUEST

Tim Pettit presented a building permit for 10 S Main Street to removing existing deck and build a 20' x 16' deck. Motion to approve permit and move forward with project by Buck and seconded by Susanne, approved by all. Mayor Fraizer will present applicant with an approval letter.

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE

Traffic Projects – Concerned residences in attendance to discuss concerns and possible solutions to speeding on E. Walnut Street and Barkers Landing Road. Possible solutions included speed bump, speed traps, police presence, flashing speed lights, and speed cameras. Responses explained that E. Walnut Street and Barkers Landing Road are maintained by DelDOT and not the Town, speed bumps can slow down response of fire equipment, expenses incurred for police presence are expensive, budgets are tight everywhere including the State, speed camera laws recently changed but there are still challenges with maintaining and enforcing, the Town has worked with the University of Delaware and DelDOT in the past with different studies to assist. Suggestion to contact State Senator Eric Buckson and Representative Charles Postels.

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.

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE

Water System & Fire Hydrants – Dustan presented well reports. There are no updates to PFAS.

The status of water tower grants: \$2 million with Representative Rochester's office as failed, there are no updates to the \$2 million grant with Representative McBride. The \$1.8 million grant for N. Main Street is still pending with updates expected mid-August. The Community Development Fund to match the water tower to reallocate has been requested.

Cross Connection Service – no updates

Lead Service Line Inventory – no updates

Transportation Improvement District (TID) – no updates

Town Hall/MVFC – no updates

NEW BUSINESS

None presented

OLD BUSINESS

Properties and Code Enforcement – The property owned by Murray has mentioned the possibility to parcel out the property. Owner has been invited to October Council meeting to discuss options.

Property Tax Rates – no updates

Management Transition Plan – no updates

PFAS Class Action Litigation – no updates

No further business; motion to adjourn at 6:39 pm by Susanne; second by Buck; approved by all.

State Senator Eric Buckson previously joined the meeting and stayed to discuss with visitors and residents additional concerns, suggestions and possible solutions to speeding on E. Walnut Street and Barkers Landing Road.

Transcribed by Laura Connor.