

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 9, 2026

Magnolia Town Hall, 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: 5:57 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

GUEST: Scott Vautard

ANNUAL MEETING: James Frazier, Buck Dougherty and Ryan Clarke were the only persons who filed to run for the three eligible Town Council seats by the November 10th deadline, so there will be no Town election held in 2026. The three incumbents will assume new two-year terms effective February 2026. James Frazier, Mayor; Buck Dougherty, Council Member; Ryan Clarke, Council Member. Motion by Buck to accept all current positions remain the same; second by Susanne; approved by all.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of January 12, 2026 meeting were transcribed by Laura Connor. Motion by Ryan to accept; second by Buck; approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Gateway invoice presented and discussed.

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.

He indicated that he was successful uploading required documents and data to DNREC. There was a water break on North Main Street where he contacted Teal Construction and DeIDOT. DeIDOT indicated that a patch is required once the hot mix plants open for the season. The roof and ceiling are repaired and invoices were presented.

The Asset Management questions were presented from 2018 and an update is expected later in 2026.

Tower funding status: Representative McBride and Senator Chris Coons are still assisting. There is still a shortage of \$800,000 needed for the \$1.2 million water tower. The \$120,000 grant from the Community Fund is still available, but the timeline to utilize the funds are unknown. A grant for \$1.8 million has been requested, but the medium household survey from the University of Delaware has been requested to proceed.

Cross Connection Service – no updates

Lead Service Line Inventory – no updates.

Traffic Projects – Options for rumble strips and speed bump is not an option, but a speed cart and painting numbers of speed on street is still an option. Buck mentioned that painting arrows on the road could also be an option.

Transportation Improvement District (TID) – no updates

Town Hall/MVFC – no updates

NEW BUSINESS

none

OLD BUSINESS

Properties and Code Enforcement – no updates

Property Tax Rates – no updates

Management Transition Plan – no updates

PFAS Class Action Litigation – no updates

No further business; motion to adjourn at 6:17 pm by Buck; second by Susanne; approved by all.

Transcribed by Laura Connor.