

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 13, 2026

Magnolia Town Hall, 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: 5:57 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of June 8, 2026 meeting were transcribed by Laura Connor. Motion by Ryan to accept; second by Susanne; approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Budget clarification on Interest Income. Interest received from CDs from Shore Bank automatically roll over and are not considered as Operating Income from regular checking.

The Lock Box at PNC bank has been cancelled and all contents have been retrieved. There will be a \$50 charge from PNC to cover charges associated with drilling out the lock. Mayor Fraizer retrieved deeds for properties owned by the Town and will scan them for safe keeping.

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE

Water System & Fire Hydrants - Dustan presented well reports.

The hydrant by the church is very old and does not produce very strong pressure. Option to use this hydrant for one of the automatic flushing. Dustan is waiting for a price for installation of the automatic flushing.

Dustan informed Council that the Lead and Copper testing is due this year. Expedited payment is needed from Envirocore.

Mayor Fraizer provided a summary document on the current status of grant proposals.
Goal of \$2,000,000

Grants

Federal Community Project – Approved
\$1,200,000 with a 4-year expiration

Community Redevelopment Fund (State of Del) – Approved
\$119,800 expiration unknown

Community Redevelopment Fund (State of Del) – Approved
\$300,000 – submitted March 2026

Other Options

Town of Magnolia Transfer Tax
\$120,000 – 50% of balance
USDA Loan
\$260,000 – 20-year loan @ 2% interest
Requires public meeting with super majority Council vote (4 of 5)
Environmental review is required.
State Bond Bill funding
Senator Eric Buckson (this year/next year)

With all of the approved funding there is still a shortage of \$260,000. Mayor Fraizer is looking into loan options with PNC Bank and Shore Bank,

Cross Connection Service – no updates

Lead Service Line Inventory – no updates

Traffic Projects – no updates

Transportation Improvement District (TID) – no updates

Town Hall/MVFC – no updates

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Properties and Code Enforcement – Concerns with property maintenance at 3 N Main and 4 W Walnut. Mayor Fraizer will send letters.

Property Tax Rates – no updates

Management Transition Plan – no updates

PFAS Class Action Litigation – no updates

Buck informed Council that the piles of stone at the lot are increasing and not in the best location. The Fire Department is in the process of resurfacing the parking lot and could possibly use the left over crush in run for the lane at the lot. He agreed to coordinate.

No further business; motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm by Buck; second by Ryan; approved by all.

Transcribed by Laura Connor.