

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 10, 2026

Magnolia Town Hall, 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: 5:59 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 July 13, 2026 meeting were transcribed by Laura Connor. Motion by Susanne to accept; second by Buck; approved by all.

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE

Water System & Fire Hydrants - Dustan presented well reports.

Dustan distributed Lead and Copper testing containers. Samples will be picked up by Donald and will be sent for testing with Envirocore.

He mentioned that there is a new Bond Bill available that we may want to research to see if there is any additional funding available for water tower.

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.

Discussion ensued over the savings we are getting with Pivot Energy.

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE

Summary 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 – 14 W. Walnut is a concern and will be checked out. Susanne mentioned that the sign has been fixed and the sidewalk is taken care of that she passes during her walks.

Property Tax Rates – no updates

Management Transition Plan – no updates

PFAS Class Action Litigation – no updates

There is some concern with the survey being performed by the gas company that they are invading property but it was mentioned that they do have the right due to easements.

No further business; motion to adjourn at 6:11 pm by Buck; second by Ryan; approved by all.

Transcribed by Laura Connor