

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 2026

Magnolia Fire Hall, 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of August 10, 2026 meeting were transcribed by Laura Connor. Motion by Ryan to accept; second by Susanne; approved by all.

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE

Water System & Fire Hydrants – No update.

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.

Strategic Partner Property and Casualty Renewal for 2026/2027 signed documents returned

Audit for fiscal years ending 2023, 2024 and 2025 will cost approximately \$20,000 - \$25,000 for all 3 years. Motion by Jim to engage Lank, Johnson & Tull, CPAs to perform audit; second by Susanne; approved by all.

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE

Summary on the current status of grant proposals. Goal of \$2,000,000. Updated funding document presented

Grants

Federal Community Project – Approved
\$1,200,000 – 8 years; expires February 2034

Community Redevelopment Fund (State of Del) – Approved
\$119,800 – 3 years; expires June 30, 2028

Community Redevelopment Fund (State of Del) – Approved
\$300,000 – 3 years; expires 06/30/2029

Other Options

Town of Magnolia Transfer Tax
\$120,000 – 50% of balance

Loan
\$260,000
Requires public meeting with super majority Council vote (4 of 5)

Jim met with PNC Bank to discuss options for a 20-year loan. He also had a discussion with Barret (lawyer). Senator Eric Buckson suggested to apply again to the Del Community Fund. It is suggested to start the process and begin using the funds that will expire the earliest.

A resolution was presented to allow Mayor Jim Frazier to represent the Town of Magnolia with processing and signing required documents to finalize a loan with PNC Bank. Motion by Jim to accept; second by Susanne; approved by all.

Cross Connection Service – no updates

Lead Service Line Inventory – no updates

Traffic Projects – no updates

Transportation Improvement District (TID) – Public meeting to be held at the Fire Company on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 from 4:00-7:00 pm to discuss

Town Hall/MVFC – no updates

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Properties and Code Enforcement – Sidewalks and properties at 20 and 24 N Main need some attention. Discussion occurred to possibility of starting a maintenance plan with First State to assist in sprucing up the Town in time for the Fire Company 100th Anniversary in May 2027.

Property Tax Rates – no updates

Management Transition Plan – no updates

PFAS Class Action Litigation – no updates.

No further business; motion to adjourn at 6:38 pm by Jim; second by Ryan; approved by all.

Transcribed by Laura Connor