MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, October 12, 2026 **Magnolia Fire Hall, 6:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: 5:58 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Minutes of September 14, 2026 meeting were was transcribed by Laura Connor. Motion by Susanne to accept; second by Ryan; approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Dustan informed Council that the Office of Drinking Water invoices will have to be made by debit and/or credit card payment with no check payments being accepted in the near future.

Laura indicated that the Town does not currently have a debit/credit card through PNC bank. Mayor Fraizer motioned to connect with PNC bank to acquire our options and order the appropriate debit/credit card, second by Buck; approved by all.

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

Mayor Fraizer provided an update of the Audit being performed by Lank, Johnson & Tull, CPAs. He indicated that good progress is being made. The auditors provided a listing of documents that we are gathering and uploading onto the secure website.

PUBLIC WORKS / INFRASTRUCTURE

Water System & Fire Hydrants – Dustan presented well reports.

He indicated that C&D Plumbing performed services on well 3.

There may be a option to upgrade several fire hydrants throughout Town especially the one next to the trailer park that leaks. Dustan has fire hydrants that he is willing to donate with the only expense to the Town would be to purchase new fittings.

Dustan indicated that the water levels are slightly improving with the recent rain fall.

Summary on the current status of grant proposals. Goal of $2,000,000.

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 June 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)

Discussion have begun with the Controller General's Office. Questionnaires were provided to Ryan (representing the Fire Company) and Laura (representing the Town) in reference to the grant approved. There will be a zoom meeting scheduled with the Fire Company to discuss options regarding the water tower

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

Annual Elections – Scott Fowler and Susanne Whitney's terms will be expiring. Both have agreed to continue as members of the Magnolia Town Council. Notice to the Department of Elections will be filed before the November 20, 2026 deadline. Notice of Solicitation of Candidates will be posted at Town Hall, Post Office and Magnolia Restaurant.

Halloween Trick or Treating will be observed on Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 6–8 pm

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 6:30 pm by Buck; second by Ryan; approved by all.

Transcribed by Laura Connor