

MINUTES
MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
February 19, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on Feb. 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Grant Downes, Kurt Stanley, Scott Noble and Eric White. Kurt Stanley made a motion to excuse Jim Miller and Claudia Rogers with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes. Also present were Mr. Steven King of Trebel Energy, Chief Chad Schlimm, Shawn Darr, and Penny Rainsberger.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Mr. King from Trebel Energy wanted to update Council on the latest information regarding our electric and natural gas aggregation. The electric contract expires 5-31-2025. We are currently with Archer Energy. Industry projections expect an increase by June 1st, possibly as much as 10 cents per kilowatt hr. Mr. King explained the electric bill is comprised of 2 portions- energy portion and capacity portion. Trebel is offering to lock in the energy portion at a 7 cents increase vs the potential 10 cents. Every year there would be new opt out letters for the residents with the new locked-in rate for the year. The capacity portion of the bill will change every year.

The gas contract expires 3-31-2025 so a decision will need to be made soon so residents are able to opt out if they choose. Projections believe there will be a slight increase starting in April. The gas bill consists of the current exchange rate of the gas and the ADAR. Trebel is able to guarantee a 3 year renewal of a 2% discount of the ADAR rate. If a better rate would be become available, Trebel would inform Council so the better rate could be locked in.

Grant Downes motioned to authorized Mayor Boyd to sign a 3 year agreement for Trebel Energy regarding the Electric and Natural Gas programs pending Financial dept review with Kurt Stanley seconding. All Ayes.

MINUTES: Scott Noble made a motion to accept the Jan 15, 2025 Reorganization minutes as presented which was seconded by Eric White. All Ayes. Kurt Stanley made a motion to accept the regular Jan 15, 2025 minutes as presented which was seconded by Eric White. All Ayes.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORTS: Kurt Stanley made a motion to accept the Fiscal Officer's report as presented, which was seconded by Eric White. All Ayes.

ACTION ON BILLS: Grant Downes made a motion to pay the bills as presented, which was seconded by Eric White. All Ayes.

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn reports that he has plowed and salted the roads. He reported that more road salt has been ordered and delivered. Shawn has also done some road patching. He also asked if the Village would be able to use slag material for some alley repairs instead of limestone since the price could be ½ the cost. Scott states that would work if that area will never be paved as that could cause issues. Shawn has also repaired the furnace moisture trap as it was clogged. He has also started building the new evidence room in the police dept.

ADDITIONS TO BUSINESS: n/a

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedieu has filed the complaint prepared for the County Court regarding the resident that has yet to adhere to the Village chicken policy. He has been checking the court docket but it doesn't show if it has been served yet or not. Once it is served the resident will have 28 days to respond.

Mayor Boyd has been keeping check on the tree removal progress near Mr. Frank Young's home as this needs to be completed by mid March. Mr. Young has not yet responded. Since this needs to be completed the question was raised if the Village could remove the tree with Mr. Young being responsible for the charge. This will be checked.

Mayor Boyd reports he has applied to Carroll County for a \$6000.00 grant to proceed with the codification project. No response yet. Mayor states he will also be applying for a \$6000.00 codification grant from Stark County in the coming weeks.

A question/concern regarding the yard/street apron and access for parking has been mentioned by Scott Noble. This continues to be checked for clarification.

NEW BUSINESS: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White reported the Parks are quiet at this time. Eric asked about Council members availability for a Village Clean Up Day. Eric will check to see if April 12, 2025 will work with the disposal company.

SAFETY: Grant Downes reports the police hours report is attached. Grant notes the Police Dept. website is very old. Work will begin to update this and to also link to our Village website. Grant also posted the Corp of Engineers information regarding their upcoming project on the Village site. Grant also mentioned that he will be looking for wording that applies to weight restrictions on vehicles using the Village streets- not the state routes. This would be helpful in maintaining them. Grant also stated that Columbia Gas would be working on a line on Carrollton St which may impact the sidewalk there.

Grant also as been in touch with Omega reviewing available grants. One example was a possible walking trail. Eric White pointed out maintenance costs would also need to be considered.

Chief Chad Schlamm reports that on Jan. 17, 2025, OSHP handled an early morning crash in the 300 Block of North Main where a telephone pole was struck and a parked car was damaged. The adult male driver was charged with OVI and that case is pending in court.

Blasenbauer Plumbing & Heating completed the work for the garage bay heater installation. The process took most of three days to complete requiring Chief to be at the department while work was completed. So far, the heater is working great.

Chief Schlamm reports the LESO physical inspection has been completed. All LESO equipment has been accounted for. The next inspection will be in 3 years. While the inspectors were present Chief Schlamm asked to return rifles and pistols that department will never use. We will need to ship (7) M14 rifles and (7) M1911 pistols back to Anniston, Alabama. The cost to ship via USPS will be similar to the \$350-\$450 range as when we returned the M16's last month.

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Chief Schlimm also states the heat in CAR 2 only works when the vehicle is in motion. He doesn't feel this is something that needs immediate attention given the expenses incurred by the police dept. over the last two months. The heat works when its being driven, and CAR 1 can be used if it becomes intolerable. He just wanted Council to be aware of the issue.

Fire Chief Eric White states the Fire Dept. has been quiet. Eric reports that another firefighter has passed their testing to join the dept.

Eric also notified Council that the fire dept is holding a benefit March 15, 2025 at the Eagles from 5 pm to 10 pm. There will be a swiss steak dinner, music, a 50/50 drawing, and raffles. Any money raised will be used for upgrades to the rescue truck.

Eric states there has been no word on their latest grant application.

CEMETERY REPORT: Claudia Rogers reported income of \$1750.00 for the month of Jan. 2025.

UTILITIES: Kurt Stanley reports he will be meeting with AEP to do a light pole audit. He will also be addressing why one of the electric bills is much higher than the rest. He will also be talking with them regarding the upgrading to LED lights in the Village. Kurt also asked if the snowflake decorations could be turned off. That will be handled.

FINANCE: n/a

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble has been inspecting roads for their condition and making a list of areas to be addressed. He thinks that chip and seal may be an acceptable option for some of the streets.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: n/a

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: n/a

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Boyd attended the Stark Co Regional Planning meeting. There is a municipal road fund that may have money available. He will be meet with them further for more information. This may also be available in Carroll County. This will be checked into. Mayor Boyd also attending a luncheon with District 79 Rep Monica Blasdel at the Carroll County Airport. This was open to all mayors in Carroll County. There are multiple grants available so this will be reviewed. Mayor Boyd has been in contact with Nelson Garcia of the US Army Corp of Engineers regarding the upcoming work in the Village. The project is moving as scheduled. Mayor Boyd mentioned the idea of possible grants being available for placing pickle ball courts in the park area.

A question was raised regarding income tax. When a resident works in a city that collects income tax, does the Village receive any of that money? Solicitor L'Hommedieu stated that the only way the Village would receive any of that would be to pass an income tax here. The money would be collect by their employer then the city would forward a portion to the Village

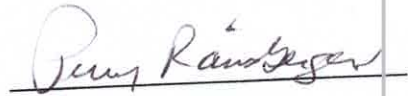
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ADJOURN: Eric White made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. with Kurt Stanley seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor

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Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

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