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MAGNOLIA VILLAGE COUNCIL
Aug 19, 2026 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Meeting of Magnolia Village Council was called to order at the Village Hall on Aug. 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Travis Boyd. Council members present were Grant Downes, Eric White, Kurt Stanley, Claudia Rogers, Jim Miller and Scott Noble. Also present were Solicitor Kevin L'Hommedieu, Chief Chad Schlimm and Penny Rainsberger. Visitor Mr. Mike Rogers is also in attendance.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: Mr. Mike Rogers is here to update the Council regarding the cemetery. He has been working on organizing any records that we have been able to retrieve from Tim Costello's family. He found an excel file on Tim's computer but there are still many items missing. There may be many more items on his cell phone but it is locked and the estate would need a court order to gain access. Mr. Rogers has been using the Excel spreadsheet, receipt book, previous monthly reports and any deed copies to work backwards on updating everything.

MINUTES: Kurt Stanley made a motion to accept the July 21, 2026 regular minutes as presented, which was seconded by Jim Miller. All Ayes.

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

ACTION ON BILLS: Jim Miller made a motion to pay the bills as presented, which was seconded by Claudia Rogers. All Ayes.

VILLAGE WORK REPORT: Shawn Darr reports he has been mowing and weed eating. Shawn switched out the damaged manhole cover on Plain St. with one from Plum St. Park. The gate latch at the Park has been replaced. Shawn has repaired the fascia on the bingo pavilion as it was falling off. The tractor battery is no longer charging the battery. Jim Miller has ordered a new voltage regulator for this. Shawn will be putting that on to see if that fixes the issue.

ADDITIONS TO BURSINESS: Gene Scott has mentioned that Plum Street near his house is in disrepair. Scott Noble will check on this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Grant Downes has looked into the clearance issue where trees are hitting the tops of campers coming thru town. Kurt Stanley will check with the utility companies to see if they will be trimming the trees.

Claudia Rogers reports the Magnolia Historical Society is continuing with the Veteran Banner project. They are in the process of choosing a vendor. Claudia asked if the Village would be willing to assist in the hanging of the banners. Council feels this is fine.

NEW BUSINESS: n/a

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PARKS AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS: Eric White reports that fall baseball is in season and they are using the middle ball field. Eric stated the baseball and softball teams directors discussed the field situation and the softball team will be getting an additional field. They will be also be putting up a batting cage. Jim Miller asked Mayor Boyd if there was any update regarding the painted lines peeling at the basketball courts. Nothing yet. The Canal Days seems to have been a success except for the incident with a Quad ambulance hitting the pavilion roof. Quad will be paying for the repairs needed. Dave Rock has made a temporary fix and Eric will be calling the previous contractor who had installed the roof for a final repair. Eric stated that Spencer Electric had been

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able to update some of the electric areas to higher amperages. The temporary line is currently hanging on poles. Eric asked if we would want to bury the line as the rest are underground. Council agrees that should be done. Jim Miller stated the Spencer Electric bill has arrived and that they donated some of their service. Eric states he has found a \$150.00 basketball court backboard from Manchester schools. Eric also states a tree needs trimmed in front of Village Hall and one tree needs trimmed at the park. Eric will check with J&S Tree Service.

SAFETY:

Grant Downes reports the police dept. hours are attached.

Grant Downes states that he has caught up on emails. He forwarded 8 public requests to Penny Rainsberger to handle.

Grant Downes mentioned the idea of trees being added back to the main streets. Resident Chris Tozzi is excited about the idea. Some like the idea of Magnolia trees with limitations. The allowed list includes some trees at \$50.00. The Village may consider contributing to the price of some trees using money from the Beauty Fund. The exploration continues. Grant has found information about possible grant funds from MWCD that could be used for the park and playgrounds. He has forwarded this to Mayor Boyd.

Grant asked if there has been any improvement regarding the main street parking issue in front of the Bank and Tozzi's. It already has No Parking signs and is painted yellow curbs.

Grant states that N. County Trail group has been negotiating a walking route with Stark Parks that would help walkers from needing to enter the Village.

Chief Schlimm reports that radar calibration and recertification on both cruisers and the handheld radar units are complete.

Chief Schlimm reports Lt. Alexander arrested an adult male for domestic violence on the Carroll County side of the Village.

Chief stated a vacant home was broken into and copper plumbing was stolen. Also, separately, there was a theft from a car.

Chief stated both patrol cars are coming up on regular service due date. He will schedule them for service within the next few weeks. Car 1 also has a cracked windshield that needs replaced. Open market replacement costs is around \$500.00 where submitting an insurance claim would be the \$250.00 deductible. He will call to get this scheduled. Car 2 will have the constant Air Bag light display diagnosed when it goes in for service.

Chief Schlimm has asked for an executive session. Kurt Stanley motioned to enter executive session for personnel matters with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes.

Jim Miller motioned to leave executive session and reenter regular session with Claudia Rogers seconding. All Ayes.

Fire Chief Eric White reports the Fire Dept has been quiet and has no updates. He reports the Canal Days festival went well. He also noted the Fire Dept will be holding their Reverse Raffle Oct. 12th at \$50.00 per ticket. Scott Noble has checked the 20-30' x 4' section of asphalt in front of the Fire Dept. The material the State wants to use for repairs may make the situation worse. He will continue to evaluate.

CEMETERY: Claudia Rogers reports cemetery income of \$1050.00 for the month of July 2026. Claudia stated the Sexton position needs to be posted as soon as possible. A description has been drafted. Claudia states the Cemetery committee needs to meet within the next couple of weeks. Eric White also pointed out that the rates the Village charges for lots and burials are extremely low in comparison to other cemeteries. Those raises would help to pay for a sexton. Since the current pay rate is only \$100.00 per month, finding someone willing to do that job at that rate is unlikely. Claudia states we need to decide on how/where records are maintained and who will be able to access. The main files should probably be kept at Village Hall.

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UTILITIES: Kurt Stanley has nothing to report.

FINANCE: Jim Miller states that the budget for 2027 has been prepared. [Res 2026-18] Claudia Rogers motioned to accept the 2027 budget with Grant Downes seconding. All Ayes. Jim reports that the Police renewal levy has been approved to be placed on the ballot by the Board of Elections. Jim also mentions that next year Council may want to look at staff wages. Jim reports the first reimbursement from MWCD has been received. Jim also states that once the project gets started, it should only take a few weeks. If a large payment is needed all of once, Jim said the Bank of Magnolia would be agreeable to a small loan.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Scott Noble stated he will be contacting Milhoan Paving. They have given us 2 dates and have not shown up for either one. This has been troublesome since the Village has asked the residents of Plain St twice to not park on the street.

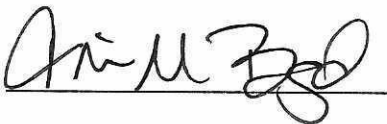
SOLICITOR'S REPORT: n/a

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES: n/a

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Boyd states the Canal Day festival went well. It was mentioned that there is an unused crosswalk signal in the Trussell bldg. Mayor Boyd asked if there is any way to sell it as it is unnecessary for the village purposes. Grant Downes stated that we had a Gov Deals.com account that can be used. A resident also asked if the Village was going to use the brick pavers that we have saved from the sidewalk project. Solicitor L'Hommedieu will check into this idea to see what we can do legally. Mayor Boyd states the Methodist Church would like to give some land (at the east end of Lynwood, .42 acre) back to the Village. Surveyor Dave Bodo wonders if we would want to make a 50' extended easement from the current 30' as this will allow access and hookups to be on either side. [Res 2026-19] Jim Miller motioned to design 50' easements for the donated parcel with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

ADJOURN: Kurt Stanley made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. with Scott Noble seconding. All Ayes.

Travis Boyd, Mayor



Penny Rainsberger, Fiscal Officer

