

Friendsville Utility Board
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2024
Friendsville City Hall
Minutes

Present:

Mayor Steven Cardwell	Tanner Jones
Commissioner Shane Rogers	Nick Bright
Commissioner Jonathan Newberry	Janet Walton
Commissioner Margaret Maze	Debbie Bentz
City Recorder Janet Ledbetter	Dana Bentz
Executive Assistant Kim Rogers	Errol Johnson
City Attorney Rob Goddard	Trevis Gardner
Building Official Barry Ottinger	

Absent: Vice Mayor Sandra Bell

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m.
2. Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting by Commissioner Newberry, second by Commissioner Rogers. Motion passed.
3. Public input not on agenda: none
4. Other business not on agenda: A customer's husband recently passed away and she found a letter from the water department regarding damage done to their sprinkler system while installing a neighbor's water tap. In the letter, David Amanns had promised them that the city would pay an irrigation business to ensure that their sprinkler system was working properly. She found a bill from Wind River Landscape Company for \$131.30 that her husband had paid, but the city had never reimbursed him. The board agreed to reimburse the homeowner for the bill.

Kim Rogers discussed the property at 210 Front St, which had been recently sold. The new owners would like to build 10 homes, which would be allowed if sewer is available. They said they would be willing to pay to extend the sewer line to the property. It would require 1,036 feet of sewer line. They

would have to pay for the engineering fees, permit fees, gravel and pipe. The line would go past 8 other houses on East Main Ave., which would require those homeowners to pay a sewer improvement fee. Commissioner Newberry said they would need to look at the city's subdivision requirements, and he thought the development would require its own road. The project would need to be approved by the Planning Commission. Motion to take time to think about the project and discuss it at the next meeting by Commissioner Newberry, second by Commissioner Rogers. Motion passed.


Kim had spoken to Mark Clinton of TASS about moving the sewer master meter to the Blount County line. He told her it was originally supposed to be at the line, which was the boundary line of the city's water service. He told Kim that the city would have to put in shutoff valves, which were not originally put in. Parts could be reused, such as the telemetry, but the city would have to put in a new vault and electric service. The fence could be moved. The original contract stated that it would be at the county line, but previous city administration demanded that it end at Unitia Rd. Commissioner Newberry said he thinks it should be moved if the budget allows. Mayor Cardwell told Kim to let Mark Clinton know they will discuss it at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

5. Discussion:

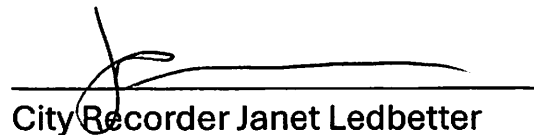
Operations report: Water loss was 39%.

Financial report: The board looked over the Budget to Actuals.

6. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Newberry, second by Commissioner Rogers. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Mayor Steven Cardwell



City Recorder Janet Ledbetter