

**Friendsville Utility Board
Regular Meeting
September 5, 2024
Friendsville City Hall
Minutes**

Present:

Mayor Steven Cardwell	Building Official Barry Ottinger
Commissioner Margaret Maze	City Engineer Bob Colvin
Commissioner Jonathan Newberry	Caitlyn Good
Commissioner Shane Rogers	Steve Palmer
City Recorder Janet Ledbetter	Trevis Gardner
City Administrator Kim Rogers	Janet Walton
City Attorney Rob Goddard	Chris Brouwer

Absent: Vice Mayor Sandra Bell

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.
2. Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting by Commissioner Newberry, second by Commissioner Maze. Motion passed.
3. Public input not on agenda: none
4. Other business not on agenda: none
5. Discussion:
 - Kim Rogers discussed an issue with a customer's bill. Laurie Albert's meter read zero for 9 months and was read manually in March 2023. It read from the previous reported reading on July 2022. The customer's bill was extremely high, so Kim adjusted her bill down to \$35.34. The meter stopped reading again in August 2023. The customer saw something on Facebook and looked back at her bill and wanted a credit again. Mayor Cardwell told Kim that the city wouldn't give her another credit, but she could plead her case in front of the Utility Board. He said to charge her the minimum bill until her meter could be replaced.

- There was no financial report for August.
- Safety Grant: PE Partners, which is the insurance company for the city, gives out safety grants every year. The grant is \$500. Kim told the board that they had sold some large cones and signs that had been used on the highway sewer project and were too big for regular projects on GovDeals. She found some signs and cones that would work better, and it would only cost \$1,093 after the grant and GovDeals proceeds.
- There are 3 intersections on Marble Hill at Crumley Rd, Misty Valley and Cloyds Church where the main water lines are on top of the ground. Part of one line is damaged, and it will be around \$3,500 to repair and bury the lines.
- Kim Rogers and Chris Brouwer met with Rowdy from Foothills Asphalt to get an estimate to repave parts of the county roads where there had been leak repairs. Mayor Cardwell said that since the city has a MOU with the county that he is working on being able to pay the county to repair their own roads.

6. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Rogers, second by Commissioner Newberry. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Mayor Steven Cardwell

Vice Mayor, Sandra Bell
Sandra Bell

City Recorder Janet Ledbetter