Friendsville Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting February 1, 2024 Friendsville City Hall Minutes

Present:

Mayor Steven Cardwell
Vice Mayor Sandra Bell
Commissioner Jonathan Newberry
Commissioner Margaret Maze
City Recorder Janet Ledbetter
Executive Assistant Kim Rogers

City Attorney Rob Goddard Building Official Barry Ottinger Sergio Rios Dana Bentz Debbie Bentz

Absent: Commissioner Shane Rogers

- 1. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 2. Motion to approve minutes from January 4th public hearing by Commissioner Newberry, second by Commissioner Maze. Motion passed.
- 3. Motion to approve minutes from January 4th regular meeting by Commissioner Newberry, second by Commissioner Maze. Motion passed.
- 4. Public input not on agenda: none
- 5. Other business not on agenda: Vice Mayor Bell commended the city employees for keeping the roads clear during the snow and ice. She said she had also heard a lot of good comments from people in the community. Commissioner Newberry said he was also impressed with their work.
- 6. Discussion: First reading of Ordinance No. 2023-08: Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance by Revising Sections of Article 6 (tabled from December meeting): Motion to approve on first reading by Commissioner Newberry, second by Vice Mayor Bell. Motion passed.

7. Staff Reports:

Planning: There was no meeting in January.

Administration: Janet Ledbetter passed out the annual conflict of interest forms to the commissioners to fill out and return. She also gave them the Budget to Actuals for the General and Street funds.

Events: none

Parks & Recreation: Kim Rogers discussed the sign-ups for T-Ball and Wittle Weague. Evan Melhorn is certified, so will be in charge of the games. He and Andy Vineyard will work on Saturdays during the games and both will have a day off during the week to avoid overtime.

Mayor Cardwell mentioned the request from Marble Hill Baptist Church about their signs. Barry Ottinger told them that if they put out more than two that they would need an exception. Commissioner Newberry said that since they were an organization and not a commercial business, he felt they should be allowed to put up more than that. Mayor Cardwell said it should be addressed at the next Planning Commission meeting. Kim Rogers asked Rob Goddard about the four abandoned homes in the city. They were falling in, and no one was living in them, so she asked what the steps would be to demolish them. Mr. Goddard said it would depend on what was in the city's ordinance, and that he would help her find out.

8. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Newberry, second by Vice Mayor Bell. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor Steven Cardwell

City Recorder Janet Ledbetter