

**Friendsville Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
April 4, 2024
Friendsville City Hall
Minutes**

Present:

Mayor Steven Cardwell	City Attorney Rob Goddard
Vice Mayor Sandra Bell	Building Official Barry Ottinger
Commissioner Margaret Maze	City Engineer Bob Colvin
Commissioner Jonathan Newberry	Janet Walton
Commissioner Shane Rogers	Sergio Rios
City Recorder Janet Ledbetter	Steve Palmer
Executive Assistant Kim Rogers	

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Motion to approve minutes from March 7 public hearing by Vice Mayor Bell, second by Commissioner Maze. Motion passed.
3. Motion to approve minutes from March 7 regular meeting by Commissioner Newberry, second by Commissioner Rogers. Motion passed.
4. Public input not on agenda: Janet Walton asked the board if she could lead the Pledge of Allegiance, which was then recited by the whole room. Ms. Walton also asked if she could pray for the city, which she did.
5. Other business not on agenda: Commissioner Newberry said he wanted the city to work harder to enforce the ordinances. He said his neighbor had taken in a crack addict, who stole a gun and went running through town. Sheriff's deputies had been looking for him. He said that neighbor, at 435 S. Farnum, had been letting people live in a shed for which they didn't get a building permit. He wanted to find out if there was a way to condemn it. The city had sent letters to the homeowner in the past because of people living in the shed. Sergio Rios told the board that there were people squatting in a shack on the rock quarry property between Kiser Station and Hwy 321, and the board agreed something needed to be done to stop this. Mayor Cardwell also told

Mr. Rios that the road in front of his house belonged to the county, even though his property was annexed into the city. He and his wife had asked the city to repair the road during the previous meeting, and it was not known at the time who was responsible for repairs.

Vice Mayor Bell mentioned that she had been asked if the city could put in a 3-way stop on Miser Station Rd. at both ends of Cedar Crest Ln. She had told them that since Miser Station was a state road they would have to call TDOT. People have also been complaining about the 3-way stop at Farnum and College Streets, asking it to be converted into a 4-way. It was a 4-way in the past, but it caused problems with big trucks dumping their loads when stopping and taking off on the hill, so it was turned into a 3-way stop. Vice Mayor Bell also mentioned the sign at the operations building, which was named after Leonard Endsley, the first water superintendent at Friendsville. There would be an unveiling of the sign on April 26 at 1 p.m. for his family to attend.

6. Discussion:

Community Center rentals: Kim Rogers told the board that city employees had made repairs on the walls and cleaned up where there was damage. Since then, there has been more damage on ceiling tiles and where decorations were taped on the walls. The building is checked every morning during the week, but not on the weekends, so when it is rented out on Saturdays and Sundays, it is impossible to tell who caused the damage. Kim said she has been starting to rent out only one day on the weekend for that reason.

Paving: Kim presented the paving quotes, and Weston Paving had submitted the cheapest ones. To pave E. College Ave., it would cost \$19,000. Paving the cul-de-sac on Bonnie Kate Ln. would cost \$11,300, and the entire road would cost \$24,000. There was a question about bids since the bid limit was \$25,000. Rob Goddard said even though both quotes were from the same company, they could be treated as separate jobs and wouldn't need to be bid out. Motion to award both paving jobs to Weston Paving by Commissioner Newberry, second by Commissioner Maze. Motion passed.

HUD Sewer & Sidewalk grant updates: There were no updates.

LPRF Pavilion grant update: All the paperwork has been done and the next step was the design.

7. Staff reports:

Planning: There was no meeting in March.

Administration: Janet Ledbetter asked about the TCRS rates. The new minimum rate for July was 4.16%, which was the same as the previous one. The board agreed to keep it at that rate.


Events: none

Parks & Rec: The hydroseeding was finished at the ballfield.

8. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Rogers, second by Commissioner Newberry. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.



Mayor Steven Cardwell


City Recorder Janet Ledbetter