

Friendsville Utility Board
Regular Meeting
June 4, 2026
Friendsville City Hall
Minutes

Present:

Mayor Steven Cardwell	City Administrator Kim Rogers
Vice Mayor Jonathan Newberry	City Attorney Rob Goddard
Commissioner Margaret Maze	Building Official Barry Ottinger
Commissioner Dale Wilkins	Shelley Rios
City Recorder Janet Ledbetter	Sergio Rios

Absent: Commissioner Shane Rogers

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m.
2. Motion to approve minutes from May 7 regular meeting by Commissioner Maze, second by Commissioner Wilkins. Motion passed.
3. Public comment: none
4. Discussion:

Line replacement on Lane Drive to S. Union Grove Rd: Kim Rogers spoke about the plan to replace the line. There is a section about 1200 ft long of asbestos line that has been leaking for a long time, and the leak has been found. It would need to go out for bids. There are funds in the current budget for rehab, so Kim asked if they could go ahead and purchase the materials and pay before July and only bid out the labor. Mayor Cardwell was concerned about any possible issues from doing it that way, because he had seen issues with purchasing materials and bidding out labor at Blount County. Rob Goddard told him the city should be able to request bids on labor only. Mayor Cardwell said he would check to see what the issues were. City employees could install the line, but there were concerns that they had too much work to do already. Motion to put the labor for the Lane Drive to S. Union Grove line out to bid contingent upon the findings of the Mayor by Vice Mayor Newberry, second by Commissioner Maze. Motion passed.

Frog Pond Telemetry: The materials for the telemetry have been purchased and paid for, and Fort Loudoun will be installing power soon.

Additional hydrant(s) placement in the system: There is money left in the budget for contingency. Kim mentioned that if there is money left, the utility usually purchases extra parts in case of leaks so there is enough stock for emergencies. She said she would like to purchase fire hydrants to install around the Sequoyah, Bales Hollow, and Wilderness Rd. area, since the nearest hydrant is on Unitia Rd. She wanted to order five to begin with so they could also replace hydrants that are no longer in service. The utility also needs blowoff hydrants, which can be hooked to a hose so the water can be diverted away from customers' yards. They are taller and won't be covered up like the current blowoffs.

5. Staff Reports:

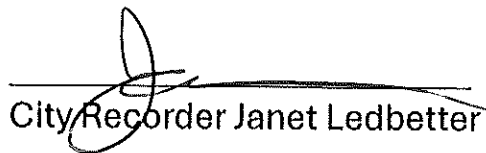
Administrator Updates: On the HUD sewer grant, there was almost \$12,000 that was not used for the line, which was then used to hook up two more homes to the sewer. Mayor Cardwell mentioned that around \$10,000 of the contingency money in the water budget would be used to add a tool shed to the storage building at the Operations Center.

Financial Report: The board looked over the report. There were no questions.

6. Motion to adjourn by Vice Mayor Newberry, second by Commissioner Maze. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.



Mayor Steven Cardwell



City Recorder Janet Ledbetter