

Friendsville Utility Board
Regular Meeting
March 7, 2024
Friendsville City Hall
Minutes

Present:

Mayor Steven Cardwell	Debbie Bentz
Vice Mayor Sandra Bell	Betty Staley
Commissioner Jonathan Newberry	Jason Nagorny
Commissioner Margaret Maze	Evan Melhorn
City Recorder Janet Ledbetter	Caitlyn Good
City Attorney Rob Goddard	Building Official Barry Ottinger
Executive Assistant Kim Rogers	Steve Palmer
Danny Bradley	Brandon Lamb
Bill Driscoll	Shelly Rios
Dana Bentz	Sergio Rios

Absent: Commissioner Shane Rogers

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m.
2. Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting by Commissioner Newberry, second by Vice Mayor Bell. Motion passed.
3. Public input not on agenda: none
4. Other business not on agenda: Kim Rogers told the board that TDEC approved the plans for the ARPA funds from Blount County. The money will be used to purchase new meters for the whole system and grinder pumps for homes currently along the sewer line. It will also be used to upgrade some water lines, including installing a larger water line from S. Farnum to Hwy. 321. The homeowners requesting the grinder pumps will have to ensure that their electrical service is up to code, or they will not be eligible for the pump. If someone declines the offer of having a grinder pump installed, they will have to pay for their own if they decide they want to hook up later.

Kim also discussed a meter service charge. It would be \$2.00 per month per customer. This would help cover the cost of a new meter when it needs to be replaced. The department could also add the cost of the meter in the tap fee. She told the board that if the city doesn't add to the water revenue, the state will come in and tell them how much to raise their rates. Mayor Cardwell said they would discuss this and decide what to do in the next meeting.

5. Discussion:

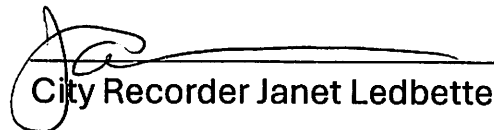
Operations Report: Water loss for February was 33%. Kim Rogers mentioned that Chris Brouwer had asked the state about counting the water in the tanks toward the water loss, which would make the numbers lower. He was still waiting on an answer.

Financial Report: Janet Ledbetter presented the Budget to Actuals and the Profit and Loss for February.

6. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Newberry, second by Vice Mayor Bell. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Mayor Steven Cardwell



City Recorder Janet Ledbetter