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City of Frost, Texas
Special City Council Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2026

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code, Title 5, Chapter 551), the Frost City Council held a Special Business Meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 100 N. Garrity Street, Frost, Texas.

Present:

Mayor: Shannon Wayman

Aldermen: Jason Murray, Megan Welborn, Kimi Muldner, Amber Whitley, and Stormi Upton

Others Present: Jim Muldner, Gary Wayman, Scott Dowdle Salinas, and Velma Ballew

1. Call to Order

Mayor Wayman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and established that a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags. The invocation was given by Alderman Jason Murray.

3. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

4. Consider and Take Possible Action Regarding the Appointment of a Chief of Police for the City of Frost

Mayor Wayman introduced Patrick Rider, the candidate for Chief of Police, and invited him to introduce himself and provide the Council and those in attendance with information regarding his background and qualifications.

Mr. Rider stated that he is an Iraq War veteran who served three years in the United States Army and is a nine-year veteran of the Navarro County Sheriff's Department. When asked why he left law enforcement, he explained that he had opportunities outside the profession that he wished to pursue.

Council members asked Mr. Rider several questions regarding his communication skills, work ethic, leadership style, and approach to community policing. Mr. Rider stated that he considers himself a people-oriented individual who requires minimal supervision once expectations and goals are clearly established. He emphasized that trust within the community must be earned over time and expressed his commitment to being visible and actively engaged throughout the City.

Mr. Rider was also asked about his anticipated work schedule. He stated that although the position is based on a 40-hour work week, his schedule would vary as needed and would not be limited to Monday through Friday. The Council expressed concerns regarding holidays and incidents involving fireworks. Mr. Rider stated that he would coordinate with the Navarro County Sheriff's Office to request additional patrols during such times. He explained that there is a distinction between proactive and reactive law enforcement and noted that while not every violation can be witnessed firsthand, he would make every effort to reduce such incidents through visibility and enforcement.

Mayor Wayman reminded those present that the position involves significant administrative responsibilities, particularly during the initial weeks of employment. She explained that the department must complete required documentation with TCOLE and bring the police department into full compliance before normal operations can begin. Mayor Wayman also stated that she was impressed with Mr. Rider's proactive communication and professionalism throughout the hiring process, qualities she considers essential in a department leader.

Mr. Rider acknowledged that the initial focus would be on completing administrative requirements and obtaining necessary equipment to ensure the department operates safely and in compliance with applicable standards. He specifically stated that acquiring body armor would be a priority and emphasized that he would neither conduct traffic enforcement nor permit future officers to do so without the appropriate protective equipment.

Alderman Jason Murray commented that both the Council and the community should exercise patience while the department is being reestablished. He stated that Mr. Rider appears to take pride in his profession and expressed confidence that, given time, he would build a strong police department. Mr. Rider assured those present that he would remain available to answer questions from both the Council and the public while the administrative work is underway.

Following additional discussion, Alderman Kimi Muldner made a motion to appoint Patrick Rider as Chief of Police for the City of Frost, contingent upon the successful completion of

fingerprint processing and all other required pre-**employment requirements. Alderman Megan Welborn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Oath of Office

Mayor Shannon Wayman administered the Oath of Office to Patrick Rider as Chief of Police for the City of Frost.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Alderman Megan Welborn made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Stormi Upton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Mayor Shannon Wayman



City Secretary Juli Reeves