

May 5, 2025

Minutes

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act (TX. GOVT. CODE, Title 5-C, Chap. 551), Frost City Aldermen held a Regular Business Meeting at 6:00 P.M. May 5, 2025 at City Hall, 100 N. Garitty St. Present: Mayor Anthony "Tony" Harris Aldermen: Ron Franks, Shannon Wayman, Megan Welborn, and Johnny Sutton. Absent: Alderman Jimmy Bratcher. Others present: Juli Reeves, Velma Ballew, Jessi Black & Debra Feuerherdt.

1. A quorum was established, and the meeting began at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and Texas Flag, followed by the invocation given by Mayor Anthony "Tony" Harris.
2. There were no citizen comments
3. Discussion regarding selling the sewing factory property. There is someone interested in the property to place a tire shop there. The property would actually need to be put out for bids and Mayor Harris stated he would look into whether it is 30, 60 or 90 days to do so. Alderman Johnny Sutton stated that right now all the city uses it for is to place gravel, etc on it but that could be moved somewhere else. Alderman Megan Welborn stated that if there was a business wanting to come here we should sell it and Alderman Shannon Wayman agreed. Alderman Ron Franks asked about a place to set dumpsters for city wide cleanup and Mayor Harris stated they could be placed near the shop. There was more discussion on how long the property would need to be up for bid and if there is a minimum bid that we would have to set. Will need to get the appraisal amount and do more research on the bid process.
4. Discussion on Energy Proposal – our current contract expired in June. Motion made by Johnny Sutton and Second by Megan Welborn to go with TXU for 60 months. Motion passed.
5. Discussion of purchase of 6 ft mower – Johnny Sutton asked if we were looking for a bush hog or a finishing mower and Mayor Harris stated he didn't think a finishing mower would hold up. The one we currently have now is in dilapidated condition. Johnny Sutton stated he wasn't aware of the price difference but for durability a bush hog would probably be the best way to go. Ron Franks asked what type of shape our tractor was in and Mayor Harris stated that it needs a couple of pins in it but otherwise not in bad shape. Megan Welborn stated she is all in favor of purchasing a new one, but it needs to be taken care of. Ron Franks agreed that it couldn't just be driven over anything or dragged along the concrete. Ron Franks asked where we would purchase one from and Mayor Harris gave him a few prices he had already received and stated they are not all of the same quality, pointing out that as long as they are cleaned after use they will be ok. Mayor Harris let them know that we had finally received parts for the zero turn and that we haven't had a mower in the last 2-3 weeks. Johnny Sutton recommended that we buy brand new so we don't inherit someone else's problems that way if there is a problem. Shannon Wayman stated she would like to see some quotes from different places before they made a decision. Matter was tabled until the meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025.

6. Discuss opening LEOSE fund account for the money sent to the PD for their training purposes only. There are forms that must be filled out and sent back to the comptroller once a year with how the funds are allocated. There doesn't have to be a separate account, but it would help with the accounting side that way there are no discrepancies in what the money was used for. Motion by Ron Franks to open a separate account and second by Johnny Sutton. Motion Passed.
7. Mayors Report – Parts ordered for the zero turn. Johnny Sutton asked how old the mower was and thinks its only around 3-4 years old. Mayor stated that the control arm had to be welded up. Also received tune up kit for the concrete saw Johnny Sutton stated that purchasing premium gas for equipment that didn't require an oil and gas mixture is better for the equipment. Mayor stated that the new procedure prior to putting the equipment up is to run them all out of gas so it's not sitting in the tanks. Everyone agreed to meet on Monday, May 12, 2025 to canvass the votes and swear in newly elected and returning Aldermen.

Question asked about the ad for Police Officer, Mayor explained that he had found some wording and it was sent to Natalie Dawson, City Attorney, for her to look over and advise.

Question about if the patrol car was being started daily, answer was not and Shannon Wayman suggested it be taken to the shop so that the utility workers could start it daily.

Question on who enforces ordinance violations since we no longer have an officer and about houses that had been torn down lately wondering if they had received permits. One house torn down has asbestos in it, so Gary Garner would still be in charge of this because there is a certain way to dispose of asbestos.

The new service station has been shut down for a while by the state because the permits weren't on the board and the board was missing and there is a water quality issue so the State shut down construction for the time being.

Mayor Harris has asked when construction will start on the sewer plant also if the smoke testing is complete or if they have more to go. Just waiting on answers. Johnny Sutton asked about the property around the sewer plant and if it sold. Mayor Harris told the owner that we would like to have 2-5 acres of the property in case we need to rebuild or expand at some point.

Ron Franks asked about water leaks and if we were ok for now, Mayor stated yes, for right now, but when it dries out that may change.

Got the sewer project completed at Caleb Martins house and also we purchased a sewer camera.
8. Consent Items – Motion made by Johnny Sutton, Second by Ron Franks to accept the consent items. Motion passed.
9. Motion made by Megan Welborn and second by Johnny Sutton to adjourn.

Mayor Anthony "Tony" Harris

Juli Reeves, City Secretary