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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. April 1, 2024 at City Hall, 100 N. Garitty St. Present: Mayor Scott Montgomery; Aldermen: Ron Franks, Johnny Sutton, Shannon Wayman, Megan Welborn and Jimmy Bratcher. Others present: Ernest Calvillo, Rachel Williams, Velma Ballew, Robert Ballew, and Jennifer Spain.

1. A quorum was established, and the meeting began at 6:02 P.M. Invocation by Mayor Scott Montgomery.
2. Citizens’ Comments: Velma Ballew: concerned about the financials and sewer reports not up to date. Concerned the council doesn’t know where the City is at.
3. Jake McAdams presented and discuss Section 3 Policy updates and information for the City's TXCDBG Contract #CDV23-0091. Sect 3 Presentation to Council. Resolution 188 1st motion made by Ron Franks, 2nd by Johnny Sutton. Passed by council.
4. Jake discussed what the grant is for. No action was required.
5. Discussed Republic Waste contract. Shannon will reach out to them in regards to their service standards and report back at the next meeting.
6. Discussed office safety and getting a cash box, new door locks, upgrades to the office to keep customers, citizens, visitors from behind the clerk counter. Ernest is getting quotes for contractors and will report back to Connie Hickman as she has approved use of the security funds to help with upgrades.
7. Discussed Livestock and other animal ordinances. Ernest will do more research on what we can and cant enforce.
8. Discussed and tables the requirements on having a second signature on any/all checks. Rachel will get with TML on state requirements and report back at the next meeting.
9. Discussed and tables the requirements are there for the Mayor on a limit he can spend without having council approval. Rachel will get with TML on state requirements and report back at the next meeting.
10. Discussed and voted on getting debit cards for the Sewer and Water checking accounts. Motion made by Megan Welborn, 2nd by Johnny Sutton. All in favor, passed.
11. Discussed and voted on eliminating sending out 3 water bill notices and only sending out the 1st and final notice. Motion made Jimmy Bratcher, 2nd by Shannon Wayman. All in favor, passed.
12. Discussed Chad Hicks being hired on full time.
13. Discuss and vote on Consent items, Motion was made by Johnny Sutton, 2nd by Jimmy Bratcher, all in favor, approved.

* Financials: discuss running financials 30 days in the rear so that all items have cleared and accounts can be reconciled.
* Utilities: presented Cliff Nesmith's monthly report for calendar month.
* Police report: Ernest has been working on a few cases and helping the school with a few cases.

14. Mayor's report: Time to start application for next grant. Will fill out a survey for current grant. Need to start talking about what the City will use the next grant for. We are limited on what we can use the grant for. Discussed the Navarro Mills project, this needs to be finished before the end of the year. There is foundation work that has to be done but this is not covered by budget that is in place and will be an added expense. We do not have the entire project covered by the funds we have. The city will have to pay the remaining with a loan or pay it out right. Elections will be May the 4th. 14. .

15. Motion to adjourn made by Johnny Sutton, 2nd by Ron Franks at 7:17PM

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Scott Montgomery, Mayor Rachel Williams, City Secretary