

# THE CITY OF FROSTBURG Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Frostburg Municipal Center Meeting Room 100 37 S. Broadway, Frostburg, MD 21532

Mayor Todd J. Logsdon

Donald L. Carter, Jr., Commissioner of Finance Nina Forsythe, Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Kevin G. Grove, Commissioner of Public Safety Adam Ritchey, Commissioner of Public Works

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Frostburg Blessing
- 4. Roll Call

PRESENT Mayor Todd Logsdon Commissioner of Public Safety Kevin Grove Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Nina Forsythe Commissioner of Public Works Adam Ritchey

ABSENT Commissioner of Finance Donald Carter

## 5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove.

Motion carried

## 6. Approval of the Minutes

A. Minutes from the March Council Meeting.

Motion and Second to Approve the Minutes for the March Council Meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove, Seconded by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe.

Motion carried.

B. Summary and Minutes from the Closed Session Meeting on April 8, 2025.

Motion and Second to Approve Closed Session Summary and Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove.

Motion carried.

# 7. Special Presentations and Requests

A. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Logsdon reported first celebrated in 1872 to be celebrated in the City Monday April 21, 2025 at 2:00 pm at Glendening Park.

### 8. Mayor and Commissioners Reports and Announcements

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove.

Motion Carried

A. Monthly Reports of the City Departments.

Motion and Second to Approve Monthly Reports of the City Departments; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

## 9. Public Hearings

A. Combined Sewer Overflow Monthly Public Hearing

Hayden Lindsey reported 5 phases

Phase 10A-Area of Mt. Ridge will continue into fall

Center Street-N Grant Street-will begin when FSU students leave

Phase 10B-Sleeman Street, Washington Street, McCulloh Street-Bids in May to begin in fall and continue through summer 2026.

#### 10. Old Business

#### 11. New Business

A. Ordinance 2025-01 Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget and Schedule of Municipal Fees. Elaine Jones, CPA, Director of Finance.

Motion and Second to Approve the Ordinance on First Reading, and set the May 20, 2025 Council Meeting as an advertised Public Hearing; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey, Seconded by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe.

#### Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Deirdre Robertson is the executive director of Frostburg First and would like to address the work session meeting. Concerns were staff was readily unavailable never meet only in City Place piggy back off other events and need to focus on businesses. Three staff members work in office and have mixed hours always available by email listed on door and in a voice message. Have the Downtown Frostburg website calendar list of events. Deirdre does Grants for Frostburg First which keeps her tied to the office and Dana does photography and social media. Sole focus on businesses revitalize economic level to benefit businesses. This is the 15th year for the Arts Walk.

Clory Jackson-75 Victoria Lane is the President of Frostburg First that represent 25 businesses. Three seats open for board of directors and their board represents community, City Council, FSU and two business owners

Joe Hoffman Standish Street was a representative of FSU twenty years ago on a very limited budget.

Hannah Ehlman has a handmade jewelry business had a great experience located in the Gunter Hotel for the Arts Walk. Probably record sale last year and totally supports Frostburg First.

Gerry LaFemina-209 W. Mechanic Street was a former President Frostburg First. Hired Deirdre and always make events in the downtown a great experience.

Kenny Moore lived at 214 Delano Ave. and moved to Garrett County children had went to Beall High School. Chooses to shop Frostburg because of the great community and acceptance

Donnell Keech of Cumberland always comes to Frostburg to purchase books at Main street Books and has several meeting in Clatter and Mt. City Creamery. Whenever she has client that need to stay over she will have them stay at The Hotel Gunter and have them have a beverage at Dig Deep.

Sarah Prammawat owns a business Café Oasis in the Frostburg Plaza and is now has a location on Main Street under the Main Street Pub called The Lunchbox and is so happy she is able to participate in several events.

Carmen Jackson is grateful for events that keep her daughter bringing her grandchildren back to participate in and gives her more opportunity to see her grandchildren.

**B.** Ordinance 2025-02 An Ordinance to Repeal and Reenact with Amendment sections of the City Code pertaining to the City's Leak Adjustment Policy, for the purpose of establishing a leak protection program. Elaine Jones, CPA, Director of Finance.

Motion and Second to Approve the Ordinance on First Reading, and set the May 20, 2025 Council Meeting as an advertised Public Hearing; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

**C.** Ordinance 2025-03 An Ordinance to Renumber and Enact a new section of City Code for the purpose of establishing a tax credit for members of Frostburg Fire Department, No.1. Elaine Jones, CPA, Director of Finance.

Motion and Second to Approve the Ordinance on First Reading, and set the May 20, 2025 Council Meeting as an advertised Public Hearing; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey.

Mayor Todd Logsdon abstain from vote being a member of the fire company.

Motion carried.

**D. Resolution 2025-15** Declare Street Department 2011 Chevy Truck Surplus. Hayden Lindsey, Acting City Administrator.

Motion and Second to Approve Resolution 2025-15; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Public Works Ritchey, Seconded by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe.

Motion carried.

E. Resolution 2025-16 Temporary Repeal of the Open Container Law for the FrostburgFirst Spring Arts Walk on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Chief Nick Costello.

Motion and Second to Approve Resolution 2025-16; PUBLIC COMMENT; Vote of the Mayor and City Council.

Motion made by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove.

Motion carried

#### 12. Open Public Comment

Motion made by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove.

Motion Carried.

Melanie Moore 06:44 PM-CES Events at Frostburg State University-Frostburg First helps funding programming and workshops and lectures and food related events. On their web page a public comment reported asset to the community and World Class Performances.

Clory Jackson-6:47 PM-Frostburg First is national statewide program accreditation and the public thanks Frostburg First staff- and funding has been ten fold of which its all poured back in.

Carmen Jackson-06:54 Road (hill) that goes from Sheetz to the Plaza would be beneficial for two way traffic and would help traffic and students that walk. Road privately owned and city can contact but is a SHA improvement project.

Kelli Mears-06:49 59 Linden Street, herself and her partner chose Frostburg because of Frostburg first and they deserve funding.. Resources and people disappearing, demand s by highest court dismissed by executive decision. Frostburg First is a welcoming manner for Frostburg.

Gerry LaFemina-0659 cannot say enough about the events in Frostburg. They had an Art Event and hats off to Brian Vought who was just a great help with everything along with Chief Costello.

#### 13. Adjournment

Mayor Todd Logsdon adjourned meeting @ 07:00 PM

Motion made by Commissioner of Water, Parks and Recreation Forsythe, Seconded by Commissioner of Public Safety Grove.

Motion Carried

Mayor Todd J. Logsdon

Lydia Claar, Acting Deputy City Administrator