Approved Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 10, 2023

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on July 10, 2023. Those in attendance were Council Members Gregg Labatte, Gale Strandlund, and Tyler Harris. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain; and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and recognized the guests present. Mayor Crain asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns.

Minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting were read. Council member Tyler Harris made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Mayor Crain reported that Alan continues to fill potholes around Town, and she asked if there were any areas of concern that may need to be looked at. Councilman Tyler Harris stated there is a pothole near Yvonne Ryder’s property that should be filled. Mayor Crain reported that she has called the County to have them spray for weeds at the lagoon and stated there will also be a DEQ employee here this month to do an inspection of the lagoon.

Sheriff’s Report: Deputy Ellerton was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Deputy Ellerton stated there were 6 calls for assistance during June which included a hit-and-run and a custodial interference call. They also continue to do business door security checks.

Old Business:

Update on ARPA Project: Mayor Crain reported that Greg Lukasik and Autumn Holman of Great West Engineering came to the office to give an update on the ARPA projects funding. The Town is able to move forward with the projects and can begin submitting invoices for reimbursement. Joey Martinsen was in attendance and inquired about using excess money to purchase grinder pumps for the lift stations to help avoid issues that the lift station had in the past. Council agreed that if there was a substantial amount of excess funding, it would be a good idea to look into grinder pumps.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. For those on the list that have not responded to calls or letters, door hangers will be distributed.

Other Old Business: Councilman Greg Labatte inquired about what was done to help with the mosquito issue discussed at the June Council meeting. Mayor Crain stated that she purchased and distributed tablets around to the wet areas and also emptied several tires that were holding water.

Mayor Crain also reported that she contacted Bryan Davidson who agreed to look at doing the work for replacing the Community Center doors.

New Business:

BaRSAA and Gas Tax Funds: Clerk LeAnn Johnson explained that changes are being made to the BaRSAA and Gas Tax distributions. The Town will no longer have to submit an application for the

BaRSAA funds. They will be received in a lump sum payment for this year and then will be combined with the regular Gax Tax monthly deposits in the future. Mayor Crain asked for input from those present on where they think the extra funds should be used, as the funds are reserved for street repairs and maintenance. The need for maintenance on alleys in Town was discussed.

Budget Items: Mayor Crain reported that Clerk LeAnn Johnson is working on the budget for FYE 2024. The budget will have to be approved in September and a public hearing will be held to go over the line items.

Building Permits: Council looked over a building permit for a fence being constructed on a lot owned by Jordan Smith. Mayor Crain has communicated with Jordan her concern for the location, as construction has begun, and it has been placed very close to the Town’s sewer main line and public right-of-way. After discussion, Councilman Gregg Labatte made a motion to approve the building permit with a stipulation that the lot-owner is aware the fence will need to be removed at the owner’s expense if it interferes with Town sewer line maintenance. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jordan will sign the permit application with a disclaimer stating that it will be his responsibility to remove the fence at his expense if at any time it interferes with the public right-of-way, such as sewer line or power line maintenance.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Mayor Crain asked Council to look over the claims for July 2023. After review, Tyler Harris made a motion for the clerk to remit payment on all claims. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Mayor Crain reported that the cook for the Senior Citizen meals (Gloria Giese) would like the Town to look into moving the air conditioning unit in the large area of the Community Center.

Chief Deputy Patrick O’Connor asked to address Council about the future budget and projected contract amount for the Town to continue to contract services with the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. He stated that it is very expensive to cover the area that they have to cover and there is a need to increase the contracted amount. He encouraged anyone to visit with him that may have any questions or concerns.

Deputy Ellerton reported to Council that the new interim County Attorney has been active in the County with the clean-up of nuisance properties. He stated that the County Attorney has jurisdiction over the Municipalities, and the Town can give him a list of properties needing to be cleaned-up so he can help with enforcement of the nuisance ordinance. Deputy Ellerton encouraged the Town to come up with a list of properties that he can pass on to the County Attorney’s office.

With no further business, Mayor Crain adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM. The next regular Council meeting will be August 14, 2023.

 Mayor: Clerk: