Minutes

Approved

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 2024

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on March 18, 2024. Those in attendance were Council Members Tyler Harris, Gregg Labatte, Laurie Young, and Gale Strandlund. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain and Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and recognized the guests present. Mayor Crain asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns.

Minutes from the February 19, 2024 Public Hearing on HB 355 Priority List were read by Mayor Crain. Council member Laurie Young made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried. Clerk LeAnn Johnson read the minutes from the February 19, 2024 regular Council meeting. Council member Gregg Labatte made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Tyler Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was present to report. He reported the water is back on at the Northern Lights Park. The hydrant is frozen, so he will check on it again as the weather warms up. He reported that he has contacted the City of Plentywood to inquire about the plastic liner they put in, to help decide if that would be a good option for the wastewater line running under Highway 16 to the lift station. He reported that he recently fixed a toilet in the women’s bathroom at the Community Center, as a screw had rusted off on a valve.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department.

Old Business:

ARPA Project Update: Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that the first draw still has not been completed, as the DNRC has asked for more information regarding the budget plan for the remaining curb stops to be replaced. LeAnn has been working on completing the additional information requested.

Fire Hall Addition: Alan Engelke reported that Ellerkamp Construction is interested in putting in a bid for the fire hall addition project. Council discussed some ideas for funding the large project and agreed it is necessary to get a few quotes to get an idea of approximately how much funding is needed for the project.

HB 355 Application: Mayor Crain reported that the March 30th deadline for the HB 355 Grant is quickly approaching. She stated she will help make calls for quotes for the Town Office roof, and stated she will also help stress the urgency to Great West Engineering on getting the Pace Construction report for the sewer line inspection.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. Discussion was held on getting tougher on collections for the delinquent accounts. Mayor Crain stated that she will make calls this week to those on the list. Door hangers will also be distributed, and letters will be mailed to those on the list.

New Business:

Order Gravel: The Town is in need of gravel for street maintenance, and has the funds needed to purchase it. The previous delivery source, Daryl Synan, has sold his gravel truck. After discussion, Council decided the Town should check with a couple people that have been delivering to the area.

Building Permits: There were no new building permits to review.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment - Mayor Crain asked the Council to look over the claims for March 2024. Council discussed the Claim from Great West Engineering for professional services in January and February. Council voiced concerns about not yet receiving the Pace Construction report and not yet receiving the funding from the ARPA project draw. Council member Laurie Young made a motion to approve and pay the March claims, but asked the clerk to hold on to the payment for Great West Engineering until the Pace Construction report is received. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Alan Engelke reported Kaitlyn Dahlberg has requested water and sewer services for the old Firehall and adjacent lots on 2nd Ave S. He explained the sewer line is very close to the building and should be easy to access. However, a new water line will need to be dug, and he feels the best option would be to run from 1st Street S and down the alley behind the post office. Alan will take a closer look at some options for the water line and will visit more with Kaitlyn.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next regular Council meeting will be April 8, 2024.

 Mayor: Clerk: