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Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 18, 2016

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on July 18, 2016. Those present were Council Members Dan Kjelshus, Gale Strandlund, Gregg Labatte, and Dan Mogen. Also present was Public Works Director, Odean Kilsdonk and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Sheri Crain called the meeting to order at 6:34. Visitors were recognized. The minutes from the June 13, 2016 meeting were read. Gale Strandlund made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dan Mogen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Odean reported that there have recently been some issues with the old lift station pump at the lift station outside of town. The pump has been only functioning part of the time, and Sheridan Electric has worked on it. He stated it seems to be functioning properly the last few days. Mayor Crain asked that Odean make sure he checks on it every day as part of his daily routine.

Town Tractor: Odean reported that the roads are getting rough and a tractor is needed in order to work on them. Sheri stated that Dick Erdahl is willing to work on the streets and has permission to use equipment owned by the County. Council reported they recently looked at a couple tractors but have not found a good fit for the Town yet. After discussion, Council decided the target price for a tractor would be $50,000 or less. Mayor Crain stated that she and Council will get more information and table the purchase of the tractor until next month.

Public Works Director Report (Continued): Sheri reported that the Montana Department of Labor recently came to the office and did a safety inspection of the Town office and both shops. A detailed report of any deficiencies were received recently and Odean has been working on getting these items into compliance. Sheri reported that Gale Strandlund got the fogger going and had to get a new battery for it and replaced a spring. Gale is willing to run the fogger, but is crunched for time. Mayor Crain stated once they decide on a time for the fogging, she will put the message board out on Main Street and will have LeAnn post an alert on the website.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present from the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department to report. Mayor Crain stated that the only complaint she is currently aware of was from the fireworks that were let off during the street dance. They were not taken down to the ballpark as was previously discussed, and the Sheriff’s Department did get called once they started being lit on Main Street.

Old Business:

Great West Engineering Update-Sheri reported that the Town recently received a letter from DEQ stating that the SRF Department is planning to fund some of the lower-ranked projects on the PPL that are ready to proceed, but Froid was not on that list. The letter also stated proceeding with those projects should in no way affect funding of our project.

Town Lawnmower- Rod reported that he has been working to keep up on the mowing, and plans to pick up new blades for the mower in Minot.

Town Website- LeAnn reported that the website seems to be functioning well and reported that she recently took in her first on-line credit card payment.

Delinquencies were reviewed. Letters will be mailed and phone calls made to those on the list.

New Business:

2016-2017 Budget Items- LeAnn reported she is continuing to work on the new budget and explained that she will now be adding in the unexpected expense of a new computer and possibly a new printer. After discussion it was decided that Alan Engelke should be contacted to inquire about what to budget for labor costs for working on Gregg Labatte’s meter pit as well as putting in the three new meter pits the Town has already purchased.

Building Permits-Zoning Committee Update: Gregg Labatte reported that Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering recently met with the available members of the Zoning Committee to help clarify some of the questions they had. Mr. Lukasik will be sending the Committee some application forms and fee schedules to look over and explained that Great West would be willing to, for a fee, look over any permits passed on to them to check for compliance with state and county laws. Robert Kjelshus was in attendance to present to Council a building permit. After discussion, Dan Mogen made a motion to approve Robert’s building permit as presented. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carred.

After reviewing the claims, Dan Mogen made a motion to authorize the Clerk to remit payment. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be August 8th at 6:30pm.

Clerk: Mayor:

Mayor Sheri Crain Clerk LeAnn Johnson

Town Council Dan Kjelshus Dan Mogen Gale Strandlund Gregg Labatte