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Corrected Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 14, 2016

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on March 14, 2016. Those present were Mayor Sheri Crain and Council Members Dan Kjelshus, Gale Strandlund, and Gregg Labatte. Also present was Public Works Director, Odean Kilsdonk and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Sheri Crain called the meeting to order at 7:49, following the public hearing on the wastewater study. Visitors were recognized. The minutes from the February meeting were read. Dan ~~Mogen~~  (Kjelshus) made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Odean reported that the Town received another letter from the MT DEQ regarding the lead and copper testing requirements. The new letter stated that the number of test sites will need to be increased from 5 to 10. The first one will need to be completed by the end of June. Odean will work on identifying those five additional testing sites. Odean reported that the MT Highway Department patched up some of the potholes in town. Sheri stated that she had called the State Highway Department and asked about the potholes and were told that Froid is at the top of their list to get Main Street swept. Odean reported that the Town does still have some gravel left and he will look into getting a pallet of road patch. Odean briefed the Council on the water conference he attended in Great Falls.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present to report for the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Sheri reported that she recently called dispatch to file a complaint of dogs at large. A deputy responded right away. Mayor Crain feels that the Town may need to look into enforcing the licensing of dogs.

Old Business:

Zoning Committee: Mayor Crain reported there is a sign-up sheet for those interested in being on the zoning committee. The sheet will be available in the Clerk’s office.

Great West Update: Chad Hanson of Great West was in attendance to update the Council on the wastewater project. Chad presented Council with Amendment No. 1 to Task No. 2. The amendment amount totals $25,500 for additional compensation to Great West to complete the TSEP, DNRC-RRGL, and USDA RD funding applications. Chad recommended that if necessary the Town could look into the possibility of obtaining an Intercap loan to cover the additional costs. After discussion, Greg Labatte made a motion to proceed with amending task order No. 1, and paying Great West the additional $25,500 for their services. Dan Kjelshus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Delinquencies were reviewed and Council was updated on the status of each account on the 90-day list.

Growth Policy: Mayor Crain reported that Brent Moore of CTA has asked for a public hearing to be held before the April Town Council meeting for comment on the final adoption of Froid’s Growth Policy.

New Business:

Councilman Dan Kjelshus reported that as of June 1st, Great Plains Equipment plans to end their lease program that the Town currently participates in. This means the Town will be left without a tractor. Dan ran through some pricing options for different models available to the Town for purchase and reported that there are also 5 and 7 year financing options available through Great Plains Equipment. Sheri reported the Froid School will be in the same situation and would like to see if sharing a tractor with the school could be an option.

LeAnn, Sheri, and Halvar Olstead recently had a phone conference with Dana Sears of Immense Impact, LLC to go over options for creating a webpage for the Town. Council was presented with the estimate which included a one-time set up fee, as well as an annual subscription quote. It was suggested to Council that they may want to look into the possibility of having the BPA group from the school help out with building and maintaining a Town website for a substantially lower cost. Councilmen agreed to table any action concerning the website until the April Town Council meeting.

Building Permits: Council looked over and approved two new building permits.

After reviewing the claims, Gale Strandlund made a motion to pay them. Dan Kjelshus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Melanie Grainger and Jamie Holte were in attendance to inquire about the Town’s permitting process or possible re-zoning process, as they are looking to purchase a property to open a deli/coffee house. Mayor Crain stated that there is no licensing fee but asked that they get the Town a copy of their business plan for the zoning commission to look over.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:48.

Clerk: Mayor:

Mayor Sheri Crain Clerk LeAnn Johnson

Town Council Dan Kjelshus Dan Mogen Gale Strandlund Gregg Labatte