Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 16, 2019

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on December 16, 2019. Those present were Councilmen Dan Mogen, Dan Kjelshus, Gale Strandlund, and Gregg Labatte. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Visitors were recognized and signed the attendance sheet.

Minutes from the November 12, 2019 regular Council meeting were read. Gale Strandlund made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dan Mogen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Crain thanked Council for being present and for contributing time to benefit the Town. She invited them to share in opening the Christmas gifts given to the Town by Great West Engineering at the end of the meeting.

Public Works Director Report: Odean was not present to report. Councilman Labatte reported that Odean used flex seal to repair the leak on the roof of the Town office. Mayor Crain stated that she feels that something should be done to repair the roof in the spring or summer as it is in rough shape. Gregg Labatte stated that another option may be using a vinyl cover on the roof, as that is what was recently used on the Catholic Church in Culbertson. Mayor Crain also reported that she has asked Odean to check on the lift station pumps and circulation pump more regularly.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Mayor Crain asked LeAnn to read aloud the emails received from the town clerks from Culbertson and Bainville regarding the lack of reporting and lack of code enforcing from the Sheriff’s Department. Council discussed that both Towns have the same concerns that our current Council has voiced for the last year. Council would like to see the three Towns come together and possibly meet in Culbertson to discuss some options.

Old Business:

Wastewater System Update: Mayor Crain read aloud an email from Greg Lukasik of Great West engineering with the latest wastewater system update. There should not be any activity at the lagoon site until Spring, when construction resumes.

Heating and Cooling System Update: Dan Mogen reported that the Fire Department met and made the decision to pay off the remaining balance on the Sheridan Heating and Cooling invoice. They also decided they would no longer cover the propane bill for heating the fire station end of the Community Center. The responsibility for the bill will be turned back to the Town. Councilman Mogen also reported that the Fire Department is looking to purchase some new tables for the Community Center. Mayor Crain stated that the Fire Department should contact the GIA group, as they are also looking to purchase some tables for the Community Center.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Acct Receivables: Delinquencies were reviewed. Letters will be sent out and phone calls will be made to those on the list.

New Business:

MAPS Training: Mayor Crain reported that she and LeAnn will be attending a free MAPS training in Culbertson tomorrow morning and invited any Council member that is available to attend.

LEPC Meeting: Mayor Crain attended the Froid School Board meeting last week to discuss the possibility of placing the new fire siren for the Town on school property. Council previously discussed the need for a siren on that portion of Town. The school had some questions on the matter, so it was tabled. Council discussed other options for placement around Town. Mayor Crain explained that the grant Lindsey McNabb has secured for the new sirens will cover the cost for the pole, the siren, and the installation. Mayor Crain stated that she plans to attend the next LEPC meeting in Culbertson in January and will get more details on the project.

Building Permits: There are no new building permits to review. Mayor Crain asked Penny Ryder about her intentions to get her improvements completed to the trailer that was moved onto her property last year, as the December 31st deadline is approaching. Mayor Crain requested that Penny present Council with a letter stating what her plans are and explaining any reason the deadline may not be met.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Council looked over claims presented for December. Council discussed the increase in the MDU bill for the baseball field, as the presence of out of Town hunters/campers has spiked the power usage. Mayor Crain explained that she strongly feels that the camping will need to be handled differently in the future. Dan Kjelshus made a motion for the clerk to remit payment on all claims. Dan Mogen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20. The next regular council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020.

Mayor: Clerk: