Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 13, 2020

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on January 13, 2020. Those present were Councilmen Dan Mogen, Dan Kjelshus, and Gregg Labatte. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Visitors were recognized and signed the attendance sheet.

Minutes from the December 16, 2019 regular Council meeting were read. Dan Kjelshus made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Odean was not present to report. Mayor Crain reported that due to family medical reasons, Odean may need to be away from work for several days. In his absence, it was discussed that Roy Radabah may be able to run the tractor for any necessary snow removal. Mayor Crain stated that she will have someone help her check the water level in the pit at the water tower to be sure the circulation pump does not get wet. Roy is also currently working on building some additional garbage racks for the Town.

Sheriff’s Report: Michael Ellerton of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department was in attendance and gave a report. Mayor Crain thanked Deputy Ellerton for coming to the meeting and voiced the concerns the Council has had for quite some time with the lack of reporting from the Sheriff’s Department. She suggested that a monthly email update or report would be useful for Council for the months that no one is able to attend the Council meetings. Deputy Ellerton stated that he will try to attend when possible and will look into getting a report for Council when he can’t attend. He shared that the Sheriff’s Department responded to 10 cases in the Froid area in November (5 rural and 5 in Town) and 3 calls in December (2 in Town). He reported that some arrests did result from those calls. Deputy Ellerton also reported that he continues to do routine after hours door checks of the businesses and Community Center in Froid.

Old Business:

Wastewater System Update: Mayor Crain reported that the Lagoon project is at a standstill until Spring. There was one claim submitted for approval this month from Great West Engineering for administration charges for the past month. This invoice will not be run through any of the funding agencies and will be considered as part of the Town’s portion for funding, which was agreed upon in the original contract.

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.

MAPS Training Recap: Mayor Crain reported that she and LeAnn attended a free training put on by MAPS (Midwest Assistance Program) in Culbertson on December 17th at the Dry Prairie building. Sheri felt the training was beneficial, and especially enjoyed being able to interact with representatives from neighboring municipalities with similar daily concerns and issues.

New Business:

LEPC Meeting: Mayor Crain reported to Council that the scheduled LEPC meeting has gotten moved back a week to January 21st in Culbertson. Mayor Crain plans to attend to get more details on the installation of the additional fire siren in Town.

Re-appointment of Councilmen: Mayor Crain re-appointed Councilmen Gregg Labatte and Gale Strandlund. Gregg Labatte was swarn in and read aloud his Oath of Office. In the absence of Gale Strandlund, Mayor Crain stated that he will be swarn in at a later date.

Building Permits: There are no new building permits to review. Penny Ryder was in attendance and reported that the trailer house she moved into Town was recently skirted.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Council looked over claims presented for January. Dan Mogen made a motion for the clerk to remit payment on all claims. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried. The invoice for the remaining balance due to Sheridan Heating and Cooling will be mailed to Fire Chief Dave Clark for payment.

With no further business, Dan Mogen made a motion to adjourn. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 7:35. The next regular council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2020.