Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2017

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on November 13, 2017. Those present were Mayor Sheri Crain and Council Members Gale Strandlund, Gregg Labatte, Dan Kjelshus, and Dan Mogen. Also present was Public Works Director, Odean Kilsdonk and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Visitors were recognized. The minutes from the October 9, 2017 meeting were read. Dan Mogen made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Odean was present to report. He stated that he has begun installation of the new water meters. He plans to get all the meter pits completed before the winter weather gets too severe and will also continue to replace all the residential and commercial meters. Odean reported that Dry Prairie was having some issues with the transmitter for their SCADA monitoring software, so the water tower will be placed on-line once this is fixed. Otherwise the water tower is ready to be placed into operation.

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

Water Meter Project/Water Tower Project Update: (See Public Works Report above).

Lagoon Project Update: Mayor Crain read a report from Great West Engineering regarding the status of the lagoon project. A response was not received from the Reiter family from the initial letter sent by the Town regarding the purchase of the land needed for the new lagoon. After discussion, Council recommended that another letter be sent with an addition of a second option. This option would be an exchange of land with the Reiter family. Council looked over the appraisal that had been completed and will use it as the guideline for an offer on the land purchase.

Election Results: Mayor Crain presented the official canvas from the recent municipal election. Councilmen Dan Mogen and Dan Kjelshus have been re-elected to each serve another 4-year term.

Review of Accounts Receivables: Delinquencies were reviewed. Letters will be mailed and phone calls made to those on the list.

New Business:

Neighborhood Watch Program: Mark and Suzie Russell presented Council with information regarding the implementation of a Neighborhood Watch Program for the community of Froid. Mr. and Mrs. Russell would be willing to take the lead on carrying out the program and would help educate those interested in learning more about it. Suzie reported that she has registered Froid on-line and has looked into other communities in the area that participate in the Neighborhood Watch Program. They have priced out signs that would be placed around town and plan to fund the purchase of the first couple signs. Suzie requested that she be given names of anyone that may be interested in participating in order to proceed. The Russell’s stated that there is no financial commitment or monthly fee, and no liability to the Town. Mayor Crain explained that it is not necessary to have Town approval to carry out the program, but the Town Council would support its implementation.

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Property Insurance Quotes: Council looked over property insurance quotes the Town received from O’Dea Agency, LLC and MMIA. After discussion and comparison of the two quotes, Dan Mogen made a motion to cancel the Town’s current policy with HUB International and switch to MMIA for the Town’s property insurance provider. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no new building permit requests.

Dan Levandowski read a letter to Council written by his mother, Phyllis Levandowski, explaining her concerns with the area surrounding her property. Council looked over pictures and maps and participated in discussion with Dan and Phyllis regarding access to their current property. Mayor Crain stated that the Town has not been maintaining the area, as it is not property owned by the Town. The Levandowski’s concerns will be looked into further.

After review of the claims, Dan Kjelshus made a motion for the clerk to remit payment. Dan Mogen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Mayor Crain read an email from Penny Ryder regarding the piling of snow on her property. The Town will be careful to keep piles away from residences if possible.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48.

The next regular council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 11, 2017.

 Mayor: Clerk: