Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 14, 2017

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on August 14, 2017. Those present were Mayor Sheri Crain and Council Members Dan Kjelshus, Gale Strandlund, and Dan Mogen. Also preset 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 June 12th, 2017 Public Hearing for comment on the rate increase for sewer and water services were read. Gale Strandlund made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dan Kjeshus seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes from the June 12th regular Council Meeting were read. Dan Mogen made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes from the July 10, 2017 regular Council Meeting were read. Gale Strandlund made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dan Kjelshus seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes from the July 18, 2017 special Council meeting were read. Dan Kjelshus made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Odean was present to report. He reported the Town recently received some gravel from the State. Odean called Sheridan Electric to look at the newer lift station pump that had a glitch. They determined that there was a bad wire connection. Odean reported that Maguire Iron has been in Town and dropped off some equipment. They will begin work this week and will have 45 days to complete the project. Mayor Crain reported that the Site Title Opinion has been completed by Laura Christoffersen for the water tower project. Sheri also reported that the color of the storage tank will be very similar to the existing color.

Sheriff’s report: Tim Lingle was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. He reported that it has been relatively busy lately, with a noticeable increase in the number of burglaries in the County. He reported that construction of the new jail is on track and there will be an open house later this month.

Old Business:

Water Tower Project Update: Mayor Crain reported that everything is in order and work on water tower improvements will begin any day.

Water Meters: LeAnn reported that the new meters recently got ordered. They will be delivered in approximately 6 weeks and then Odean will begin installation.

Lagoon Project Update: Mayor Crain reported that a letter was recently sent to members of the Reiter family for the purchase of the additional 5.7 acres of land needed to complete the lagoon project. An appraiser for the land has been contacted by recommendation of Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering.

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

New Business:

Nuisance Ordinance: Mayor Crain explained that another letter is needing to go out to those residents that are not taking care of their properties. She questioned Deputy Lingle about how best to enforce the current ordinance in place. Councilman Strandlund asked the rest of Council how they feel about issuing a fine to those that are non-compliant. After discussion, Council agreed that implementation of a fine seems necessary as very little improvement has been seen with the previous letters that were mailed. Councilman Strandlund also stated that there is a resident in Town that would like to get rid of some vehicles that currently are not in running condition, but the resident is unsure of how to go about disposing of them. Mayor Crain reported that she has a name and number for a gentleman that will come to Froid and get the vehicles free of charge, as he gets reimbursed from the state. Councilman Strandlund also voiced his concern about the Town’s growing tree pile on the edge of Town, as he has had some residents come to him with concerns about it. Dan Mogen reported that the Fire Department is needing to wait until snow falls before they burn it. Mayor Crain stated that she will contact the lot-owner concerning reports that they are unhappy with the pile.

Budget Hearing: LeAnn reported that approval of the Fiscal Year End 2018 Budget needs to be completed by Thursday, September 7th, 2016. After discussion, Council set the Public Budget Hearing for Wednesday, September 6th at 6:15 PM.

Survey: A resident asked for the possibility of the Town to get a survey completed on a property in Town so that residents could use it has a basis for finding property lines. Mayor Crain stated that the Town recently paid to have the water tower lot surveyed, so the residents may use that lot for reference.

There were no new building permit requests.

Other Business:

Odean reported that he will be working on fencing off the lift station outside of Town for easier access.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28.

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

 Mayor: Clerk: