Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 18, 2022

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on July 18, 2022. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Laurie Young, and Tyler Harris. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain; Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson; and Public Works Director, Michael O’Toole.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and recognized the guests present. Minutes from the June 13, 2022 meeting were read. Mayor Crain asked for a correction to be made to the address/location of the potential BaRSAA project. Council member Laurie Young made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff’s Report: Deputy Michael Ellerton was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff's Department. Mayor Crain asked Deputy Ellerton if he had any updates on any break-ins or burglaries around Town. He reported that nothing has been reported to the Sheriff’s Department. After discussing the concerns that had been reported in the June Council meeting minutes, Mayor Crain clarified that the Sheriff’s Department had called her to let her know that the reason they used a window to gain access to a residence was because the window was already broken. They also explained that they had intended to board up the window, but it was already done when they went back. Deputy Ellerton also followed up on the June concern of a resident carrying a handgun.

Public Works Director Report: Michael O’Toole reported that he has been taking the daily water samples and has been filling potholes. Council Member Tyler Harris stated that he has received compliments from residents on the potholes being patched. Mayor Crain reported the Town purchased a new Chlorometer for taking samples. She asked Michael to use the tractor to push down the contents of the recycle bin and also passed on a request for a new water meter at a residence. Council member Gale Strandlund reported that he has spayed for mosquitos 3 times so far this summer.

Old Business:

ARPA Project Update: Mayor Crain read the latest ARPA update correspondence from Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering explaining the upcoming projects and funding sources. Mayor Crain stated that she plans to ask Greg to attend one of the next Council meetings to help give further details of the planned projects.

2nd Ave South Maintenance: Resident Penny Ryder was in attendance and had emailed the Town with a concern regarding the 2nd Ave South storm drain work that was done by Franz Construction. After discussion, Mayor Crain let Penny know she will share Penny’s concerns with Franz Construction.

Water Rates: Mayor Crain let Council know that with the increase in the Dry Prarie Rural Water rates, the Town should be looking further into the necessity to raise Town water rates. Clerk LeAnn Johnson will contact someone from the Midwest Assistance Program to help with finding the Town’s target rate and an accurate debt service fee.

Mowing and Charging for Unkept and Neglected Properties: Mayor Crain voiced her concerns over the abundance of neglected properties. She asked Council if they were aware of anyone that might be interested in mowing and cleaning up properties on behalf of the Town. The Town would then charge the property-owner for the time and labor involved in the cleanup/mowing. Council member Tyler Harris stated that he would help out if necessary. Mayor Crain will ask around to see if she can find a resident to help with the cleanup.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. A new bill will be going out tomorrow. For those on the list that have not responded to calls or letters, door hangers will be distributed.

New Business:

Computer System Upgrades-Approval of Bid: Council looked over the proposal from Morrison Maierle Systems for new computers and technical support for the Town office. After discussion, Council member Laurie Young made a motion to approve the proposed bid. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Building Permits: There were no new building permits to present.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Mayor Crain asked Council to look over the claims for July. After review, Gale Strandlund made a motion for the clerk to remit payment on all claims. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business: Penny Ryder voiced her concern that some ordinances are followed while some are not required to be followed. Mayor Crain asked her to be more specific in her concerns. Penny gave the dog ordinance as an example. After discussion, Mayor Crain suggested that if Penny would like to volunteer to collect dog licenses each year, the Town would appreciate the help. Penny has agreed to do so.

With no further business, Mayor Crain adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm. The next regular Council meeting will be August 8, 2022.

 Mayor: Clerk: