Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 8, 2021

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on September 8, 2021. Those in attendance were Councilmen Dan Kjelshus, Dan Mogen, Gregg Labatte, and Gale Strandlund. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain;Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson; and Public Works Director, Odean Kilsdonk.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm following the 6:30 PM Public Budget Hearing. Due to the lack of a quorum last month, Mayor Crain asked Council if they had looked over the minutes from the July 12, 2021 regular Council meeting as well as the July 12, 2021 Public Hearing on Annexation. Dan Mogen made a motion to accept both the July 12 regular meeting minutes and the July 12, 2021 Public Hearing on Annexation minutes as written. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes from the August 16, 2021 regular Council meeting were read. Dan Mogen made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Odean reported that materials have been purchased for the installation of the fence around the lift station and generator outside of Town. He stated that he has cemented the corner posts and will be finishing the installation soon. The fence will be used to keep cows and sheep out and allow easier access to the lift station. Odean also reported that he will be wrapping up the mowing around Town. Gregg Labatte stated that a flail mower could be used with the Town tractor for weed control at the lagoon. Dan Kjelsus recommended the Town call Clay Peterson from the Roosevelt County Weed District to get on the list for spraying. Gale Strandlund reported that it would cost about $3500 to purchase or build a 3-point hitch for the ~~tractor~~ sprayer. Odean suggested looking into selling the large 3-phase air compressor in the water treatment plant building. He suggests selling the large one and purchasing a small compressor.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Mayor Crain reported that she was made aware of someone breaking out windows on an older building in Town. She encourages everyone to report any vandalism to the Sheriff’s Department.

Old Business:

Lagoon Update/Fencing /Weed Control- (See Above). Odean reported the generators at both lift stations were recently serviced.

ARPA Funding/Storm Drain Project Update- Mayor Crain read an email from Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering regarding the storm drainage project the Town has been looking into. Included in the email was a cost estimate for the work that Greg felt should be done to correct the drainage issue. Council discussed other possible options for completing the project. After further discussion, Council decided to contact Franz Construction for an estimate and opinion on how they feel the issue could be resolved.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. Letters will be sent out, and phone calls will be made to the properties on the list.

New Business:

Resolution No. 2021-4: Mayor Crain read aloud Resolution No. 2021-4: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Incorporated Town of Froid to Approve and Adopt the Mill Levies for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Gregg Labatte made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-4 as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-5: Gale Strandlund read aloud Resolution No. 2021-5: A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Froid Adopting the Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Dan Kjelshus made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-5 as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-6: Mayor Crain read aloud Resolution No. 2021-6: A Resolution of the Town of Froid, Montana Cancelling the November 2, 2021, General Election of Certain Municipal Officers. Gregg Labatte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-6 as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Garbage Rates for Unoccupied Residences- Mayor Crain reported that a couple new property owners have inquired about the garbage charges for the months their houses will be sitting empty. Council discussed the matter again and reiterated that the Town is still charged the same amount for garbage services every month. They feel it’s necessary for everyone to pay their part to keep the services available and at a reasonable rate for everyone,

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

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Council looked over the August and September 2021 claims. Dan Kjelshus made a motion for the clerk to remit payment on all claims. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business: Dan Kjelshus reported that the Froid Fire Department recently paid to have Sheridan Electric install new lights outside the fire hall.

With no further business, Mayor Crain adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

 Mayor: Clerk: