Minutes

Approved

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2024

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on April 8, 2024. Those in attendance were Council Members Tyler Harris, Gregg Labatte, and Laurie Young. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain and Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and recognized the guests present. Mayor Crain asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns.

Minutes from the March 18, 2024 meeting were read. Council member Gregg Labatte made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was present to report. He updated the Council on the new water service for the lots and building purchased by Kaitlyn Dahlberg. A new curb stop will be put in. He reported that he received confirmation from DEQ that he passed his wastewater certification exam. Alan also informed the Council that a new cutting edge for the Town tractor has been ordered. He called and got a quote for renting a vac trailer to clean out some street valves. The quoted rate was $600/day, and he feels like a day or two would be adequate. He reported that he has been busy filling potholes. Council looked over the memo from Great West regarding the Pace Construction wastewater system findings. Discussion was held on the needed repairs. Alan reported that he has completed the original 5 curb stop replacements that he was contracted to do for the ARPA project.

Sheriff’s Report: Undersheriff John Summers was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff's Department. He presented Council with the new contract proposal for the interlocal agreement between the Town of Froid and the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Crain explained to Council that the Sheriff’s Department hasn’t requested an increase in the contracted amount for services for nearly 10 years. She also pointed out that the amount requested is almost four times the amount the Town currently pays. Undersheriff Summers stated that he can get the Town the stats from the number of calls they respond to in Froid in a year as compared to Culbertson and Bainville. Mayor Crain stated that while she understands that public safety is the Town’s responsibility, she does not feel the Town is capable of paying the large increase that has been requested. She said she will plan to get on the agenda for a County Commissioner’s meeting to voice her concerns.

Old Business:

ARPA Project Update: Mayor Crain reported the Town continues to work with the ARPA grant administrator to gather information required for the project draws.

Fire Hall Addition: Alan Engelke stated that he has received potential bids for the Fire Hall addition. He will be contacting a couple more options for additional bids for the project.

HB 355 Application: Mayor Crain reported that Mark Ellerkamp provided the Town with a quote for roof repairs for the Town Office building. Sheri, LeAnn, and Alan met with Mark to go over his proposal. Mark didn’t feel that a complete roof replacement was necessary. Council looked over the quote from

Ellerkamp Construction of $7,636.00 in repairs. After discussion, Gregg Labatte made a motion to accept Ellerkamp Construction’s proposal for roof repairs. Tyler Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Arbor Day Celebration: Mayor Crain reported that she and clerk LeAnn Johnson would not be able to attend the Arbor Celebration scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th. After discussion, Council changed the Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting ceremony to Tuesday, May 14th at 1:00. Mayor Crain will contact Roy Radabah to have him dig the holes needed for the trees.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. Discussion was held on getting tougher on collections for the delinquent accounts. Mayor Crain stated that she will make calls this week to those on the list. Door hangers will also be distributed, and letters will be mailed to those on the list.

New Business:

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

May Meeting: Mayor Crain let Council members know she will not be in attendance at the May regular Council meeting. Council members present stated they should be able to attend the May meeting, so a change of date would not be necessary.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment - Mayor Crain asked the Council to look over the claims for April 2024. After discussion, Council member Tyler Harris made a motion to pay the April claims. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next regular Council meeting will be May 13, 2024.

Mayor: Clerk: