Minutes

Approved

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2025

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on August 11, 2025. Those in attendance were Council Members Laurie Young, and Tyler Harris. Council Member Gale Strandlund joined the meeting via phone. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain and Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm, welcomed the guests present, and asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns. Penny Ryder was in attendance and presented a type of vape device in a storage bag that she found on her property. She asked Council and Deputy Corbell from the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department if it was something illegal. Deputy Corbell stated that vaping is legal for anyone over 21 years of age. The minutes from the July 14, 2025 Council meeting were read. Council Member Laurie Young made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Mayor Crain asked for public comment. After no public comment, Tyler Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was present to report. Alan reported that he completed the sewer line replacement project. Recent rains have delayed the clean-up of the area. Alan informed Council that a report of findings from the recent sludge judging on the lagoon will be sent to the office. He feels that it will be a positive report. The generator inspectors from Interstate Power Systems performed their annual maintenance and oil changes on both lift station generators. Alan reported that he has been doing some blading, but the area around the railroad tracks holds a lot of the rainwater we have been getting. Mayor Crain reported that the Town lawn mower is at Agland for repairs. Baylee Davidson has been using her personal lawn mower while the Town’s is in the shop for repairs. Mayor Crain also reported that the Town has been doing some weed spraying on Town properties.

Sheriff’s Report: Deputy Russ Corbell was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Council looked over the summary of calls sent to the Town from the Sheriff’s Office. Deputy Corbell reported that there were only two calls in July, including one fire call. He stated that overall, it has been very quiet.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA Project-Curb Stop and Valve Replacement: Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that Alan has ordered parts to do 6 more curb stop replacements with funds from the ARPA grant. She also reported that Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering suggested turning in invoices from the new lift station pump as well as the rebuilding of the old pump to see if they would qualify as covered expenses under ARPA funding.

HB 355 Sewer Project Update- As stated above, the HB 355 Sewer Replacement has been completed. Invoices have been submitted for reimbursement.

2021 Audit Report Recap: Mayor Crain reported that the Town received the FYE 2021 Audit Report. There were no findings. Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that she believes the Town will be due for a financial review soon.

Lift Station Pump Replacement: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke reported that the Town is currently waiting to receive the new pump that was ordered from Peak Water Services and has also not yet received the pump being rebuilt by Dakota Pumps. The lift station has been functioning without the second pump these last few weeks.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accounts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. Door hangers will be distributed, and letters will be mailed to those on the list. Clerk, LeAnn Johnson, reported that 4 tax lien letters were mailed out to delinquent account owners on July 1st. If these accounts are not paid current, the delinquent amount will be attached to the property owner’s property taxes.

New Business:

Opening of Sealed Bids for Sale of Town Surplus Property: Deputy Corbel opened the two sealed bids received for the advertised surplus Town property. Mayor Crain stated that the two bids were lower than the listed market value of approximately $3,500. After discussion, Council Member Tyler Harris made a motion to reject the presented bids and re-advertise with a minimum bid accepted of $3,000. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried. LeAnn will re-post the advertisement with a bid opening date of September 8, 2025.

Street Maintenance Concerns-Possible Street Maintenance District: Council Member Tyler Harris stated that he has had residents inquire about the possibility of bringing it to a tax-payer vote for forming a Street Maintenance District to bring in some funds to help with street repairs. Mayor Crain stated that the Town did have a Park District in past years to help with maintenance of the Town park properties. Tyler stated that he realizes we may be cutting it too close to get it on the upcoming election ballot but is something he feels should be considered in the future. Council also discussed that finding funding for needed sewer system repairs may have to be a priority over street repairs. Concerns regarding street maintenance will be discussed during future Town Council meetings.

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

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Council looked over the claims for August 2025. After discussion, Council member Tyler Harris made a motion to pay the August claims. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Set Public Hearing for FYE 2006 Budget: Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that the FYE 2026 Budget needs to be approved by September 4th, 2025. After discussion, Council set the FYE 2026 Budget Hearing for Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 PM.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Mayor: Clerk: