Minutes

APPROVED

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 9, 2024

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on December 9, 2024. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Laurie Young, and Tyler Harris. Also present were Mayor, Sheri Crain and Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed the guests present and asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns. Scott Westlund of Sheridan Electric addressed the Council, stating that he has been attending Land and Mineral Board meetings and is seeking the Town Council’s help in spreading the word to landowners in the area to be cautious when approached by wind or solar power proposals or easement requests. Alan Engelke stated that oil activity is increasing further north and will likely begin to impact our area.

Minutes from the November 11, 2024 Regular Council meeting were read. Council Member Tyler Harris 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, reported that he has had several water turn-on and shut-off requests in the last couple weeks. Council Member Tyler Harris asked about the generator for the lift station. Alan stated that it is putting hours on and seems to be in working order. Alan reported that he dismantled the large de-humidifier that was in the water treatment area of the Town shop and asked those present if they knew of anyone that might have a use for it. Alan reported that he has also been sweeping streets and sidewalks with his sweeper. He also reported that LED bulbs have been ordered to update the Town office and shop. Mayor Crain reminded Alan that the new LED bulbs still need to be changed out at the library. Mayor Crain stated that there have been some concerns about the vehicles sitting on Main Street and not getting moved to allow for snow removal. Deputy Russell Corbell of Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department stated that there are many sidewalks that are obstructed with overgrowth of weeds and overhanging trees. He stated that a reminder should be sent to the public that sidewalks and alleys should be kept cleared.

Sheriff’s Report: Deputy Corbell was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Council looked over the monthly summary sent to the Town from the Sheriff’s Office. Deputy Corbell stated that it has been quiet in Town, and the 3 calls for service on the report did not result in any arrests. Mayor Crain stated that she feels that having Deputy Corbell’s cop car parked outside his residence on Main Street has helped with the speed of those traveling on Main Street. Council members and Deputy Corbell discussed the recent break-in and theft of property at Ag Partners. The investigation is ongoing.

Unfinished Business:

HB 355 Contract for Sewer Spot Repairs: Council looked over the proposed estimate/bid from Alan Engelke to do the sewer spot repairs funded under awarded HB 355 funds. Council discussed that since the estimate is less than the amount awarded for the repairs, the leftover funds could be useful for the purchase of supplies to have on hand for future repairs. Council Member Laurie Young made a motion to approve the estimate, using any leftover funds to purchase more supplies. Council Member Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried. A Contract will be drawn up with the approved amount, and submitted to comply with the HB 355 requirements.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. Door hangers will be distributed, and letters will be mailed to those on the list.

New Business:

Resolution No. 2024-5: Mayor Crain read Resolution No. 2024-5: A Resolution by the Town Council of the Town of Froid, Montana setting salaries and wages of Elected Officers, Appointed Officers, and Town Employees. Tyler Harris made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-5 as presented. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Building Permits: There were no new building permits.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment - Council looked over the claims for December 2024. After discussion, Council member Laurie Young made a motion to pay the December claims. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Scott Westlund spoke to Council about not being afraid to ask Sheridan Electric for help funding necessary Town projects, as they have money set aside to help out area communities. Mayor Crain stated that for several years, there has been a need to find funding for a large generator for back-up power at the Community Center, as it is the place designated for the public to gather in times of emergency or disaster. Council discussed other needs for the Town. Mayor Crain stated another concern is the lack of house numbers on properties around Town and stated that everyone needs to encourage property owners to display their house numbers on their property. Mayor Crain also reported that the Town Christmas party will be Saturday, December 21st at the Community Center.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM. The next regular Council meeting will be January 13, 2025.

 Mayor: Clerk: