Minutes

Approved

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 20, 2025

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on January 20, 2025. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Laurie Young, Gregg Labatte, and Tyler Harris. Also present were Mayor, Sheri Crain and Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, welcomed the guests present, and asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns. Minutes from the December 9, 2024 Regular Council 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 reported that he has been doing general maintenance and fixed a curb stop for a mobile home. He reported that a regulator for the in-town lift station has been ordered. Alan recently met with an employee of MT Rural Water Systems. Alan took him to look over the lagoon. He told Alan everything at the lagoon sight looks good, and a plan will be made to do a sludge test this summer. Alan updated Council on the light replacement project. He stated that the lights in the Town office and shop have been changed out, and he plans to work on replacing the library lights this week.

Sheriff’s Report: Deputy 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 stated that of the 7 calls reported, there were no arrests. Recent calls included a mental health check as well as a Coroner call. Penny Ryder was present and reported that she has recently had some break-ins at some of her vacant properties. She has not reported them, but visible footprints can be seen around her properties.

Unfinished Business:

Light Replacement Project Completion. (See above in the Public Works Director Report).

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. Mayor Crain reported that she will continue to help try to shorten the delinquency list, as she is aware that many cities and towns are much stricter on their delinquency policies.

New Business:

Arbor Day Proclamation-May 2025. Council discussed the 2025 Arbor Day Proclamation with a proposed date of May 14, 2025 for the tree planting celebration. Council discussed the need for more trees for shade at the baseball field. The same trees purchased from Prairie Winds Nursery the last two years were quoted at $230.00 each for this year. The Town is once again eligible to apply for the $350.00 DNRC Grant. Tyler Harris made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 trees from Prairie Winds Nursery. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Arbor Day Proclamation was approved for May 14, 2025.

Montana Rural Water Annual Conference- March 12-14. Alan will attend the MRWS Annual Conference in Great Falls March 12-14 and will be able to get his required continuing education credits.

Building Permits: There were no new building permits.

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

Other Business: Sheri reported that she has been working on adding more shelves to the Community Center storage room for storage of holiday decorations. Council member Tyler Harris stated that he thinks Council should work on making a list of needs and wants for applying for and searching for grant funds. Sheri also reported that the Friends of the Library donated funds for a projector and screen to be used at the Community Center and Library.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm. The next regular Council meeting will be February 10, 2025.

 Mayor: Clerk: