Minutes

Approved

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 14, 2025

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on July 14, 2025. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Laurie Young, and Tyler Harris. Also present was 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 June 10, 2025 Regular Council meeting were read. Council member Tyler Harris made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was present to report. Alan reported that one of the pumps at the out-of-town lift station broke down and is needing to be replaced. A replacement has been ordered from Peak Water Services. He said he attempted to put one of the Town’s old lift station pumps in to see if it would work as a replacement, but it does not run. He has sent that pump to Dakota Pump to be rebuilt. He reported that a sludge test will be conducted by DEQ on July 22nd to see where the build-up of the sludge measures at the lagoon. Mayor Crain reported that there was a resident concerned about sediment in their water lines at their house. The resident inquired about the schedule for flushing the water hydrants. Alan stated that he does exercise and flush hydrants-usually a few at a time. Alan reported that he will begin the sewer line replacement project being funded by HB 355 Funds soon. He stated that it will be an intricate job, as the water line runs very close to the sewer line. Council Member Tyler Harris asked if any more curb stops have been replaced. Alan said that he hasn’t had the chance to work on curb stops yet this summer.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one 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.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA Project-Curb Stop and Valve Replacement: See Public Works Director Report above.

HB 355 Sewer Project Update- See Public Works Director Report above.

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:

Lift Station Pump Replacement: See Public Works Director Report above.

2021 Audit Report: Mayor Crain reported that the 2021 Audit was finally completed at the beginning of July. It has been submitted to the State of MT, but the Town has not yet received their copies. LeAnn called Auditor, Ross Stalcup, and he said there was a hold-up mailing them out, but the Town should receive them soon. Mayor Crain also stated that in her opinion and due to the delinquency of the 2021 audit being completed, the Town should look into hiring a different Auditing Firm to complete future audits and reviews.

Proposed Replacement of Nemont Tower-Construction of New 80’ Lattice Tower: Mayor Crain and Council looked over the proposed plans submitted to the Town for a replacement cell tower on the Nemont property in Town. The new tower would be substantially higher than the existing tower. After discussion, Council felt the plans did not go against the Town Ordinances but felt the Town should request a copy of the Engineering report to have on file in the Town office.

Approval of Resolution NO. 2025-2: a Resolution of the Town of Froid, Montana Declaring Town-Owned Real Property Located at 203 Main ST as Surplus Property and Authorizing Staff to Dispose of the Property Through Sale. Mayor Crain read Resolution No. 2025-2. Gale Strandlund made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-2 as written. Mayor Crain called for public comment. There was no public comment. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. The sealed bids will be opened at the August 11, 2025 Regular Council meeting. Council Member Tyler Harris suggested placing the notice for accepting sealed bids on the Froid Town Facebook page in addition to placing them in the required locations.

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 July 2025. After discussion, Council member Laurie made a motion to pay the July claims. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried. Clerk, LeAnn Johnson stated that she can hold on to the balance due to the Auditor until the Town receives the hard copies in the mail.

Other Business: Council member, Gale Strandlund reported that he has not had to spray for mosquitos this summer, and he has not heard any complaints of mosquitos in Town. Public Works director, Alan Engelke, reported that Roosevelt County sprayed for weeds at the lagoon recently.

Resident, Penny Ryder is concerned that Nemont employees are filling up her garbage dumpsters, and she feels the Town should be charging them a monthly fee for garbage use. Mayor Crain said she will check into this matter.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm. The next regular Council meeting will be on August 11, 2025.

Mayor: Clerk: