Minutes

Approved

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 10, 2024

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on June 10, 2024. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Laurie Young, and Gregg Labatte. 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. Minutes from the May 13, 2024 meeting were read. Council member Gale Strandlund made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Mayor Crain asked if there was any Public Comment on the minutes. With none voiced, Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was present to report. He reported that he has replaced one more curb stop as part of the ARPA project. He also did some leveling around the railroad tracks. He checked into the location of the sewer line for Ag Partners and found it runs under the building. He will look further into the televising that was recently done for that section. Mayor Crain inquired about the status of the curb stop mapping that was done with MAPS. Alan reported that the project is not yet complete. Alan stated that Ellerkamp Construction removed the incorrect chimney during the roof repair project, so he has been working on replacing some of the parts on the chimney over the shop area.

Sheriff’s Report: Undersheriff Summers was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt Count Sheriff’s Department. He reported that there were 3 calls for Froid in the last week. He also reported that the Sheriff’s Department used a lot of manpower in the recent search for a victim that fell off a bridge. He explained that they were able to enlist the help of other state search and rescue teams with better equipment and better-trained personnel to aid in the search and recovery efforts. Mayor Crain briefed Council on the meeting held in Culbertson between the Sheriff’s Department and the Bainville and Culbertson Mayors and Clerks. Mayor Crain and Council discussed the new contract for the interlocal agreement presented by the Sheriff’s Department. Council member Laurie Young made a motion to accept the contract with the Roosevelt County Sheriff's Department as written. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. There was no public comment presented on the matter. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA Project Update: Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that the Town has received the first draw deposit for reimbursement of ARPA expenses.

HB 355 Application Update: Mayor Crain reported that she contacted Franz Construction for a quote for street repairs near the school in the area where the buses park. The alkali / standing water issue was discussed. Councilman Gregg Labatte mentioned he will be having a tile project done at his farm and stated that he could have the contractors look at the street project. Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, stated that another option would be to have street work done east of the old Bank where water pools.

Fire Hall Addition Update: Mayor Crain stated that she feels the first step in finding funding for the Fire Hall addition would be to get a couple different quotes for the addition, and she would like to see members of the Fire Department show an active interest in fundraising efforts. Alan stated that he would like to see five doors on the addition. LeAnn stated that she can contact the Scobey City Clerk again to see who the contractor will be on their new firehall project. Mayor Crain stated that she could meet with the Firemen to open some communication with what they are wanting.

Arbor Day Celebration Recap: Mayor Crain asked Council if they had seen the photos and article from the Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting ceremony. Sthe reported that Tyler Harris brought a group of kids from school once again. She stated the trees that were planted last year are looking great.

Sheriff’s Department Contract: (See Above in Sheriff’s Report)

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:

Request for Library Improvement: Mayor Crain explained the need for the requested library improvements, as water freezing and dripping on the sidewalk creates a hazard to patrons. Discussion was held on the quote presented. After discussion, Council decided to table the library improvement request until next month’s meeting.

Technology and Public Meetings: Mayor Crain asked guest, Penny Ryder, to speak on behalf of her request for electronic recordings of the Town Council meetings. Mayor Crain explained that HB 890 goes into effect July 1st, which requires cities of certain sizes (depending on population) to record their meetings. She pointed out that Towns are not required to do this. After discussion, Mayor Crain stated that the Town will look further into the cost of the technology required to record meetings electronically.

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

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

Other Business: Mayor Crain stated that she would like to see the Town do a clean-up day and would like to see if Allen Bowker would be willing to donate a couple roll-off dumpsters for the day. She asked Council to start thinking about a good time for this to take place. Mayor Crain also reminded Council that the end of June is the end of the fiscal year, and asked them to think about items that the Town may need to budget for.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm. The next regular Council meeting will be July 8, 2024.

 Mayor: Clerk: