Minutes

Approved

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 13, 2024

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on May 13, 2024. Those in attendance were Council Members Tyler Harris, Gale Strandlund, and Laurie Young. Also present was Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

In the absence of Mayor Crain, Councilman Gale Strandlund called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and recognized the guests present. Councilman Strandlund asked if Roosevelt County Undersheriff, John Summers, would like to present his report at the top of agenda in case he needed to leave. Undersheriff Summers asked Council if they had a chance to look over the newly drafted Interlocal Agreement between the Town and the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Council discussed the large decrease from the amount previously presented. Undersheriff Summers stated that Sheriff Frederick met with the County Commissioners and the County Attorney to discuss what they felt was fair and appropriate to ask from the Town. Council member, Tyler Harris, stated that he thinks the new amount seems great as long as the Sheriff’s Department feels like it is adequate. After discussion, Council decided to table the signing of the agreement until the June meeting to allow Mayor Crain to take a look at the new contract.

Minutes from the April 8, 2024 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, was present to report. He reported that Les Scanlan has completed the replacement of the 2 manholes that he was contracted to do for the ARPA project. He also reported that he has completed the water line project behind the post office for Kaitlyn Dahlberg which included a new curb stop. Alan stated that a total of 10 loads of gravel have been purchased and dispersed around Town. He also reported on the curb stop mapping project he has been working on with Devin Beal of Midwest Assistance Program. Alan stated that he and Devin worked on locating the curb stops on the lots in Town for approximately 12 hours. They also found more curb stops needing to be replaced while mapping. Alan also reported that the water depot is in working order, but he has been having a problem with mice in the building.

Sheriff’s Report: (see above in minutes) Council Member Strandlund asked if there were any other concerns that Council had for Undersheriff Summers. Undersheriff Summers reported there was only 1 call in the Froid area in the last week. He also reported that deputies have been busy attending instructor and coroner training. There is also a new rookie that has been training and doing ride-a longs.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA Project Update: Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that she met the ARPA Grant Administrator at the Clerk’s Institute she attended last week. She also reported that the manhole project completed came in under-budget.

Fire Hall Addition: Alan Engelke stated there wasn’t much new to report on the fire hall addition. He stated he feels maybe we could reach out to Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering to inquire about the funding they are using for the new Fire Hall in Scobey. LeAnn stated that she will check with Great West.

HB 355 Application: Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that the Town still needs to apply for the remaining funds available from HB 355. The Town needs to decide if they would like to make sewer repairs or street repairs with the remaining funds, and then will need to get the application in as soon as possible.

Arbor Day Celebration: Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that the advertising for the Arbor Day Celebration had a start time of 2:00 rather than the 1:00 start time as discussed earlier. Council Member Tyler Harris stated that he will have students to the park by 2:00 to take part in the tree planting and ceremony.

Sheriff’s Department Contract: Council has tabled this item and will discuss and take possible action at the June meeting.

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:

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

Voter Review Process: Clerk LeAnn Johnson stated that she received her ballot in Sheridan County and noticed the question of the local government review was on the ballot. Resident Penny Ryder stated that she has also received her ballot and the item is included on the ballot. Clerk LeAnn Johson urged Council to help spread the word to help educate voters on the purpose of the voter review process.

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

Other Business: Council member Laurie Young stated that Ag Partners has an on-going issue with their sewer line and questioned those present if they had any suggestions to help with the issue. Alan Engelke said he would take a look at the map to see where the line runs.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm. The next regular Council meeting will be June 10, 2024.

Mayor: Clerk: