Minutes

Approved

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 11, 2024

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on November 11, 2024. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Gregg Labatte, 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 acknowledged the presence of the full Council. Mayor Crain welcomed the guests present and asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns. Minutes from the October 14, 2024 Regular Council meeting were read. Council Member Gale Strandlund 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 recently been having issues with the Post Office getting the monthly water sample to Energy Labs in a timely manner, with the samples getting rejected several times. He is hoping that with the election being over, mail volume will be down, and they will receive them on time. Mayor Crain commended Alan on the clean-up of the wood chips at the Northern Lights Playground. Alan and Zach spent several hours moving the wood chips back into the playground area after the wind blew them out. Alan reported that the generator at lift station #1 wasn’t starting. A new filter was ordered, and today the generator started without the new filter. He also reported that he has had several water shut offs recently, and he has done some blading and patching around the post office. Alan inquired about the responsibility for tree trimming in the alleys, as there are some areas where it is getting difficult for the garbage truck or fire trucks to get through. Mayor Crain stated she feels it is up to the property owner. She said the Town will notify those that need to clean up their areas.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Mayor Crain asked Alan if he feels the juveniles driving erratically around town on 4-wheelers is affecting the street conditions. Council Members and Alan agreed that it is damaging the street and is a topic of concern before someone is seriously injured. Mayor Crain stated that she will visit with parents and guardians of those known to be driving erratically, and she will call Laura Christoffersen to get her opinion on the best way to deal with these concerns.

Unfinished Business:

HB 355 Contract for Sewer Spot Repairs: Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that as part of the conditions of receiving HB 355 funds, there must be a signed contract between the Town and the contractor doing the labor and repairs by December 31, 2024. She reached out to Pace Construction in past months, with no response. She stated that she and Alan visited about the scope of the project, and Alan feels as though it is a job he would be able to complete for the Town. After Council discussion, Mayor Crain stated that she will help LeAnn and Alan to come up with a contract for him to do the spot repairs.

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.

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

Other Business:

Mayor Crain expressed her concerns that the Town Clerk-Treasurer position hasn’t had a raise in 8 years. She stated that she feels an increase for each of those 8 years would be most fair. She also expressed her desire to increase the Public Works Director wage. She will have the clerk type up a resolution to be presented at the December meeting with a new wage structure to be effective January 2025.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM. The next regular Council meeting will be December 9, 2024.

Mayor: Clerk: