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Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2016

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on December 12, 2016. Those present were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Dan Mogen, Dan Kjelshus, and Gregg Labatte. Also present was Public Works Director, Odean Kilsdonk and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Sheri Crain called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Visitors were recognized. The minutes from the November 14,2016 regular Council meeting were read. Dan Mogen made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Odean was present to report on the last month’s activities. He reported the new Tractor has been running well. He also reported the lift stations are both in good working order. He stated that he got the new stop sign put in as requested at the November meeting.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Mayor Crain reported that she called the Sheriff’s Department recently in request of assistance with a water shut-off.

Old Business:

Opening of Fire Truck bids. Council opened and looked over the bids received for the Town’s 1966 Mack fire truck. Gale Strandlund made a motion to accept the high bid of $1012.00. Dan Mogen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Great West Engineering Update: Sheri reported that the rate increase for water services have thus far been calculated to be around $7.00 per month. This takes into consideration both repair of the water tower as well as new water meters for all service lines. She also reported that the Town recently received notice of where they were rated on the priority list for the new lagoon project. She notified Council that Greg Lukasik has advised her that if possible a member from Council is encouraged to attend the Legislative hearings in Helena to speak on behalf of the Town to convey the need for funds for the Town’s infrastructure repairs needed.

Town Tractor: Ken Taylor and School Board Chairman Scott Westlund were present on behalf of the Froid School. Mayor Crain reported that she has visited informally with Superintendent Taylor to come up with an agreement for the Froid School to lease the Town’s tractor. Mr. Taylor reported that in his research he has found the going hourly rate for renting similar equipment is approximately $75 to $125/hr. He inquired to Council that if the School agrees to guarantee the Town 100 hours/ year as previously discussed if unused hours could be carried over to the next year. He also stated that the school employee that runs the tractor would be covered under the School insurance. After discussion, Council and School representatives compromised at a guarantee of 50 hours per year at $75.00/hr. A contract has been drafted and will be edited to indicate the details agreed to, and Mr. Taylor will be taking the contract to the School Board meeting scheduled for November 15th for Board approval.

Dan Kramer of Montana Rural Water Systems was in attendance to answer questions and concerns about the upcoming water and sewer rate increases. He gave a presentation detailing the process and calculations used to determine the rate necessary for the Town to charge to cover all costs, including debt service.

Water Tower Update: The Town recently received the report written up by Maguire Iron with their findings of the inspection of the water tower. Sheri passed it around for Council to look over.

Animal Control: Mayor Crain explained that the current Animal Control ordinance needs to be looked over. Councilman Gail Strandlund volunteered to begin the process of looking into updating the ordinance.

Community Center Door: Mayor Crain reported that the community center door at the main entrance is needing to be fixed. She has asked that someone on the Council head up looking into changing out or repairing the door. Councilman Gregg Labatte said he would look into it.

Delinquencies were reviewed. Letters will be mailed and phone calls made to those on the list.

After reviewing the claims, Dan Kjelshus made a motion to authorize the Clerk to remit payment. Gale strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be January 9th at 6:30pm.

Clerk: Mayor:

Mayor Sheri Crain Clerk LeAnn Johnson

Town Council Dan Kjelshus Dan Mogen Gale Strandlund Gregg Labatte