Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 17, 2023

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Library on April 17, 2023. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Gregg Labatte, Laurie Young, and Tyler Harris. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain; and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and recognized the guest present. Mayor Crain asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns.

Minutes from the March 20, 2023 meeting were read. Council member Laurie Young made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Mayor Crain reported that Alan Engelke passed his water operator certification exam. She stated that he will be paid for approximately 20 hours a week as our Public Works Director and will use Town equipment when working in that capacity. Councilman Tyler Harris stated that he feels like something official should be placed into writing indicating the details of his employment. Mayor Crain will have Laura Christoffersen draft the details. Sheri reported that Alan will still need to test to get his certification for wastewater operator. He plans to attend a class in July to help him get ready for the test. Mayor Crain reported that Alan wouldn’t have the time to do all of the Town mowing. Sheri has hired Baylee Davidson to fill the seasonal lawn-mowing position. Lyle Lambert will need to help Alan with the monthly water test in April, but then Alan should be able to begin taking those samples on his own. Another pallet of Pothole Patch will be ordered soon so that street repairs can be made.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Mayor Crain has received a couple noise complaints from the middle of the night from the east end of Town. She did inquire at the County Commissioner’s office about a county ordinance and will continue to monitor it.

Old Business:

ARPA Project Update: LeAnn was informed by Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering that the Town ARPA projects will start within the next six months. Council discussed the stormwater/ditch-work that was done with previous ARPA Funds, as they feel that either rock should be laid, or grass planted to reduce erosion. Alan also looked over the concerns Penny Ryder has on 2nd Ave South, and he does feel like the new approach placed on 2nd Ave South should be removed.

Nuisance Properties: Mayor Crain reported that a letter is being drafted to be mailed to those property owners that appear to have disheveled appearances or promote a hazard. She stated that she didn’t like the wording of the letter previously used and she would also like to include the MT junk vehicle ordinance in the body of the letter. Council discussed possible times and locations to get started on for the clean-up efforts.

Arbor Day Celebration: Mayor Crain reported that on May 10th the Town will be having an Arbor Day Celebration and tree-planting ceremony at the Town Park. Two trees have been purchased with Arbor Day Grant Funds received from the MT DNRC. Gregg Labatte has offered to use his posthole digger for the planting.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. For those on the list that have not responded to calls or letters, door hangers will be distributed.

New Business:

Ordinance Review: Mayor Crain changed the order of the agenda to place the Ordinance Review at the end of the meeting. See below.

Recap of Regional Hazard Mitigation Workshop-Gale Strandlund: Council member Gale Strandlund recently attended a regional workshop in Sidney regarding planning for hazard mitigation. He reported that money has become available at the county level. At the workshop he worked on a project for the purchase and installation of a generator at the Community Center for emergency use.

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

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Mayor Crain asked Council to look over the claims for April 2023. After review, Gregg Labatte made a motion for the clerk to remit payment on all claims. Tyler Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The council went over each chapter and each section of Ordinance Title 5- Business Licenses and Regulations. After discussion, the Council came to an agreement that the ordinance could be eliminated entirely and County Code could be referred to. Mayor Crain stated that she will contact Laura Christoffersen to inquire about the procedure for getting rid of the existing ordinance.

Other Business: Mayor Crain reported that a meeting was held today at the Town office with Mike Larson of KC Harvey Environmental and County Commissioner Gordon Oelkers regarding a proposal for an Open Cut Sand Mine Permit for an area located about two miles South of Froid Town limits. Commissioner Oelkers has requested a public meeting be held in Froid so that there can be further discussion on the matter.

With no further business, Mayor Crain adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting will be May 8, 2023.

 Mayor: Clerk: