Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2022

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on December 12, 2022. Those in attendance were Council Members Laurie Young, Tyler Harris, and Gregg Labatte. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain; Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson; and Public Works Director, Michael O’Toole.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Minutes from the November 14, 2022 regular Council meeting were read. Council Member Tyler Harris made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Michael was present to report. He reported that things around Town have been quiet. He briefed Council on the recent water leak at Bruno Ostwald’s vacant house which was detected by another resident that noticed water was sitting outside the house. Michael also reported that the Christmas Decorations for Main Street have been hung. Michael announced that he will only be filling the Public Works Director position until March (2023), as he has plans to take another job at that time. After discussion, Council agreed to start advertising for the upcoming open position. Mayor Crain stated that it may be necessary to consider dividing up the duties required of the position and hire multiple people to fill the Public Works Director position.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Mayor Crain stated that the Sheriff’s Department continues to do random night security checks for the Community Center and Town office.

Old Business:

ARPA Project Update- Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering stopped in and met with Mayor Crain and Clerk, LeAnn Johnson last week to update them on the ARPA projects. Council was given a break-down of the proposed budget for the projects and Clerk LeAnn Johnson pointed out the cost of the recent hydrant replacement is included as a line item in the budget. Council discussed extending the professional services agreement between Great West Engineering and the Town. Gregg Labatte made a motion to extend the contract with Great West Engineering for on-call services through February 9, 2025. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. Letters and phone calls will be made for those on the list.

New Business:

Black Mountain Cloud Hosting- Council was given a copy of the quote from Black Mountain Software for annual fees for Cloud Hosting services. Clerk LeAnn Johnson explained the services would include nightly backups, more security, remote access to data, and safe data storage. Tyler Harris made a motion to accept the purchase quote from Black Mountain Software for cloud hosting. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 December 2022. Council member Gregg Labatte made a motion to pay the claims presented. Tyler Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business: Council Member Gregg Labatte stated that he would like to see a Christmas Tree be placed somewhere near the center of Town on Main Street for the holidays. Council discussed some options for purchasing lights as well as resources for a tree. Gregg will continue to look into this for next year.

With no further business, Mayor Crain adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm. The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2023.

 Mayor: Clerk: