Approved Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 12, 2023

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on June 12, 2023. Those in attendance were Council Members 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 guests present. Mayor Crain asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns.

Minutes from the May 8, 2023 meeting were read. Council member Gregg Labatte made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Mayor Crain reported that Alan has been keeping very busy and recently attended a training in Culbertson to prepare for the sewer operator exam. Mayor Crain reported that is has been confirmed that the leak north of the baseball field is not groundwater. The curb stops in that area have been shut off and will be isolated one at a time to determine the source of the leak. Councilman Gregg Labatte stated that the Town lawn mowers (Baylee Davidson and Bruce Crain) have been doing a great job around Town. Sheri reported Bruce has also been spraying for weeds around Town property.

Sheriff’s Report: Under Sheriff John Summers was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. John presented a report showing the statistics for calls within Town limits since May 1st, 2023. The Sheriff’s Department has responded to 9 calls in that timeframe. Under Sheriff Summers reported that Deputy Tim Lingle is retiring and will have some large shoes to fill. They are looking to hire additional deputies. He informed those present that anyone can call dispatch to get on a list to have their property checked by the Sheriff’s Department while on a vacation or out of Town for an extended amount of time. Under Sheriff Summers also reported that the Sheriff’s Department will be looking to increase the monthly contracted amount paid by the Town to the Sheriff’s Department next year. The Town will be presented with a new contract at that time. Mayor Crain stated that she recently called the Sheriff’s Department about a concern reported to her of a citizen walking around Town with a weapon exposed. Officer Ellerton responded to the call.

Old Business:

Nuisance Properties- Fee Schedule: Council looked over and Mayor Crain read aloud a rough draft of a letter to be mailed to those property owners with disheveled or unkempt properties. Clerk LeAnn Johnson stated that other towns take pictures for evidence and to mail to the property owner, as many live out of Town and maybe don’t realize the extent of the condition of the property. She read a portion of the minutes from the regular Froid Town Council meeting on August 12,2022 in which Council had set a clean-up fee of $150/hour with a 1-hour minimum. After discussion, Council agreed the fee schedule is adequate. Mayor Crain stated that junk

vehicles will also be addressed and explained that a definition of a junk vehicle includes those vehicles that are not licensed with the County and are not running.

Arbor Day Celebration: Mayor Crain reported that the Arbor Day celebration was a success. Two trees were planted by the playground equipment. They have been staked and appear to be doing well. She stated that it was nice that Tyler Harris brought his students from school to help with the celebration and tree planting.

New Business:

Mosquito Concern: Property owner, Cathie Rudolph, was in attendance and stated that the area is losing pollinators due to fogging for mosquitos in Town. She stated that she felt that her trees didn’t do well after the fogging and feels the Town should look into alternatives for keeping mosquitos away. She suggested such ideas as building bat houses and planting lemongrass to help repel mosquitos. Councilman Gregg Labatte suggested the Town check into the chemical that is used for the fogging to see if it’s possible that the chemical could be harming the trees in Town. Cathie also stated that the Town has a huge problem with standing water due to items such as tires not being properly disposed of.

Old Business:

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:

Budget Items: Mayor Crain reported that Clerk LeAnn Johnson will be working on the budget for FY 2023-2024 and asked if anyone felt there were needs that the Town should look into getting into the budget. She stated that the office roof still needs to be repaired or replaced. She also reported that the Town recently was gifted a $5,600 grant to replace the doors of the Community Center. She has contacted a couple contractors but hasn’t had any luck securing anyone to replace the doors. She will look into this further. Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that there should be more money than usual for street repairs.

Building Permits: Council looked over a building permit for an addition of a garage and breezeway submitted by Ryan and Laurie Young. After discussion and looking over the setback requirements, the building permit was approved.

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

Other Business:

Mayor Crain reported that the cook for the Senior Citizen meals (Gloria Giese) would like the Town to look into moving the air conditioning unit in the large area of the Community Center

closer to the center of the room to avoid blowing in the eating area and to blow cooler air into the kitchen. Roy Radabah recently removed the piece of metal sticking out of the sidewalk on Main Street near Penny Ryder’s rental properties and filled the hole in with cement. Mayor Crain also reported on the upcoming 4th of July celebration to be held in Town, including a parade, barbeque, games, and fireworks.

With no further business, Mayor Crain adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting will be July10, 2023.

 Mayor: Clerk: