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Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2016

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on January 11, 2016. Those present were Mayor Sheri Crain and Council Members Dan Kjelshus, Gale Strandlund, and Dan Mogen. Also present was Public Works Director, Odean Kilsdonk and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Sheri Crain called the meeting to order at 6:30. Visitors were recognized. The minutes from the December meeting were read. Dan Mogen made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Dan Kjelshus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Odean was present to give a Public Works report. He reported Great West Engineering recently came and put a flow meter in a manhole near the highway as part of the information they are gathering for the PER. He also reported that the Town Christmas decorations have been taken down. He stated that the lift stations continue to be functioning properly.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present to report for the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department.

Old Business:

Garbage Update- Allen Bowker was in attendance to go over the current contract the Town of Froid has with Bowker Sanitation. Allen stated that he does not feel like an increase in our contracted price is necessary at this time. Sheri reported that all ten of the new big dumpsters purchased by the Town have been set out and are in use. Allen said he appreciated the town working with him on the purchase of those dumpsters and if any more new ones are necessary he will order them. He is currently picking up 85 dumpsters in Froid. Gale Strandlund made a motion to renew the Solid Waste Disposal Contract with Bowker Sanitation for three more years. Dan Mogen seconded the motion. Motion carried. LeAnn will type up a new contract with the new dates to cover another three years and will send it to Allen for his signature. Allen requested a change in the pick-up day from his current Wednesday pick-up to Thursday. LeAnn will make signs to notify the public of this change and to remind the residents to not throw any metal or construction debris into the dumpsters.

Growth Policy: Brent Moore from CTA was present to go over the new Growth Policy they have drafted for the Town. He asked the Council to look over the draft and would like any comments or concerns to be given to LeAnn to be passed on to Brent. He stated that Greg Lukasik from Great West has gone through the plan and would like to add a few things to the final plan. Brent went over his concerns he has with the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction the Town created with the zoning the town adopted in 2013. He suggested we contact MMIA to be sure we have included that area in our insurance coverage. He also recommended the town start the process of creating a zoning commission. Brent will return in March, at which time the Town will have a public hearing to adopt the new Growth Policy.

Great West Update: Greg Lukasik emailed an update on the progress for the wastewater PER and the water tower project. Sheri read the update (attached). Greg will be in Froid on January 20th to pick up the flow metering equipment and then will be attending the February Town Council meeting to present the Council with alternatives they have come up with for the wastewater PER. There was nothing new to report on the water tower project.

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

Gale Strandlund gave a summary of the information covered at a council training session he recently attended in Glasgow. The training was provided by the MT Local Government Center. He stated he felt it was worthwhile to attend.

New Business:

Sheri presented a letter to the Council she had received from Halvar Olstead requesting that if the Town felt like it would like to continue to have him be the backup operator, he would like to attend the 2016 MRWS conference in Great Falls in February. He requested the Town pay for the registration fee and mileage. Dan Mogen made a motion the Town pay for registration, lodging, mileage, and meal costs for Halvar to attend the conference. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom and Gerlinde Waters were present to get clarification on the new address that has been assigned to their residence. They have requested that it be 705 Wulf Street. LeAnn will contact Clayton Vine (Roosevelt County GIS Coordinator) and Nemont 911 addressing to make that change.

Building Permits: There were no new building permit requests.

After reviewing the claims, Dan Kjelshus made a motion to pay them. Dan Mogen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:37.

Clerk: Mayor:

Mayor Sheri Crain Clerk LeAnn Johnson

Town Council Dan Kjelshus Dan Mogen Gale Strandlund Gregg Labatte