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 Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 14, 2016

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on November 14, 2016. Those present were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Dan Mogen, 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 6:31 pm. Visitors were recognized. The minutes from the October 10th regular Council meeting were read. Dan Mogen made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gegg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried. The minutes from the October 17th special 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 lift stations are now both in good working order. He also reported that Rich Kemmis of Maguire Iron had recently completed a full inspection on the water tower. They will be writing up a full report for the Town with their findings, but had verbalized to Odean and LeAnn that they felt the tank was salvageable and were impressed with the current condition of the tank. Sheri questioned Council as to whether they would like Great West Engineering to continue the process of attempting to secure SRF funding to fix and update the existing water storage tank. After discussion, Gregg Labatte made a motion to proceed with obtaining funding for repairing the existing tower rather than replacing it. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried. Odean reported that Halvar Olstead recently assisted him in flushing the hydrants. He also reported that Alan Engelke helped him put two meter pits in at the baseball field park area. Mayor Crain asked Odean how the current water meters are holding up around town. Odean reported that he continues to have some issues and does still have a few older meters on hand to replace those that aren’t functioning well.

Sheriff’s Report: Officer Tim Lingle was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Mr. Lingle reported that the Sheriff’s department is now fully staffed for the first time in quite some time. He informed Council that a new deputy has moved to Froid, so a more frequent police presence will be noticed. Officer Lingle reported that the Sheriff’s Department is purchasing new gear to aid in animal control. This is something the Department has been lacking. There will also be some animal control training coming up for the Sheriff’s Department. Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department will be receiving a Stonegarden Homeland Security Grant. Mayor Crain reported the concern some residents have for the need of a stop sign on the street next to the railroad tracks (1st Ave N). There is currently no stop or yield sign at the intersection on the North end of the street. Officer Lingle did recommend the Town look into placing a stop sign in that location.

Old Business:

Great West Engineering Update: The Town has recently received two initial quotes on new water meters with remote read-outs. These quotes have been passed on to Great West for review.

Mayor Crain gave a brief summary of the meeting held on October 17th, 2016 with Lindsey McNabb, DES Coordinator.

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

New Business:

Mayor Crain briefed Council on the process that will need to be followed in order to make any increases to the water, sewer, and garbage rates. She reported that the last increase was in 2012. Discussion was held as to options for handling those lot owners that only use the Town services a few months out of the year. Public meetings will be advertised in the future once the Council is able to determine the amount of rate increases needed to cover debt services.

Council was presented with Resolution #2016-9 authorizing the participation in the Intercap Loan Program. The Town has applied for and been granted a loan for $25,500 from Intercap to cover the invoices from Great West for Engineering Services provided in applying for funding for the lagoon project.

Mayor Crain informed Council that there would be another conference call regarding the water tower project on November 17th at 11:00 am.

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

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be December 12th at 6:30pm.

Clerk: Mayor:

Mayor Sheri Crain Clerk LeAnn Johnson

Town Council Dan Kjelshus Dan Mogen Gale Strandlund Gregg Labatte