Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 11, 2017

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on September 11, 2017. Those present were Mayor Sheri Crain and Council Members Dan Kjelshus, Gregg Labatte (7:05 pm), and Dan Mogen. Also present was Public Works Director, Odean Kilsdonk and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Visitors were recognized. The minutes from the August 14, 2017 meeting were read. Due to the lack of a quorum present at the beginning of the meeting, approval of meeting minutes will take place later in the meeting.

Public Works Report: Odean was present to report. He stated that Maguire Iron was in Town yesterday (September 10th) to clean up the water tower area and complete the improvements project, including disinfection. Odean will be in touch with Dry Prairie on getting the tower filled. Odean reported that he has been having some issues with the floats at the lift station outside of Town and will be keeping an eye on that. Odean noticed that a “junk” vehicle has been dropped off at the Town shop lot. Mayor Crain stated that she will contact Bob Fowler to come dispose of the vehicle. Councilman Dan Mogen stated that he is willing to sign off on it when Mr. Fowler picks it up. Mayor Crain added that both Pacific Steel and Border Steel have recently picked up their recycling containers.

Sheriff’s Report: Tim Lingle was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Sergeant Lingle reported that the Department has been short a couple deputies recently as one deputy got called out with the National Guard to fight fires, and another deputy was lost due to budget cuts. Sergeant Lingle stated that the new jail is almost open and he feels like it is a very nice facility.

Old Business:

Water Tower Project Update: (See Public Works Report above).

Water Meters: LeAnn reported that the Town is waiting on the delivery of the new water meters.

Nuisance Properties Update: Mayor Crain reported that she contacted Attorney Laura Christoffersen to clarify the process the Town will take to enforce the nuisance ordinance. If the lot owner does not respond to the letter that was sent out, the Sheriff’s Department may issue a citation and the fine will be assessed through the Justice of the Peace. Penny Ryder inquired whether every lot had been looked over in determining whose lots were considered nuisance properties. Mayor Crain explained that the former Roosevelt County Sanitarian, Ron Smith, originally picked out the properties and later the current County Sanitarian, Mike Rinaldi, drove around Town and picked out additional properties. Mayor Crain explained that the top two complaints reported to the Town office are dogs running at large and nuisance properties. Penny Ryder also inquired as to what other ordinances will be enforced and wondered if the Sheriff’s Department had a copy of the Town’s current ordinances. Sergeant Lingle stated that he is unable to enforce ordinances unless he is aware that there is an ordinance being broken. Mayor Crain reported that the Town needs to start somewhere, and once there is a handle on the dog and nuisance property issues, the Town can move on to other issues. Mayor Crain also stated that those that received the letter need to let the Town know what plans they have in place for compliance with the ordinance and the Town is willing to work with the lot owners to help them find resources to help clean the properties up. Jones Schneider was present and stated that it is difficult for him to get his lots cleaned up but that he is

working on it. Mayor Crain stated that she feels like the letters have had a positive impact as several properties are showing improvement.

Budget Meeting Recap: Mayor Crain reported that she feels like the September 6, 2017 Budget Public Hearing went well. She reported that Council went through the budget line by line and then approved the maximum mill levy.

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

New Business:

There were no new building permit requests. Mayor Crain reported that Mike Madsen recently tore down an old building on his property behind his house. Mr. Madsen paid to have dumpsters brought in to dispose of the building refuse.

After review of the claims, Dan Mogen made a motion to pay all claims other than the Maguire Iron claim which is pending approval until Great West Engineering confirms that all work has been completed. Dan Kjelshus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Clerk LeAnn Johnson read an invite from Great West Engineering to Mayor and Council to attend an upcoming MSU Bobcat Football game.

Mayor Crain reported that the Town recently applied for grant funds to purchase a convection oven for the Community Center. The Town was awarded $500.00 in grant funds so far and plans to apply for a $2,000.00 grant through the Nyquist Foundation.

Councilman Labatte inquired about road patch. Odean reported that the Town does have some patch left to use as needed around Town. Odean stated that the area around Agland needs more than road patch and will need to be dug up and re-paved to get fixed properly.

Mayor Crain reported that she recently called the County Weed District to have them come to Town to spray Canadian thistle.

With a quorum present, Dan Mogen made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2017 meeting as corrected. Greg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dan Mogen made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2017 Budget Hearing. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33.

The next regular council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on October 9, 2017.

 Mayor: Clerk: