Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 9, 2018

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on April 9, 2018. Those present were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Dan Kjelshus, and Dan Mogen. Also present was Public Works Director, Odean Kilsdonk and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Visitors were recognized. The minutes from the March 12, 2018 meeting were read. Dan Kjelshus made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dan Mogen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Odean was present to give the public works report. He reported that Alan Engelke has plumbed in the circulation pump for the water tower, and the pump is back in working order. The lift station in Town stalled in the last 24 hours. Odean reset it and it seems to be working now. Odean picked up the new cutting edge for the back blade on the Town tractor. Sheri reported that the main door to the Community Center has been fixed. At the present time there are very few keys available. Odean reported that there are several roads in Town that need some repair work. The gravel pile is frozen solid, making road repair difficult.

Sheriff’s report: There was no one present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department.

Old Business:

Great West Update: Chad Hansen of Great West Engineering was in attendance to give an update and to answer any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming lagoon project. Chad reported that the project timeline is still on track to put out bids for construction in September and begin construction in the fall, working as long as the winter will allow. Construction time is estimated at 120 days. A public hearing will need to be held on the upcoming increased sewer service rates. This will be the second and final phase of the sewer rate increase. Chad estimates that the increase may not need to be the full additional $20.00 as originally planned. Council asked Chad if he felt the Town would get an adequate number of companies looking to put a bid in on the project. Chad is confident there will be interest, as the recent Circle project had many interested bidders. Council read and discussed Resolution 2018-2-a resolution to adopt the funding strategy for wastewater system improvements for the Town of Froid, Montana as presented by Great West and updated by Rural Development. With a limited budget, Council voiced concerns about the $20,000.00 to be contributed by Town funds. Mr. Hansen explained that such expenses as the clerk’s wages for time spent working on the project as well as the survey expense of the newly acquired Reiter land could be included in part of the $20,000.00. After discussion, Dan Kjelshus made a motion to pass resolution 2018-2. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chad Hansen explained the next steps in proceeding with the lagoon project. The Town will need to sign the Engineering Services Contract with Great West. Chad presented the Contract for Council review. In order for UINTAH Surveying to proceed with the land survey, Council also needs to sign the contract presented by Scott Kotterba of UINTAH. Chad Hansen reported to Council that Great West compared UINTAH’s service rates and have found them to be reasonable for the work to be completed. Dan Mogen made a motion to sign the contract and proceed with the survey through UINTAH. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Center Heating System – Proposal Presented: Council was given a copy of the Sheridan Heating and Cooling proposal for necessary repairs to the current ground source system. After discussion, Council decided that due to the size of the project, additional quotes should be sought.

Review of Accounts Receivables: Delinquencies were reviewed. Letters will be mailed and phone calls made to those on the list.

New Business:

Resolution No. 2018-1: Mayor Crain read Resolution 2018-1- A resolution requesting distribution of bridge and road safety and accountability program funds. The funds will be used to purchase pothole patch and gravel for road and street maintenance and repairs. After discussion, Dan Mogen made a motion to accept the resolution as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Building Permits: Mayor Crain read a letter from Annie Eckard and presented a permit to put up a fence at her property. Council looked over the drawing presented and accepted it as presented. LeAnn will check the zoning ordinance to ensure the height and setback requirements are acceptable.

Council reviewed claims. Discussion was held on the Advance Pump and Equipment invoice. Advanced Pump did not finish the project-it was finished by Alan Engelke. After further review, Dan Kjelshus made a motion for the clerk to remit payment on all claims, with the exception of the APE claim. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Mayor Crain informed Council that Babe Ruth baseball has requested to use the baseball field for their upcoming season.

Halvar Olstead of the Froid Fire Department stopped into theTown office and presented an example of the savings to the homeowner on an insurance policy due to the upgrade in the fire rating the town recently received. This has the potential of affecting each resident’s homeowners policy in town limits.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57.

The next regular council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 14, 2018.

Mayor: Clerk: