Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 12, 2018

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on March 12, 2018. Those present were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Gregg Labatte, Dan Kjelshus, and Dan Mogen. Also present was Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

In the absence of Mayor Crain, Councilman Gregg Labatte called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm. Visitors were recognized. The minutes from the January 8, 2018 meeting were read. Dan Mogen made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded it. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Odean was not present to report.

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

Old Business:

Water Tower/Water Meter Project Update: LeAnn read an email update from Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering regarding the water tower project and new water meters. Council looked over the quote received from Advanced Pump and Equipment for hard-plumbing the line from the recirculation pump to the water tower. The quote includes a brass option as well as a PVC option. A new pump was ordered from Advanced Pump but they struggled to hook up the pump and recommended the Town look into hard-plumbing the line. After discussion, Council agreed to meet in a couple days to look over the pump and further discuss which option to take.

Lagoon Project Update: LeAnn reported to Council that the signed buy/sell agreement was received in the mail for the purchase of the Reiter land. She also read an update from Greg Lukasik. Greg reported that the buy-sell has been sent to Rural Devlopment and he is hopeful the Town will get a funding offer by the end of the month. Greg Lukasik also reported that if everything goes according to schedule, construction on the lagoon project could start as early as September.

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

New Business:

Cutting Edge for Back Blade: Odean has requested Council approval to purchase a new cutting edge for the back blade on the Town tractor. Dan Kjelshus made a motion to allow Odean to purchase the cutting edge. Dan Mogen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Building Permits: There were no new building permit requests.

Council reviewed claims. Discussion was continued on the MDU claim for the Community Center. Gregg Labatte requested Sheridan Electric be contacted to see if they would be able to complete an energy audit on the building. After further review, Dan Mogen made a motion for the clerk to remit payment on all claims. Dan Kjelshus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

The Town is able to request the new fuel tax allocation provided by HB 473 as of March 1, 2018. The allocation available is $3,631.35. After discussion, Council agreed the funds should be used to purchase gravel to fix and maintain the problem areas on the streets in Town. LeAnn will have a resolution ready for the April regular Council meeting in order to request those funds from the MDT.

Dan Kjelshus reported that Odean and Alan Engelke have spent the last couple days working on some frozen water lines in Town. They will be meeting tomorrow morning to continue to attempt to open the lines.

LeAnn read an email from the Town’s backup operator, Halvar Olstead. Mr. Olstead informed the Town that he will not be renewing his certification, as he will be moving back to Washington the end of June 2018.

Gregg Labatte reported the door handle is broken on the main Community Center door. LeAnn received a quote to replace the panic set on the door from Western Building Center for $555.15. Council suggested looking into other options and getting additional quotes. It was decided to hold off on ordering the parts until the door options could be looked into further.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34.

The next regular Council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 9, 2018.

Mayor: Clerk: