Minutes

Approved

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 19, 2024

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on February 19, 2024. Those in attendance were Council Members Tyler Harris, Gregg Labatte, and Gale Strandlund. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain and Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:51 pm (following the 6:30 pm Public Hearing on HB355) and recognized the guests present. Mayor Crain asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns.

Minutes from the January 8th regular Council meeting were read. Council member Gregg Labatte made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was present to report. He reported that he recently installed new LED lights in the kitchen of the Community Center. Alan also stated he detected a leak near the water meter at the Northern Lights Park area next to the water hydrant, so will be working on that soon. He also spent several hours locating the shut off for the Ag Partners office building water line and reported that it is now marked and above ground. Alan and Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that Devin Beale from MAP (Midwest Assistance Program) will be coming to the office on March 6th to begin the process of helping the Town map curb stops and to help with the lead service line inventory. Alan reported that he recently removed a large green storage tank from the Town shop that had been abandoned when the Town started getting water from Dry Prairie.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Mayor Crain asked those present if there were any concerns that she could relay to the Sheriff’s Department. Council commented that they continue to see deputies patrol the area and doing building security checks.

Old Business:

ARPA Project Update- Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that the Town is still waiting for the funds to be deposited from the draw that was submitted for reimbursement for project work done this far.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. Door hangers will be distributed, and letters will be mailed to those on the list.

New Business:

Resolution 2024-1: Sheri read aloud Resolution 2024-1: A resolution recommending a funding priority list for State-Local Infrastructure Partnership Act to the Montana Department of Commerce. Gale Strandlund made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024-2: Mayor Crain read Resolution 2024-2: A resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Froid, Montana, calling for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission to do so. Council member Tyler Harris made a motion to approve

Resolution 2024-2 as presented. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried. James Walling of the Northern Plains Independent and Community News was in attendance and stated that he would be helping the Town with educating the public to help voters make an informed decision regarding the issue of conducting a local government review.

Fire Hall Addition – Froid Fire Department: Alan Engelke spoke on behalf of the Froid Fire Department regarding their desire to have an addition built on to the existing Fire Hall. Drawings were distributed to Council. The addition would be heated and would also include a meeting room and additional storage. Alan stated that he has visited with Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering who is also helping Scobey with a similar Fire Hall project. He is hoping to get funding resource ideas from that project. Mayor Crain stated that the Fire Department has been very successful in raising money through fundraisers in the past. She would like to see the Town work with the Fire Department and stated that the Town owns the building and covers the costs of heating and insuring the building. She feels that once there is an idea of the cost of the project, grants could be sought after, and fundraising could begin.

Building Permits: There were no new building permits to review.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment - Mayor Crain asked the Council to look over the claims for February 2024. Council member Tyler Harris made a motion to approve and pay the February claims. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

LeAnn reported that Alan will be attending the annual Montana Rural Water Conference in Great Falls in March and will be sitting for the sewer operator certification exam.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49. The next regular Council meeting will be March 11, 2024.

 Mayor: Clerk: