Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

August 15, 2022

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on August 15, 2022. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Laurie Young, and Tyler Harris. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and recognized the guests present. Minutes from the July 18, 2022 meeting were read. Council member Tyler Harris made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Michael O’Toole was not present to report. LeAnn reported that Michael recently received his temporary operator certification for water and wastewater. This is valid for 6 months. Michael reported to LeAnn that he has been doing his daily water samples, checking the lagoon, and monitoring the lift station generators. Lyle Lambert has continued to come to the office monthly or as needed.

Sheriff’s Report: Deputy Sharbono was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff's Department. He reported that it’s been quiet around Froid but that there were two reports of fireworks being lit off at night, as well as a report of an on-line scam.

Old Business:

ARPA Project Update: Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported the 2nd tranche of the “Bucket A” of ARPA funds was used to fund the storm drain/ street repair project that is currently being completed by Franz Construction on 2nd Ave North and 1st Street North. Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering has verified that Bucket B from both the County and the Town of Froid will be used for the upcoming water and wastewater projects, and the Town should not have to come up with out-of-pocket funding. Greg would like to attend the September Town Council meeting to answer any project questions.

Mowing and Charging of Neglected Properties: Council continued the discussion from the July meeting concerning the upkeep of neglected Town properties. Rod Luft was in attendance and commented that with the moisture this year, every neglected yard/property has noxious weeds growing. Mayor Crain agreed and stated that these properties are a fire hazard, a breeding ground for critters, are eye sores, and contain noxious weeds. Mayor Crain also pointed out that she doesn’t feel the ordinance needs to be updated or altered, as it already covers the concerns of the Council. Councilman Tyler Harris stated that he likes the idea of charging a rate similar to what Grenora charges at $150.00 an hour, as he feels people wouldn’t start relying on the Town to do the work for them at that high rate. After discussion, Council Member Gale Strandlund made a motion to set the cleanup/mowing fee at $150.00 an hour with a 1 hour minimum. Tyler Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Crain and Clerk LeAnn Johnson will work on getting an information letter ready to be mailed out to residents.

FYE 2023 Budget Items-Set Budget Hearing: Mayor Crain asked Council to let the Clerk know of any items they feel should be added to the FYE 2023 Budget. Sheri feels the purchase of a dump trailer would be beneficial for the Town. The roof on the Town office is also an area of concern, and Sheri recommended getting an estimate for a new roof before the budget is due. LeAnn asked Council to look over the June 2022 Expenditure Budget to Actual report for the General Fund to help identify areas of concern. The new budget must be passed by Thursday, September 8, 2022. After discussion, Council agreed to hold the Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center, with the September regular Council meeting to follow.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Accts: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. For those on the list that have not responded to calls or letters, door hangers will be distributed.

New Business:

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

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Mayor Crain asked Council to look over the claims for August. After review, Laurie Young made a motion for the clerk to remit payment on all claims. Tyler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business: Mayor Crain asked Penny Ryder how she was doing with the collection of dog licenses. Penny hasn’t collected any money yet, and she feels that it would work best if the Town would hang posters and let residents know that she will be collecting for the dog licenses. LeAnn and Sheri will work on getting information out to the public.

Tyler Harris let Council know he is hoping to start “Service Saturday” for school kids to work on service projects around Town. He asked Council for any ideas they may have for projects.

Mayor Crain reported that she contacted Nemont recently about upgrading the internet speed and was told it may be possible to upgrade to fiber soon, as there is a pedestal close to the office. They will be sending the Town an email with more information.

With no further business, Mayor Crain adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm. The next regular Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 following the 6:30 pm Public Budget Hearing.

 Mayor: Clerk: