Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 21, 2023

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on February 21, 2023. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Gregg Labatte, and Tyler Harris. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain; Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson; and Public Works Director, Michael O’Toole. (Council member Laurie Young was present starting at 6:50 pm.)

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and recognized the guests present. Mayor Crain asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns. Ryder and Scott Westlund were in attendance to inquire about the Town Ordinance regarding chickens. Ryder presented his opinion as to why he feels the Town should allow chickens in Town limits. Mayor Crain thanked the guests for attending and stated that the Ordinance will be placed on the March agenda for further consideration.

Minutes from the January 16, 2023 meeting were read. Council member Gregg Labatte made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Tyler Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Mayor Crain reported that the upcoming vacancy in the Public Works Director position is being advertised. The inquiry about the position that has been received this far was passed on to the Town attorney for consideration due to the potential for a conflict of interest. Until a new Public Works Director is hired, Mayor Crain stated that she may ask a couple members of the community that have previously filled in for taking samples to see if they would be able to help the Town with sampling until a replacement is found. Public Works Director, Michael O’Toole stated that he will be changing out the lights in the Community Center this Thursday. Mayor Crain also reported that a few volunteers from the community recently came to the Community Center and scrubbed walls, floors, and cabinets.

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

Old Business:

ARPA Project Update: There was nothing new to report on the upcoming ARPA projects. The Town is waiting on the funds to become available.

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:

Ordinance Review: Council went over each chapter and each section of Ordinance Title 1- General Provisions and each chapter and section of Ordinance Title 2 – Administration and

Personnel. Each Ordinance will be re-written with the suggested updates and corrections and will be read for adoption at a future Council meeting.

Advertising for Public Works Director Position: See above in Public Works Director Report.

Building Permits: Council reviewed a building permit for a new home that will be placed on a large lot that is presently empty. After discussion, Council Member Tyler Harris made a motion to approve the building permit as presented. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Mayor Crain asked Council to look over the claims for February 2023. After review, Tyler Harris made a motion for the clerk to remit payment on all claims. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Mayor Crain suggested that each Council Member bring a list of nuisance properties to the March Council meeting. She would like to compile a list and have letters mailed out in April so that properties can get cleaned up by the end of May.

With no further business, Mayor Crain adjourned the meeting. The next regular Council meeting will be March 13, 2023.

Mayor: Clerk: