Approved Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2023

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on November 13, 2023. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Tyler Harris, and Laurie Young. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain and Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and recognized the guests present. Mayor Crain asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns.

Minutes from the October 16, 2023 regular Council meeting were read by Councilman Tyler Harris. Council member Gale Strandlund made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Crain read the minutes from the October 19, 2023 special Council meeting. Council Member Laurie Young 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 not present to report. Mayor Crain reported that Alan has been putting in extra hours working with Pace Construction on the sewer line cleaning and televising. Mayor Crain explained that the videos of the sewer lines will be very useful in seeing any problem areas on the main lines or seeing potential tree root issues that could arise. Mayor Crain reported that Les Scanlan’s work crew was in Town today to look over the two manholes they will be replacing. They have put the one-call in to have the area prepared for when they come back to do the work. Alan Engelke has informed Mayor Crain that one additional manhole may need to be replaced or worked on, as it contains a large chunk of cement that is currently pushed off to the side of it. Mayor Crain also reported that Franz Construction plans to do the street work near the school this coming Spring.

Sheriff’s Report: Deputy Benavente of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department introduced himself and asked if there were any questions or concerns. Mayor Crain reported that she received a visit from the Sheriff’s Department during the recent lot clean-up efforts by the Town and volunteers. She stated that the Sheriff looked at the lot, visited the property owner by phone, and told the Town it was okay to proceed with the clean-up efforts. Mayor Crain felt the clean-up was a success and was a great start, stating that once Alan Engelke came in with his large equipment much progress was made. Mayor Crain also reported that she had received a call from a concerned resident about an unlicensed gentleman driving around Town in an unregistered vehicle. Deputy Benavente took down the information and said he would look into it. He reported that the Froid area has been quiet lately with very few calls reported.

Old Business:

ARPA Project Update-Wastewater System Update: (See above in PWD report).

Update on Property Cleanup Efforts- (See above in Sheriff’s Report) Mayor Crain stated that additional lot clean-up efforts will wait now until Spring.

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:

HB 355 Grant Priority List: Mayor Crain explained there is new grant money available to each Town through the recently passed House Bill 355. Council members looked over their hand-out showing the Town is eligible to receive up to $33,418 with a required 25% local cash match of the total cost of the project. Clerk LeAnn Johnson explained that the Town is obligated to come up with a proposed project priority list for use of the Funds. Council discussed ideas including replacement of the Town office roof or the possibility of using the funds for helping to fix any issues found from the televising of the sewer lines. Mayor Crain asked Council to bring a list of potential projects for use of the HB 355 Funds to the December Council meeting.

Nyquist Grant Application: Mayor Crain reported the Town has applied for a grant through the Nyquist Foundation in the amount of approximately $1800.00 for the replacing of broken windows at the Town shop. She explained that the Nyquist Foundation has been very generous to the Town in the past and offers Grants of up to $2,000 each year on an application basis. She reported that the baseball program also applied for a Nyquist Foundation Grant for new doors for the concessions/storage building. The Grant committee will meet before the first of the year to determine who will receive funding.

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

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Mayor Crain asked Council to look over the claims for November 2023. Council member Tyler Harris made a motion to approve the November claims. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Mayor Crain reported the previous Froid Water Depot operators called and came to the office requesting to take-over the water depot after being absent for approximately 8 years. Mayor Crain, Clerk LeAnn Johnson, and Public Works Director Alan Engelke met with one of the interested parties last week, while Town Attorney, Laura Christoffersen, joined by phone. Mayor Crain says there are still many questions remaining, including what sparked the sudden interest after they abandoned it many years ago, as well as who will operate the water depot on a daily basis.

With no further business, Mayor Crain adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM. The next regular Council meeting will be December 11, 2023.

 Mayor: Clerk: