Approved Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 16, 2023

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on October 16, 2023. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund and Laurie Young. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain and Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm and recognized the guest present. Mayor Crain asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns.

Minutes from the September 5, 2023 meeting were read. Due to the lack of a quorum present, the minutes were unable to be approved.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was not present to report. Mayor Crain reported that Alan has been working on the water line for the new Fertilizer Plant. He has also been working on issues at the water depot well sight. Agri Industries has been working with Alan to troubleshoot the pump/well issues. They made repairs, and the water depot is now back in service. Some of the old PVC pipe at the well sight were changed out to steel pipe. Mayor Crain reported that she visited with the Froid School Superintendent about the recurring street issues by the school as well as the control of traffic around the school and gym. The Superintendent is looking at the possibility of moving the parking area for the school buses, and he also suggested looking into removable speed bumps. Mayor Crain reported that another pallet of pothole patch was ordered and picked up from Menards in Williston.

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

Old Business:

Update on ARPA Project: Les Scanlan has not gotten back to the Town on the replacement of two more manholes. Mayor Crain reported that Alan Engelke will be working on the curb stop replacements included in the project plan. She explained that Greg Lukasik of Great West Engineering came to the office with a large bid package for the sewer line video project. The Invitation to Bid was advertised for three weeks. Bids were opened, and Great West has given the Town their recommendation for awarding the contract. (See below).

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

New Business:

Resolution No. 2023-3: Council Member Laurie Young read Resolution No. 2023-3; A Resolution of the Town of Froid, Montana Canceling the November 7, 2023 General Election of Certain Municipal Officers. Due to the lack of a quorum present, Resolution No. 2023-3 cannot be passed at this time.

Consideration of awarding the contract for the completion of the sewer main cleaning and television inspection to Pace Construction: Mayor Crain read a letter from Great West Engineering including their recommendation to award the sewer project contract to Pace Construction. There were three bidders total, with the bid opening taking place on Thursday, October 5, 2023. Pace Construction’s bid of $63,535 was under the Engineer’s Estimate of $76,000. Due to the lack of a quorum present, the contract was unable to be awarded at this time.

Street Repairs- 1st Ave South; 2nd Ave North: Mayor Crain contacted Franz Construction to have them look over and give recommendations for repairing the portion of 1st Avenue South that runs by the school. She also met with the school Superintendent. He is looking into a new location for parking the school buses and would like to work with the Town to help come up with a solution for the repair and maintenance of the street. Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, would also like to see some better repairs made to 2nd Ave North. LeAnn will visit further with Alan to find out what direction he feels the Town should go with those repairs.

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 October 2023. Due to the lack of a quorum present, the October claims are not able to be approved for payment at this time.

Other Business:

Resident, Penny Ryder, inquired about the missing street sign near Greg Labatte’s shop. Mayor Crain stated that there are other street signs missing in addition to those at 1st Ave S and 1st Street S, and the Town will be working on getting those ordered.

Councilman Gale Strandlund inquired about the clean-up of the property at 307 2nd Street S. After discussion, Council agreed that Sunday, October 22 at noon will be a day to gather to clean up the lot. Mayor Crain will have LeAnn advertise and ask for volunteers to help.

With no further business, Mayor Crain adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM. There will be a special Town Council meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 9:00 am at the Town Office to approve the October agenda items.

Mayor: Clerk: