

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2026 Froid Town Council (Approved)

The Regular Meeting of the Froid Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Sheri Crain at the Froid Community Center on Monday, April 13, 2026. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Tyler Harris, and Laurie Young.

Mayor Crain welcomed the guests present and asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns.

The Council meeting minutes from March 16, 2026, were read. Council Member Laurie Young moved to approve the March meeting minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Crain gave an update from the March minutes regarding the receipt of \$1,675.00 from the Justice Court upon them finding an error in their computer system.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was present to report. Mayor Crain inquired if Alan has received any dog complaints. He stated that he did recently call a dog-owner to report that their dog was not leashed. Mayor Crain stated that she feels the Town should put out a reminder to the residents that there is a leash law for dogs. Alan reported that he fixed two residential frozen water meters. He also replaced the blade on the tractor. He has been cleaning up debris and dirt left behind after the piling of snow. Alan also reported that he attended the Montana Rural Water Systems annual conference in Billings. He has been working on finding the cause of a leaking vaporizer at the in-town lift station generator. He has shut off the circulation pump at the water tower for the season. Mayor Crain asked Alan if the lawn mower is ready for use. He stated that it should be ready.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Russell Corbell was present to report for Roosevelt County Sheriff's Department. Council looked at the summary of calls sent to the Town from the Sheriff's Office for March. There were 2 calls for service in March and one citation. Deputy Corbell reported there were six calls for service in total for the Town of Froid and rural Froid.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA Project Update: Alan reported that he has put in the one-call request for the upcoming sewer/ARPA project.

Nemont Fiber Optic Project: David Stentoft was present to report on behalf of Nemont. He presented maps showing the proposed placement of fiber optic cable in Town to upgrade the existing copper lines, and he gave an overview of the project. He stated that each active Nemont customer in Town should get a phone call from Nemont to discuss the service upgrade options. Mr. Stentoft reported that Nemont will be hiring contractors for the project, but they have not yet entered into a contract. Alan Engelke inquired about running the fiber cable to the Froid gym. David stated that they can check into adding the gym to the project route. Clerk, LeAnn Johnson, stated that the Town is also requesting the lagoon be included in the fiber service route. After discussion, Council member Tyler Harris made a motion to accept and sign the Nemont Fiber Optic Agreement. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. David reported that the Town will be able to meet with the contractors at the pre-construction meeting to discuss any concerns and to be made aware of the construction route and timeline.

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

New Business:

America's 250th Celebration: Mayor Crain reported that grant funds will be applied for by the Town under the Montana 250 Sponsorship Program in celebration of America's 250th Birthday. She explained that the Commercial Club plans to hold the annual 4th of July celebration with the usual parade and fireworks

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display. These funds are required to be used for a new component if there is an existing annual event, activity, or program that ties to the 250th commemoration. Mayor Crain reported that the Town will be applying for funding for an 8x12 American flag to be placed at the currently erected large flagpole North of the baseball field. Included in the application will also be the funding for mounted lights to illuminate the flag at night. A quote has been requested from Sheridan Electric for the lighting costs. There is power already available at this location. There will be a flag-raising ceremony during the 4th of July celebration.

Financial Review – Audit Proposal (Extension Request): LeAnn reported that she still has not been successful in securing an auditor to perform the mandatory Financial Review. She shared copies of one proposal received. The \$11,000 proposal is much more expensive than the previous Financial Reviews that have been completed. LeAnn stated that she will continue to email and call from those auditors on the Department of Administration roster. She has applied for an extension to September 30th for a completion deadline but has not heard back from the State.

Building Permits: There were no new building permits for Council to look over.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Council looked over the claims for April 2026. Council Member Tyler Harris moved to approve the April 2026 claims. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business: Mayor Crain inquired about a Spring Town Clean-up Day. After discussion, Mayor Crain stated that she will reach out to see if there is a date that will work for Bowker Sanitation. Mayor Crain also stated that she would like to spread the word that residents need to take care of the abundance of junk vehicles sitting around Town.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm. The next regular meeting will be May 13, 2026.

Mayor:

Clerk: