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Minutes

Approved

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING February 10, 2025

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on February 10, 2025. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Laurie Young, Gregg Labatte, and Tyler Harris. Also present were Mayor, Sheri Crain and Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, welcomed the guests present, and asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns. Scott Westlund was in attendance and inquired about cutting up some of the trees from the Town tree pile for wood. Minutes from the January 20, 2025 Regular Council meeting were read. Council Member Gregg Labatte made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Laurie Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was present to report. He reported that he replaced the lights at the library. He also reported on a water leak on a main line across from the school near the old ice rink lot. He stated that the leak was caused by bolts rusting off a fitting, so he replaced the bolts and fitting. Water had to be temporarily shut off to the Town, but as many residents were notified as possible ahead of time. The leak filled the area that held the old ice-skating rink. Alan cleared the snow from the ice, and Mayor Crain said she would check with the school on any possible liability issues before suggesting the ice could be used for recreational ice skating. Alan also reported on a stuck valve at the Dry Prairie Vault which caused the water tower to overflow on both January 29th and February 2nd. Mayor Crain reported to Council that a house owned by the school had a water leak inside the house, resulting in a loss of around 80,000 gallons of water. The school was aware of the leak prior to LeAnn being alerted when she read the water meters.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Corbell was present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff's Department. Council looked over the summary of calls sent to the Town from the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Corbell stated that one of the calls was a civil stand-by and another was a traffic stop just outside of Town. Mayor Crain reported that the school recently put in security cameras near the entrances of the school.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA Project-Curb Stop and Valve Replacement: LeAnn reported that there is funding available to replace approximately 28-30 more curbs stops and 2 more water valves. This work needs to be completed by the end of December. Mayor Crain asked Alan if the Town has curb stops on hand, and Alan reported that there are a few on hand. He will continue to replace them as he finds those needing replacement.

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. Mayor Crain suggested the Town may want to look over the Town policy for utilities being placed in a renter's name vs staying in the owner's name.

MAYOR Sheri Crain CLERK LeAnn Johnson
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New Business:

Water Project-Clean out Town Water Valves: Alan contacted Adam Nielsen for a quote to have him pressure wash/vacuum out the debris that has accumulated in several main water valves. His quote was \$150.00/hour. Alan will need to make a list of those in most need to be cleaned out. Council discussed the matter and felt that it is something that should be done if Alan feels it is necessary for maintenance.

Building Permits: There were no new building permits.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment - Council looked over the claims for February 2025. After discussion, Council member Tyler Harris made a motion to pay the February claims. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Penny Ryder inquired as to why there are not more streetlights on 1st Ave S between Gregg Labatte's shop and Main Street. Mayor Crain stated that she would drive by to see if she felt another light is necessary and could reach out to MDU to investigate further. Penny stated that she currently pays to have an extra streetlight on her property for additional light.

At the January Council meeting, Mayor Crain asked Council to bring some "wish list" ideas to the February meeting to help make a list of needs and wants for the Town. She stated that her main desire for funding would still be for a generator for the Community Center. LeAnn stated that she has looked into grants from MDU Resources and AARP. Scott Westlund of Sheridan Electric asked to be included in the correspondence regarding the MDU Resources grant application. Council also discussed some streets in need of repair. Russ Corbell stated that the intersection of Main Street by the Old Bank building is in need of better drainage. Council member Laurie Young inquired as to whether that is a Town responsibility or a responsibility of the State. Street repairs and storm drainage will be looked into further.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next regular Council meeting will be March 10, 2025.

Mayor:

Clerk: