

Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2026 (Approved) Froid Town Council

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, February 9, 2026. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Gregg Labatte, and Tyler Harris.

Mayor Crain welcomed the guests present and asked if there were any non-agenda comments or concerns. The minutes from the January 12, 2026 Council meeting were read. Mayor Crain asked for any public comment. Council Member Gregg Labatte made a motion to approve the January minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was present to report. Alan stated MDU fixed a streetlight near the water tower. After recent strong winds, a garbage bin was found $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from Town by Russell Bowker using his drone to fly over the area. Council member Gregg Labatte inquired if the bin had a metal ring, as those seem to help keep the dumpsters in place. Alan reported that he has been moving snow and slush. He also reported on a freeze-up under a trailer that has had issues the last couple years. He noticed water spilling across the street and then found the leak under the trailer. He shut the water off at the curb stop. Alan also found that the water froze in one of the tanks at the water depot, causing a large bulge in the top of the tank. He believes the heat tape failed. The water line at the Mint Bar also froze during the last cold spell. Alan replaced the frozen meter. Alan talked to the State Department of Transportation about cleaning out a clogged culvert by the railroad tracks.

Sheriff's Report: Deputy Russ 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 for the first week of February. There were 3 calls for service. Deputy Corbell reported they were all traffic violations- with one being in Town, and two being rural stops.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA Project- Mayor Crain reported that Alan has all the supplies for the project, and he will begin work once the weather warms up a little more.

Signing of Arbor Day Proclamation: Mayor Crain read aloud and then signed the 2026 Arbor Day Proclamation. The date of the celebration and tree planting has been set for May 13, 2026.

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. Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that she delivered one door hanger in the last month, and that bill has been paid.

New Business:

Neighborhood Watch: Penny Ryder was present and informed Council that she would like to see the Neighborhood Watch Program be resurrected in Froid. She has received the information and leftover signs from when Mark and Suzie Russell got the program going a few years ago. Mayor Crain asked Penny if she had anything to report on at this time. Penny stated that she hasn't yet looked over the information passed on to her. Council discussed the importance of residents getting their physical address numbers placed in a visible place on their homes and businesses.

Housing Availability: Mayor Crain reported that she has recently had some inquiries about the lack of available housing in Froid. Council discussed empty houses that could be fixed up for potential buyers or renters.

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Building Permits: There were no new building permits for Council to look over. Mayor Crain reported that she delivered a building permit application to the school for them to fill out for the new bus barn they are building.

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

Other Business: Mayor Crain asked Deputy Corbell about the Sheriff's Department looking over properties for residents that are gone from their home or business for an extended amount of time. Deputy Corbell confirmed that they keep those places that they are made aware of in their routine patrol.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm. The next regular meeting will be March 9, 2026.

Mayor:

Clerk: