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Minutes

Approved

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING January 12, 2026

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on January 12, 2026. Those in attendance were Council Members Gale Strandlund, Gregg Labatte, and Laurie Young. 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. The minutes from the December 8, 2025 Council meeting were read. Mayor Crain asked for any public comment. Council Member Laurie Young made a motion to approve the December meeting 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 repair parts have been ordered for the water depot. Alan reported that the wind damaged some of the brackets for the street decorations. He took them home and repaired them. He also reported that he removed some engine parts that had been placed into one of the school dumpsters and placed them into the recycling bin. He stated that with all of the RV campers gone, he has shut off the hydrant at the Northern Lights Park. Mayor Crain stated that she has had a couple complaints/concerns about the slick streets and told Alan to keep plugging away at them and recommended putting down gravel in some of the worst spots. The lift station generator at the out-of-town lift station blew a rubber fitting and was leaking antifreeze. Alan has repaired this. The lift station generator at the in-town lift station was low on anti-freeze so Alan has added more and will keep an eye on it. Alan also reported that so far the circulator pump at the water tower is working well.

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 December. There were 2 calls for service, with zero arrests and zero citations. Deputy Corbell reported one call was due to vandalism involving windows with bullet holes, and the other call was for medical assistance. Mayor Crain reported that the Justice of Peace sent \$15 to the Town for the portion due from fines and forfeitures.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA Project- Council looked over a copy of the general contract between the Town and Alan Engelke that was submitted for the ARPA grant. The contract has been signed and submitted, and the extension has been filed. The work will now need to be completed before June 30th, 2026.

Disposal of Wastewater into Lagoon Inquiry- Tanner Holtan was not in attendance this month to further inquire about using the lagoon for disposal of septic waste. There is no new information to report.

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:

MAYOR Sheri Crain CLERK LeAnn Johnson
TOWN COUNCIL Gale Strandlund Gregg Labatte Laurie Young Tyler Harris

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Arbor Day – Council discussed the purchase of two more trees with the funds available through the DNRC Tree Planting Grant. LeAnn will reach out to Linda Hinds of Prairie Winds Nursery for prices and will apply for the grant funds. The Town is once again eligible to receive \$350.00 to go toward the planting of trees. Clerk LeAnn Johnson reported that she is once again looking at around May 13th for the tree planting and Arbor Day celebration.

MRWS Annual Conference – Alan will be attending the Annual Montana Rural Water Systems conference again in Billings March 23rd to March 25th.

Building Permits: There were no new building permits for Council to review. Froid School Superintendent, Steve Mayhue, was in attendance and inquired about getting a building permit for a new bus barn. He asked how far ahead of construction he needs to get the permit filled out. Mayor Crain stated that she will bring him an application and Council can look it over at the next regular Council meeting.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Council looked over the claims for January 2026. Laurie Young made a motion to approve the claims for January 2026. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business: Resident, Penny Ryder stated that she believes there has been an increase in crime in the Town of Froid and that she thinks residents of Froid are living in fear. Mayor Crain asked if those living in fear have called the authorities to report any issues. Deputy Corbell reiterated that dispatch needs to be called and a report made if residents feel something illegal is going on or if they feel threatened. Mayor Crain stated that she will call Town Attorney Laura Christoffersen to discuss specific concerns Penny has. Penny also asked the Town to look over the East end of Town near the water tower where it is unusually dark. Mayor Crain stated that the Town will look into it.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm. The next regular meeting will be February 9, 2026.

Mayor:

Clerk: