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Minutes

APPROVED

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 10, 2025

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

In the absence of Mayor Crain, Council Member Gale Strandlund called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He welcomed the guests present and asked if anyone had any concerns other than agenda items. Minutes from the February 10, 2025 Regular Council meeting were read. Council Member Tyler Harris made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Public Works Director, Alan Engelke, was present to report. He reported that during the cold temperatures, he replaced more lights at the Community Center on the fire hall side. He also reported that he replaced a frozen water meter at the Lutheran Church. He spent most of the last month doing general maintenance including some ice and snow removal. He also reported that he will be spending the rest of this week in Great Falls at the annual Montana Rural Water Systems Conference.

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 answered continued concerns about the off-road vehicles with underage drivers traveling up and down the streets. Deputy Corbell stated that parents of the juveniles have been contacted. When Council Member Tyler Harris inquired about consequences if the law is not abided, Deputy Corbell stated that parents of the juveniles can be ticketed. Deputy Corbell reported that the recent unapproved burning of the Town tree pile was never reported to the Sheriff's Department. Alan Engelke reported that the Fire Department was not notified prior to the fire starting, but firemen responded to monitor it once they were made aware of it.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA Project-Curb Stop and Valve Replacement: There were no updates to report on the ARPA project.

Water Project-Clean out Town Water Valves: There were no updates to report on the valve cleanout project. Alan Engelke reported there are 5-10 main valves needing to be cleaned out.

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:

Review of Chicken Ordinance: Council Member Tyler Harris read the current Town Animal Ordinance which prohibits chickens in Town limits. He stated that he had requested a review of the ordinance for the agenda after being approached by a couple residents on the topic. There were several in attendance interested in updating the current ordinance. Clerk LeAnn Johnson handed out a list of what many other towns and cities allow. After discussion, Tyler Harris suggested the Town look into drafting an ordinance

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to allow up to 6 hens only. Council Member Gregg Labatte pointed out that it is likely that chicken-owners will have issues with dogs and other predators if the chickens are not properly contained. All Council Members present would like to see a draft of a new ordinance be ready for the April meeting.

Long-Term Parking on Main Street: Councilman Gale Strandlund reported that there was a boat parked on Main Street for several months but was recently moved. He also stated that there have been other issues on some of the main streets and avenues where vehicles are parked for an extended amount of time, often obstructing the view for those traveling on the streets. Deputy Corbell suggested an option could be to designate "No Parking" zones. LeAnn stated that she can look into examples from other towns.

Building Permits: There were no new building permits to review.

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Council looked over the claims for March 2025. After discussion, Council member Laurie Young made a motion to pay the March claims. Tyler Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business: Alan Engelke inquired about the Fire Department using the large propane tank sitting at the Town Shop. It has not been used in recent years, so Council agreed that if the Fire Department could find a use for it, they were welcome to it.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular Council meeting will be April 14, 2025.

Mayor:

Clerk: