Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 2020

The minutes of the Froid Town Council via Zoom remote conferencing on April 13, 2020. Those in attendance were Councilmen Dan Mogen, Dan Kjelshus, Gale Strandlund, and Gregg Labatte. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Visitors were recognized and informed they would have the opportunity to voice any concerns-just as in a normal, face-to-face meeting.

Minutes from the March 9, 2020 regular Council meeting were previously handed out to each Council member in their meeting packet. Mayor Crain inquired if Council had the chance to read over those minutes. Dan Kjelshus made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director Report: Odean was not present to report. Mayor Crain confirmed with Dan Kjelshus that he picked up the pallet of pothole patch ordered from Menards. Mayor Crain reported that she recently called Woody’s Construction to ask them to come take a look at and secure down some shingles that were lifting at the Community Center during recent winds.

Sheriff’s Report: There was no one present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department.

Old Business:

Wastewater System Update: Mayor Crain reported that one of the holding ponds at the lagoon was drained last week, as the level was reaching capacity.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Acct Receivables: Mayor Crain let Council know they could stop into the office to look over delinquent accounts if they had any concerns. She reported that reminder letters were mailed out last week to those on the list.

New Business:

Ratify Emergency Proclamation #2020-1: Council was given a copy of **Emergency Proclamation #2020-1**: An Emergency Proclamation Declaring a Local Emergency to Exist Related to the Communicable Disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus. Gale Strandlund made a motion to ratify Emergency Proclamation #2020-1, as signed by Mayor Crain on March 25, 2020. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2020-2: Mayor Crain asked Council to review **Resolution No. 2020-2**: A Resolution Requesting Distribution of Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Program Funds. Mayor Crain explained the Funds requested this year and available from the Department of Transportation totals $11,095.61 and 5% matching funds ($554.78) will come from the Town’s General Fund. Gregg Labatte made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-2 as written. Dan Kjelshus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Request for Chickens in Town Limits: Mayor Crain reported someone recently inquired about wanting to purchase property in Town and if purchased, would like to be able to have chickens in Town. Discussion was held by Council. After discussion, Mayor Crain requested to table further discussion until the May meeting in order to find out if the individual interested in the chickens is in fact purchasing property.

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

Review of Claims for Approval of Payment: Council looked over claims presented for April. Gale Strandlund made a motion for the clerk to remit payment on all claims. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business: Councilman Dan Kjelshus inquired about making more of the rings for the garbage receptacles. Clerk LeAnn Johnson stated that the garbage fund is now operating with a positive balance, so it would be possible to pay for a few new holders.

Mayor Crain reported that she visited with the lot-owner about the Town’s tree pile. The owner gave the Town permission to continue to use his lot for tree disposal. Councilman Labatte stated that the bigger stumps that are hard to burn could be loaded and hauled out of Town to be burned.

Councilman Strandlund voiced his concerns for getting the area north of the baseball field pumped out so the road and surrounding area can dry out.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May11, 2020.

 Mayor: Clerk: