Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 13, 2020

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on July 13, 2020. Those in attendance were Councilmen Dan Mogen, Dan Kjelshus, Gregg Labatte, and Gale Strandlund. Also present was Mayor, Sheri Crain and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed the guests present. Clerk LeAnn Johnson read the June 16, 2020 minutes. Dan Kjelshus made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Dan Mogen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Odean was not present to report. Mayor Crain reported there are 8 missing street signs around Town. New signs have been ordered and will be installed by Odean when they come in. Odean has been filling potholes and spreading gravel. Mayor Crain and Odean recently looked over the area that Penny Ryder was concerned about on 2nd Ave S, as it has a culvert that has been buried. Sheri has asked Alan Engelke to look into the issue. Railroad Avenue is in need of new gravel and maintenance work. It was discussed to check into the possibility of the County coming for a couple hours with their equipment to help spread the gravel. Mayor Crain will check with the County Commissioners.

Sheriff’s Report: Tim Lingle introduced a new deputy for Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department, Russ Corbell. Russ is living in Froid. Lieutenant Lingle reported that the Sheriff’s Department has been busy. The Department is fully staffed at this time. Mr. Lingle reported that in the last 6 months, there have been 15 incidents reported in the Town of Froid and 13 outside of Town limits. Rod Luft was in attendance and stated that it has been nice to see deputies out on the County roads lately.

Old Business-

Wastewater System Update- Mayor Crain reported that the wastewater/lagoon project is going very well. The large pond is complete. There are only four more manholes left to replace. Mayor Crain reported that she did hear one complaint from a lot-owner regarding the disruption of his lot. Sheri visited with the lot-owner and re-assured him that the property would be returned to the condition it was prior to the replacement of the manhole.

FY 2020-2021 Budget Items: Mayor Crain informed Council that LeAnn will be working on the FY 2020-2021 budget. LeAnn asked Council to let her know if there are any items they feel should be included in the budget. Gravel for Street Repairs will be

included. Council also discussed the on-going issues Gale Strandlund has been having with the sewer line to his lot. Funds will be budgeted for repairs.

Review of Water, Sewer, and Garbage Acct Receivables: Council looked over the delinquent accounts. Letters will be mailed and phone calls made to those on the list.

New Business:

Look Over Bids and Contracts for Water Tower Cleaning and Inspection: Quotes from Maguire Iron and Midco Diving and Marine Services were received for water tower cleaning and inspections. Council agreed they are pleased with the work Maguire Iron has done so far, and recognized they have several other clients in the area. After discussion, Dan Mogen made a motion to enter into a 10-year contract with Maguire Iron, with cleaning and inspections to be done every 2 years. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adopt Loan Resolution No. 2020-4 - Mayor Crain read Resolution No. 2020-4: A resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Froid authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and /or extending its public body facility to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction to serve. Dan Kjelshus made a motion to adopt Loan Resolution No.2020-4. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Opening of bids for Case IH Grapple Forks- Council received one bid for the Case IH Grapple Forks. Gale Strandlund made a motion to accept the bid of $475. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Opening of bids for Dixie Chopper Lawn Mower- Council opened the bids for the Dixie Chopper lawn mower. Gale Strandlund made a motion to accept the highest bid presented of $1800. Gregg Labatte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

First reading of Ordinance No. 8.05- An Ordinance banishing beekeeping and apiaries within the Town limits. Attorney Laura Christoffersen drafted for the Town, Ordinance No. 8.05 for the banishment of beekeeping and apiaries. After much discussion between Council and concerned residents present, the first reading of Ordinance No. 8.05 was tabled to allow for further discussion on the topic. Council will look at the possibility of having a public hearing on the topic, possibly on the same night as the public hearing for the FYE 2021 Town budget.

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

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

With no further business, meeting was adjourned. The next regular Town Council meeting will be August 10, 2020.

 Mayor: Clerk: