Minutes

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 9, 2017

The minutes of the Froid Town Council at the Froid Community Center on October 9, 2017. Those present were Mayor Sheri Crain and Council Members Gale Strandlund, Gregg Labatte, and Dan Mogen. Also present was Public Works Director, Odean Kilsdonk and Town Clerk, LeAnn Johnson.

Mayor Crain called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Visitors were recognized. The minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting were read. Dan Mogen made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Gale Strandlund seconded it. Motion carried.

Public Works Report: Odean was present to report. He stated that Steve Moore from Dry Prairie hooked up a transmitter for the water tower. He explained the process that will be used for filling and disinfecting the water tower prior to putting it on-line. Odean reported that Sheridan Electric is lined up to wire in the circulator pump for the water tower. The leftover sand left behind by Maguire Iron is still sitting unused. Council discussed available options for its use. LeAnn will call Opheim to see what they did with their leftover sand. Odean has been using road patch on the bad spots around town. He also reported that the steel recycling bin is not filling back up very quickly. Ernie Forbes inquired about the signal light blinking at the lift station in town. Odean explained that for quite some time the light has come on for a couple seconds each time the pump kicks on. Odean also reported that he has spent several hours trying to find the curbstop at the Congregational Church. Mayor Crain stated that this is something that will need to be focused on right now before temperatures start to fall more.

Sheriff’s report: There was no one present to report on behalf of the Roosevelt County Sheriff’s Department. Ernest Forbes briefed Council on the recent burglary at his property on Main Street.

Old Business:

Water Tower Project Update: (See Public Works Report above).

Water Meters: LeAnn reported that the Town is still waiting on the delivery of the new water meters.

Lagoon Project Update: Mayor Crain reported that the Town is still waiting to hear back from the letter that was sent to the Reiter family in request of purchasing the 5.7 acres of land needed to complete the lagoon project. There has not yet been a response from the family. The land appraiser will come to Froid in the next day or two to complete the appraisal. Once the appraisal is complete Mayor Crain suggests the Town list a price they would like to suggest for the purchase of the land. Councilman Gregg Labatte inquired about the possibility of swapping land with the Reiters, as he feels a portion of the land the Town currently owns fits in well with land the Reiter family currently owns.

Nuisance Properties: Mayor Crain stated that she has seen a vast improvement on several of the properties that received letters. Dan Mogen explained that vehicles in front of Agalnd that have been sitting for an extended amount of time have been dated. The vehicle owners will have a limited amount of time to come pick them up before they are permanently removed. Mayor Crain reported that the majority of lot owners have responded to the letters. The Town will be looking into cleaning up the one property that has not responded to the letters and then billing the owner for the work done.

Upcoming Municipal Election: LeAnn reported that the upcoming municipal election will be a mail-ballot election.

Delinquencies were reviewed. Letters will be mailed and phone calls made to those on the list.

New Business:

Gas Tax-Special Road/Street Allocation Program: Mayor Crain asked Clerk LeAnn Johnson to brief the Council on the new funds coming available from the allocation of the new motor fuel tax revenues. HB 473 provides for a graduated increase in the motor fuel tax by fiscal year 2023. The Town will be able to request distribution of the funds in March 2018 for the amount allocated in this year, but will be required to provide a 5% match. The funds can be used to pay for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair of town streets that the Town has a responsibility to maintain. Council discussed some projects the funds could be used for.

Hydrant Flushing: Odean stated that there is not a certain date in place for the next hydrant flushing. He explained that it will not matter if it is done before or after the water tower is functioning.

LEPC Meeting- Mayor Crain reported that the next LEPC meeting will be at 2:00 on October 10, 2017 in Culbertson. Mayor Crain is unable to attend but she encouraged anyone else that is available to attend.

There were no new building permit requests.

After review of the claims, Dan Mogen made a motion for the clerk to remit payment. Gale Strandlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Mayor Crain read the letter the Town received from O’Dea Agency regarding the Town’s property insurance policy. She explained that LeAnn will be looking into options through MMIA.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38.

The next regular council meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on November 13, 2017.

 Mayor: Clerk: