

FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2021

The January 4, 2021 meeting of the Fromberg Town Council was held at 118 W River Street in Fromberg. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order by Interim Mayor Tim Nottingham at 7:00 pm. Council members present were Dave Stapleton, Nate Caton and Frank "Bill" Gruel. Others present were Jeff and Ethel Arthur, Tammy Taylor, Matt Hjelm with Wipfli, LLP, Irwin Sankey, Tina Foust, Elton C. Kirtley, Ashley Engelke, Dakota Z. Mitchem, Randy Wike, DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen, Sherriff Josh McQuillan, Public Works Director Jay Carter, Assistant Public Works Director Lacey Breeding and Clerk Kirstin Sweet (temporarily filling in as Clerk since Jann Christman resigned in December 2020.)

The next item on the agenda was public comment. Irwin Sankey commented regarding mask requirements. Tammy Taylor commented regarding Mayor Miller's resignation.

The next agenda item was the Sherriff's report. Sherriff McQuillan gave the stats for December 2020.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting. Councilman Stapleton asked for a correction to be made to the minutes under public comment. Councilman Caton motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. It was seconded by Councilman Stapleton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye and Councilman Gruel -aye. The minutes from the December 18, 2020 meeting was next. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gruel. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye and Councilman Gruel -aye.

The next item of business was the approval of claims for December. Councilman Stapleton motioned to approve claims. The motion was seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye and Councilman Gruel -aye.

Old Business was the next item on the agenda. Matt Hjelm was present from Wipfli LLP. Mr. Hjelm gave a report regarding the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Questions from the Public were answered by Mr. Hjelm and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

New Business was the next item on the agenda. The first item of business was Resolution #503 to adopt the Carbon County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020. Carbon County DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen was present and explained to the council what this plan was and how it affects the Town of Fromberg. Councilman Stapleton motioned to approve Resolution #503. Councilman Caton seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye and Councilman Gruel -aye. The second item of new business was to appoint a representative to the Carbon County Planning Board. A motion was made to approve the appointment of Julie Jones as representative for Fromberg was made by Councilman Caton, seconded by Councilman Gruel. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye and Councilman Gruel -aye.

Zoning was the next item on the agenda. There were no zoning items for consideration.

Correspondence was the next item on the agenda. There was no correspondence.

Town Attorney Moen was not present.

Public Works Director Carter reported that the parking plan approved a few years ago for parking blocks to be installed on the north side of main street is a project that he would like to complete. It is 300 ft of blocks so the cost of blocks alone would be approximately \$2,300.00. Tammy Taylor commented and asked if another type of block might be cheaper. Mayor Nottingham asked PWD Carter to look into the different kinds and compare costs. PWD Carter also informed the council that they are working on burning the ditches. Councilman Caton commented on the sink hole near the railroad tracks and asked if PWD Carter could look into that. PWD Carter also stated that the garbage carts will be replaced. Councilman Stapleton asked about ownership of the meters in town. Mayor Nottingham reported that Montana Rural Water informed him that if the Town purchases the meter then the Town owns the meter. If the homeowner purchases the meter, then they own it. Discussion was had with the council and the public regarding new meters and how they should be paid for. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

Clerk Sweet had no formal report to give but offered to answer any questions from the council or public regarding budget or other items. Some comments were made regarding office hours.

Mayor Nottingham thanked the Mayor of Joliet for coming to the meeting. He also informed the public of the events leading up to him becoming interim Mayor. As well as his plans for the future of the Town. Councilman Stapleton addressed the public and asked for lots of letters of interest for the Mayor position.

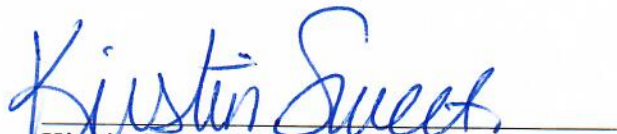
The next meeting date will be February 1, 2021.

There being no further business Councilman Stapleton motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye and Councilman Gruel -aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.



Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Attest:



Kirstin Sweet, Clerk Pro Tem