

FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 8, 2021

The June 8, 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 Mayor Tim Nottingham at 7:00 pm. Council members present were Dave Stapleton, Nate Caton, Isa Dawson and Frank "Bill" Gruel. Others present were Carol Jones, Everett Edwards, Aaron King, Elton Kirtley, June Kalloch, Mike Ventling, Tammy & Marge Taylor, James & Jonalee Werning, Alastair Baker, Sherriff Josh McQuillian, Public Works Director Jay Cater, Assistant Public Works Director Lacey Breeding and Clerk Pro Tem Kirstin Sweet.

The next item on the agenda was public comment. June Kalloch asked the council to allow decorations for the park that can be used for every holiday. She would be willing to construct the decorations. The council liked the idea and Mrs. Kalloch will work with the Public Works Director to find a spot for them to be set up. A Special Presentation was the next item in public comment. Everett Edwards was presented a special achievement award. Public comment and discussion were had regarding the new restrictions in parking in front of the office. Jonalee Werning is the local postal worker and she has concerns regarding the restriction of access to the post office. Comments were made that maybe a 10-minute parking should be implemented. The council was agreeable to that. Krystal Bennet from Great West Engineering was present to explain to the council the grant options available from the American Rescue Plan Act. A special meeting may be needed to work out the details of an application. Fire Chief Ventling asked about the possibility of a street closure for a pig roast in August. He will submit a special event application at the next meeting.

The next agenda item was the Carbon County Sherriff's report. Sherriff Josh McQuillian presented the stats for the month of April and May.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the May 3, 2021 regular meeting. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye, Councilwoman Dawson - aye, and Councilman Gruel - aye.

The next item of business was the approval of claims for May. Department heads answered questions regarding claims. Councilman Stapleton motioned to approve claims including check #21920 to #21945. Also, electronic check # -99979 to -99979. The motion was seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye, Councilwoman Dawson - aye, and Councilman Gruel - aye.

The next item of business was the approval of the payroll summary for May. Councilman Stapleton motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #21913 to #21917. Also, electronic check # -89309 to -89302. The motion was seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye, Councilwoman Dawson - aye, and Councilman Gruel - aye.

The next agenda item was Special Events Applications. The first application was from Marge Taylor for a fundraiser event in the park on July 10, 2021. Marge Taylor was present to explain the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Caton, seconded by Councilman Stapleton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye, Councilwoman Dawson - aye, and Councilman Gruel - aye. The second application was from Carol Jones for the Veteran's Meat Locker to set up in the park on July 25, 2021. Carol Jones was present to explain the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Stapleton, seconded by Councilman Caton. The

motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye, Councilwoman Dawson - aye, and Councilman Gruel -aye.

Old Business was the next item on the agenda. There was no old business to discuss.

New Business was the next item on the agenda. The first item was a discussion regarding the possibility of a town charter. Clerk Sweet spoke to Attorney Moen regarding the charter. He asked that the discussion be tabled until he can be present. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to table the discussion, seconded by Councilman Gruel. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye, Councilwoman Dawson - aye, and Councilman Gruel -aye. The second item of new business was Personnel Policy. Clerk Sweet asked the council to consider revising and updating the current policy. The council was agreeable to the update and Clerk Sweet will work on the updates and coordinate with Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority. The last item was a flower garden in the park. Tammy Taylor asked the council to allow her to put a flower garden in the park. The materials will be provided by the Fromberg Improvement Committee. A motion to approve the flower garden was made by Councilman Caton, seconded by Councilman Gruel. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye, Councilwoman Dawson - aye, and Councilman Gruel -aye.

The next item was Resolution #504 to call for an election. Mayor Nottingham read the resolution. Discussion was had regarding the resolution and the election process. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Stapleton, seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye, Councilwoman Dawson - aye, and Councilman Gruel - aye.

The next item was Resolution #505 for an employee pay increase. Mayor Nottingham read the resolution. Discussion was had regarding the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Stapleton, seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye, Councilwoman Dawson - aye, and Councilman Gruel - aye.

Zoning was the next item on the agenda. There were no zoning applications to consider.

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

Town Attorney Moen was not present.

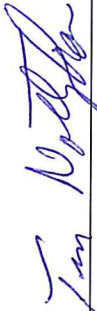
Public Works Director Carter updated the council on the street repair needed on Missouri Ave. Councilman Stapleton asked if the meter box will be moved for Mike Buechler. Public Works Director Carter is working on it.

Clerk Sweet reminded the council that two (2) Council positions and the mayor position are up for election and the deadline to file is June 21, 2021.

Mayor / Council updates were next on the agenda. Councilwoman Dawson commented regarding the ditch along W River Street seems to be in disrepair. The mayor is already working on that matter. She also asked about leasing vacant lots and making them look nice. Mayor Nottingham asked Councilwoman Dawson to look into the matter further.

The next meeting date will be July 13, 2021.

There being no further business Councilman Caton motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stapleton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Stapleton - aye, Councilman Caton - aye, Councilwoman Dawson - aye, and Councilman Gruel -aye. Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.



Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Attest:



Kirstin Sweet, Clerk Pro Tem