

FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING

HELD ON JULY 13, 2021

The July, 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, Frank "Bill" Gruel and Ilsa Dawson. Others present were Public Works Director Jay Carter, Public Works Assistant/Interim Clerk Lacey Breding, Sheriff Josh McQuillan, Elton Kirtley, William McCranie and Marge Taylor.

The next item on the agenda was public comment. Elton Kirtley commented on a property on 3rd street that has a lot of dead trees and are/will become more of a hazard if not taken care of. Discussion was had about getting the trees trimmed and removed in that location and Mayor Nottingham agreed to have a talk with the owner of the property. Marge Taylor commented on the light pole outlet at the city park and informed the council that it is no longer working. She also wondered if there are any grants available for city parks. Nottingham asked Jay Carter to have an electrician look at the outlet and also agreed to look into grants that might be available. Councilman Gruel commented about the slide at the park being cracked and broken and then asked Taylor to find out if it is the Town's responsibility or the improvement committees to upkeep the playground equipment. She agreed to look in to it. William McCranie then asked the council if it would be allowed for him to put up a temporary dog fence on his property on Montana Ave. Nottingham and Stapleton gave McCranie permission as long as it is not a hazard to anyone or blocking any streets and/or alleys. Taylor then commented on the new picnic table in the city park and informed the council that it is too tall. Carter agreed to find a way to make it shorter. Taylor then commented on a hazardous tree in the alley behind the main street business buildings. Discussion was had about remedies for the tree and Nottingham volunteered to talk with the owner of the property with the tree.

Next on the agenda was the Carbon County Sheriff's report. Sheriff Officer McQuillan gave a report regarding the patrol in town for the month of July.

The next item of business was the approval of minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion was carried out with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel- aye, Councilman Caton- aye, Councilwoman Dawson- aye and Councilman Stapleton- aye. Next item was to approve minutes from a Special Meeting that was had on July 2, 2021. Councilman Stapleton made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion was carried with votes as

follows: Councilman Gruel- aye, Councilman Caton- aye, Councilwoman Dawson- aye and Councilman Stapleton- aye.

Next on the agenda was the approval of claims for June 2021. Councilman Caton made the motion to approve the claims include check # 21966 to check # 21987. Also, electronic check #-99976 to check # - 99978. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stapleton and was carried out with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel- aye, Councilman Caton- aye, Councilwoman Dawson- aye and Councilman Stapleton- aye.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the payroll summary for June 2021. The motion was made to approve the payroll summary by Councilman Caton and seconded by Councilman Stapleton. The motion was carried with votes as follows Councilman Gruel- aye, Councilman Caton- aye, Councilwoman Dawson- aye and Councilman Stapleton- aye.

The next item on the agenda was Old Business. Initially there was no old business planned to be discussed. Then, Stapleton asked what happened to the Charter discussion from the June Meeting. Nottingham informed everyone that he had had a discussion with the Attorney and that the Attorney had advised to wait on the charter discussions until he can do more research. Discussion was had about the time line. A unanimous decision was made to put together an Ordinance Review Committee of around 4 people who will start review the town's ordinances and presenting their thoughts to the Council on changes and updates to be made. Nottingham agreed and said that once the Charter is redone, we can start looking at ordinance changes and he then asked Breeding to put together a flyer for an Ordinance Review Committee.

Next on the agenda was New Business. Nottingham provided documentation in the form of an email sent by Chad Hanson of Great West Engineering. The email contained a break down of the Town's potential options for funding from the 2019 Water PER and options for the funds the town is receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Discussion was had about the areas the money and grants should focus on. Nottingham advised that the town talk to a few different grant writers to make decisions on this subject and that he would pursue grant writer options.

The next item on the agenda was Zoning. There were no Zoning items to be discussed.

Next was Correspondence. There was no Correspondence.

Town Attorney Moen was not present.

Next, Public Works Director Carter updated the council on the projects and issues that were dealt with in the month of June. Discussion was had about the timeline and costs of getting Missouri Avenue paved and completion of the project. Councilman Stapleton then

asked Carter to have a breakdown of paving costs put together to present at the August 2021 meeting. Councilman Gruel then asked Carter when the burn pit can be cleaned out again. Carter replied that he will burn the burn pit when more of the Fromberg Fire Department can assist to keep the burn under control.

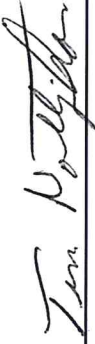
Interim Clerk Breeding informed the council that letters regarding tax liens on properties with delinquent bill amounts had been sent out to owners and tenants on July 7, 2021. Discussion was had about the dollar amount that the delinquent bills consist of and it was agreed to pursue the liens on properties if not paid in the given time stated in the letter and that water shutoffs need to be implemented fully.

Next was allotted time for the Mayor/Council to discuss anything they have in mind. Nottingham brought up the previous discussion about hiring a part time person to help Public Works with the mowing. He informed the council that only one application had been submitted. Discussion was had on the number of hours and pay should be utilized if the applicant was to be hired. It was then agreed about to offer the applicant the part time mowing job at 10-12 hours a week at \$12/per hour. Discussion was also had on the ditch situation on the east side of the highway at the intersection. Nottingham informed that the ditch had been dug out and jetted all the way through and that it is planned to place a culvert on the east side and cover it up. Stapleton then commented asking Carter what the status of the water leak at the intersection of Harley and North Street. Carter replied that the waterline has been replaced and completed but that there is still a leak on the owner's side and that the current remaining leaks are now the Owner of the property's responsibility. Mayor Nottingham congratulated Public Works Director Carter on becoming certified in both wastewater and water and passing all 3 tests. Nottingham informed the room that it is a big accomplishment to pass all the tests and that he would like to implement a \$1.50 raise for Carter's accomplishments. It was agreed to give Carter a raise and decided to present a resolution to pass the raise at the August 2021 meeting. Nottingham then informed the room that the clerk job opening had been opened up Internally and that Breeding was the only one to apply. The council agreed to utilize the hiring committee and come up with a proposal for Breeding to take the clerk job part time and keep the public works assistant position at part time and be moved up to 40 hours a week. It was then decided that the hiring of Breeding would also be dealt with in the August 2021 meeting. Next Councilwoman Dawson commented asking if any plans had been made on fixing the concrete ditch that is crumbling going down main street. Discussion was had on the state of the ditch. It was agreed to keep brainstorming on the situation.

The next meeting date was set for August 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business Councilman Caton made the motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Gruel. The motion to Adjourn was carried out with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel- aye, Councilman Caton- aye, Councilwoman Dawson- aye and Councilman Stapleton- aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.



Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Attest: 
Lacey Breeding, Interim Clerk