

FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING

HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The November, 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 7:03 pm. Council members present were Dave Stapleton, Nate Caton, Frank "Bill" Gruel and Ilsa Dawson. Others present were Public Works Assistant/Clerk Lacey Breeding, Sheriff Josh McQuillan, Marge Taylor, Forrest Mandeville, Carol Jones, Chris Grudzinski, Kristin Grudzinski, D.J. Allen and Irwin Sankey. Missing was Public Works director Jay Carter.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Forrest Mandeville spoke to the attendees about the Planning Board being in need of a representative for Fromberg as the previous person had moved away and resigned. He informed us that the only qualification to be selected was that the Council must appoint the individual as the Planning Board Rep. He also added that Planning board meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in Red Lodge. Next, Marge Taylor had a question for the council. Taylor asked if anyone had ever been reappointed for the Historical Society. Mayor Nottingham replied that he was unaware of anyone filling that spot to date. Next, Taylor asked if anyone is in charge of the river flow in city limits. Mayor Nottingham explained that the river flow is currently in study.

Next on the agenda was the Carbon County Sheriff's report. Sheriff Officer McQuillin gave a report regarding the patrol in town for the month of October 2021. McQuillan also notified us that the Sheriff's department is currently in the process of putting together a new canine drug task force.

The next item of business was the approval of minutes from the October 12, 2021 meeting. Councilman Caton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Stapleton. 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 November 04, 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 October 2021. Councilman Stapleton made the motion to approve the claims. The motion was seconded by Councilman Caton 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 October 2021. The motion was made to approve the payroll summary by Councilman Stapleton and 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.

The next item of business was set to be a presentation from the County Commissioner, Scott Miller, about the relationship between the Town of Fromberg and Carbon County and what it entails. Commissioner Miller was unable to make it but Mayor Nottingham informed us that the county has voted to approve us but that there must be a vote from our council to accept county labor and assistance on our upcoming street projects. At this time Councilman Stapleton made a motion to accept the help of the county and Councilman Caton seconded the motion. The votes carried out as follows: Councilman Gruel- aye, Councilman Caton- aye, Councilwoman Dawson- aye and Councilman Stapleton- aye. Irwin Sankey then asked if the projects in motion will raise the residents' taxes. Councilwoman Dawson answered Sankey's question ensuring that all funds we gain for the projects are not taxable to the residents. Councilman Stapleton also added that he would like to see the residents that ever have a concern with any street or road, to please drop their concerns off at Town Hall. In doing so it will make future decision making on repairs easier.

Next on the agenda was the topic of the Veteran Meat Locker. Chris and Kristin Grudzinski introduced themselves and gave some background about the meat locker and how they got it all started. They explained what the meat locker does for Veterans and how it operates. They also informed us all of their decision to appoint, long-time resident, Carol Jones as the distributor for the town of Fromberg. They explained Carol's role of storing the available meat and how she will be going about distribution. The Grudzinski's then thanked Carol for all of her help and efforts. Carol Jones then brought to attention some alleged slander that has been said to have been in circulation around the town about Ms. Jones and her roles and distribution with the Veteran Meat Locker. Ms. Jones voiced her hurt over such slander and asked for it all to please subside so she can continue to help our Veterans have access to the meat that is available. Discussion was had over the details of the slander.

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 but Mayor Nottingham let us all know he had set up a meeting with Attorney Moen to occur later in the week.


Next was Public Works Director's time slot to update the town of the happenings of the previous month of October. Director Carter was unable to attend due to illness. Mayor Nottingham clued everyone in on the progress on the culvert install across the highway. He also informed the room that there is plenty of firewood at the burn pit free for the taking. Irwin Sankey then asked for details on the violation letter that was sent out with previous bills. Clerk Breeding explained what it was and what had been done about it. Next, Councilman Stapleton asked if there were any new plans for snow removal. Discussion was had and the plan has not been altered.

Clerk Breeding had little to update the town except that she had been working closely with our software company to learn more about the programs and that the BMS cloud was being set to be installed. Clerk Breeding reminded the town that the Black Mountain Software Cloud would make it so the residents can reach her and have their accounts accessed at any time during the 8-5 hours if she is not in the office. She explained that the second cell phone purchased was for the same purpose.

Next was allotted time for the Mayor/Council to discuss anything they have in mind. Mayor Nottingham let us all know that the American Legion is now in the process of being resurrected and brought back to life. He informed everyone of all that has been constructed so far. Councilman Caton then suggested we make some kind of special rate for summer watering before next summer. Discussion was had about ideas for residents concerning irrigation. Then, Councilman Gruel asked where we could find the loan agreement that stipulates how much we have to charge for water services. Clerk Breeding and Mayor Nottingham will begin the search for the information in question. Lastly, Mayor Nottingham expressed his gratitude for the decorations in the park. Discussion was had about vandalism of some of the decorations.

The next meeting date was set for December 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm and there being no further business Councilman Stapleton 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 8:36 pm.



Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Attest:



Lacey Breeding/Clerk