

FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2021

The December 14, 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, Public Works Director Jay Carter, Sheriff Deputy John Croft, Jerry Hall, Tami Lynn, Elton Kirtley, Tammy Taylor, Marge Taylor, Nikki Elliot and D.J. Allen.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. First, Jerry Hall asked the council, "Who enforces the town ordinances?" Councilman Stapleton told Mr. Hall that the first step would be to call the mayor. Then, Mayor Nottingham added that if it cannot be resolved at that stage, then it may be required that the complainant file a written complaint in the Town office. After the complaint is filed, The Clerk Breeding will pass the filed complaint on to the Sheriff's department. Deputy Croft then advised that in Mr. Hall's particular situation it would be wise for him to keep notes and document all incidents involving the issue. Next, Nikki Elliot spoke on behalf of the town improvement committee. Elliot asked if the Town could please come up and post some rules for the use of the awning located at the city park. Then, Tami Lynn brought it to the attention of the council that staples, nails and screws are being used and left behind holiday decorating. Discussion was then had about what kind of rules to set and try to enforce. Marge Taylor then addresses the room to inform everyone that she would no longer be taking care of the "Town Square" located next to City Hall. Next comment was a question asked by Tammy Taylor. Tammy asked where the chain link fence at the ball park went. Mayor Nottingham explained the plans that the previous mayor had at the ball park. He explained that it was been planned to put in 2 or 3 camping spots to rent out, which in preparation required the fence to be removed on the west side of the playground/concessions. Following these details, discussion was had about what concerns the public might have regarding the plan. Then, Mayor Nottingham advised that there is no immediate or definite plan on adding camping spots and that it will be brought back up for discussion in the future. Then, he asked what the town thought of putting a street light by the basketball courts. Discussion was had about the pros and cons of doing so.

Next on the agenda was a special presentation of a Plaque made and given to long time resident and wildlife photographer, Ron Barker.

After that, Deputy Croft gave his report of on duty activity taking place through out the month of November.

Next was set to be the approval of minutes from the meetings from November 09, 2021 and November 09, 2021. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the minutes for November 09, 2021 and Councilman Caton seconded it. The motion was carried out with votes as follows; Councilman Gruel -aye, Councilman Caton -aye, Councilman Stapleton -aye and Councilwoman Dawson - aye. Before approving the minutes for November 08, 2021, Councilman Stapleton initiated an explanation on the details of the meeting. Mayor Nottingham also added his apology on behalf of the town council, on the mistakes made in the preparation and running of the meeting. He advised that during research and conversations with the town attorney, it was discovered that the process was incorrectly and that council will strive to go about it correctly from there on. That being said, Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 08, 2021 meeting, followed by a second from Councilman Caton. The motion was carried out with votes as follows; Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Caton, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye, and Councilwoman Dawson, -aye.

Next on the agenda was the approval of claims for the month of November 2021. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the claims and Councilman Caton seconded the motion. The motion was carried out with votes as follows; Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Caton, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye, and Councilwoman Dawson, -aye.

Then it was time for the approval of payroll for the month of November 2021. Councilman Caton made a motion to approve the payroll and Councilman Stapleton seconded the motion. The motion was carried with votes as follows; Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Caton, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye, and Councilwoman Dawson, -aye.

Next on the agenda was the approval of Resolution no. 511, which involved the cancellation of the November 02, 2021 election. Mayor Nottingham explained why the election was canceled and informed the gallery that there is 1 council spot open to be appointed in the seat of Councilwoman Dawson and anyone interested should submit a letter of interest to Clerk Breeding by January 2021. Councilman Stapleton made the motion to approve Resolution no. 511 which followed with a second from Councilman Caton. The resolution was accepted with votes as follows; Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Caton, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye and Councilwoman Dawson, -aye.

There was no correspondence for this meeting.

Next was Town Attorney Moen who was not present. In regards to his absence, Mayor Nottingham asked for opinions on attorney presence. Discussion was had about the topic.

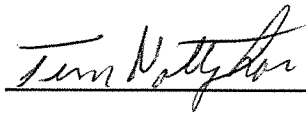
After that Public Works Director, Jay Carter gave updates on the month of November 2021, what was accomplished and any kind of issues that arose. Discussion was had on water quality.

Clerk Breeding gave updates on water shutoffs, delinquent bills and collections. Discussion was had about tax liens, property liens and timelines.

Last on the agenda was Mayor/Council comment. Mayor Nottingham gave a thanks to the community for the efforts around town that have helped decorate and applauded that many more households seemed to have decorated this year than the previous year. Jerry Hall had one more question for the council. Hall asked if anyone else had noticed an unnormal sewer-like smell around town and discussion was had about where it could be coming from.

The next meeting was set for January 11, 2021 and there being no further business, Councilman Gruel made the motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion to Adjourn was carried out with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel- aye, Councilwoman Dawson- aye and Councilman Stapleton- aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.



Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Attest:



Lacey Breeding/Clerk