

FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2022

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The January 11, 2022 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 7:02 pm. Council members present were Dave Stapleton, Nate Caton, and Frank "Bill" Gruel. Others present were Public Works Assistant/Clerk Lacey Breeding, Public Works Director Jay Carter, Sheriff Deputy Josh McQuillan, Jerry Hall, Chad Hansen, Marge Taylor and Nikki Elliot.

First item on the agenda was public comment. Marge Taylor pointed out that the agenda this meeting had not been posted the correct length of time before the meeting was to be held. Taylor asked if the meeting should still be held. Clerk Breeding apologized not allowing the notice to be available to the public long enough. Discussion was had on whether to continue the meeting or cancel and postpone. Every agreed to move forward with the meeting.

After that, Deputy McQuillan gave his report of on-duty activity taking place through out the month of December. McQuillan also informed us that community service is being resurrected as a punishment to offenders. Discussion was had on the safety of the public having community service. McQuillan assured that any person serving community service will be monitored and that these people will only consist of non-violent, low-risk offenders.

Next was set to be the approval of minutes from the December 14, 2021 meeting. Councilman Caton made a motion to approve the minutes and Councilman Stapleton seconded it. The motion was carried out with votes as follows; Councilman Gruel -aye, Councilman Caton and Councilman Stapleton - aye.

Next on the agenda was the approval of claims for the month of December 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 and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

Following that was the approval of payroll for the month of December 2021. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the payroll and Councilman Caton seconded the motion. The motion was carried with votes as follows; Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

Next was a discussion about the final decisions to be made on our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) application. Chad Hanson with Great West Engineering answered any questions about the final decisions and process. A motion to approve the details of the application was made

by Councilman Caton and seconded by Councilman Gruel. The motion was carried out with votes as follows; Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

There was no correspondence for this meeting.

Next was Town Attorney Moen who was not present.

After that Public Works Director, Jay Carter gave updates on the month of December 2021, what was accomplished and any kind of issues that arose. Councilman Gruel began a discussion on the present debris that had been dumped at the burn pit. Mayor Nottingham informed anyone without knowledge of a sewer main backup that had pooled onto private property. Discussion was had about the situation and it was agreed on by most that there will be no burning of the debris. Mayor Nottingham also informed the gallery that he is planning on making a sewer maintenance schedule to try and avoid such situations again.

Clerk Breeding gave updates on her actions against delinquent bills and brought up ideas for the use of individuals that are sentenced community service and how it could benefit the town. Discussion was had and brainstorming began.

Last on the agenda was Mayor/Council comment. Councilman Stapleton asked if any progress had been made on finding an ordinance regarding the sale of medical marijuana in city limits. Mayor Nottingham informed that Attorney Moen is in the process sorting through that subject right now. Stapleton also asked Mayor Nottingham to find out if there are any restrictions the town is allowed to make on marijuana. Next Councilman Stapleton continued the topic on the debris at the burn pit. More discussion was had about a remedy and it was agreed that the debris be hauled elsewhere. Marge Taylor then informed the gallery that it is planned to have Bingo and Soup with prizes and that it will be held in February. She also said more prizes are still needed and that all proceeds will go to sprucing up the ball park. Mayor Nottingham then addressed the open positions that are in need of being filled with in the town. Discussion was had about requirements of each position and qualifications.

The next meeting was set for February 8, 2022 and 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, Councilwoman Dawson- aye and Councilman Stapleton- aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Rae Breeding

Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lacey Breeding", written above a horizontal line.

Lacey Breeding/Clerk