

FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MAY 10, 2022

The May 10, 2022 regular 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, Frank "Bill" Gruel and James Lister. Others present were Clerk Lacey Breeding, Public Works Director Jay Carter, Elton Kirtley, Tammy Taylor, Jerry Hall, Tina Foust, Phil Dehaan, Gary Levine, Rachelle Butcher, Cheryl Olson, Nikki Parker and Vicki Roe. Missing were Councilman Nate Caton and Public Works Assistant Brent Boggio.

First item on the agenda was the Sheriff's report for the month of April 2022. Sheriff McQuillan was unable to attend so Mayor Nottingham gave the report given to him by the Sheriff. Tammy Taylor requested the ball park be patrolled due to new graffiti in the dug outs. Discussion was also had about the speed limit on highway 310 that goes through town.

Next was Public Comment. Irwin Sankey expressed his concern about the speeding on school street. Rachelle Butcher also inquired about slowing the speed limit down on Billings Ave that runs in front of their residence. Discussion was had about monitoring speed and caution measures available. Gary Levine introduced himself as the engineer hired to plan the Fromberg School's improvements and add-ons. He agreed to give us updates towards the end of the meeting. Tammy Taylor expressed irritation that the chain link fence that previously was located at the ball park had been taken down without a council vote or input of the public. Councilman Gruel informed that it was a decision that had not required a vote but Mayor Nottingham asked Clerk Breeding to research the insurance policies on the ball park regarding the concern.

Next was the approval of the minutes from the previous month's meeting that was held on April 12, 2022. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Gruel followed with a second and the motion was carried out with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel, Councilman Stapleton, -aye and Councilman Lister, -aye. Next, Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting that was held May 02, 2022. Councilman Gruel seconded the motion and it was carried out as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye and Councilman Lister, -aye.

Next on the agenda was the approval of claims for the month of April 2022. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the claims and Councilman Gruel seconded the motion. The motion was carried out with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye and Councilman Lister, -aye.

Following that was the approval of payroll for the month of April 2022. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the payroll and Councilman Gruel seconded the motion. The motion was carried with votes as follows; Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye and Councilman Lister, -aye.

The only item of new business on the agenda was to discuss and decide on the lease of the old dump ground (40 acres) that the town owns. Mayor Nottingham gave a briefing on the status of the past lease agreement and payments. Discussion was then had about the value of the property and the current state it is in. It was agreed that a new lease will be accepted for a total of a 1-year period and that during those 12 months the council will have the property evaluated and discuss the possibility of bids on the sale of the property. Councilman Stapleton then made a motion to accept highest bid that was made and it was seconded by Councilman Gruel. Clerk Breeding was asked to send a notification letter to existing lease holders with a 30 day vacate allowance and to draft a contract for the new lease holder.

Town Attorney Moen who was not present but Mayor Nottingham updated everyone what guidance Attorney Moen had given him regarding the relocation of the town's burn pit. Attorney Moen had advised Mayor Nottingham to consult the Fromberg Fire department and DEQ. Mike Ventling who is the Town's fire chief saw no problem with the new location and DEQ gave the same verdict. Discussion was then had about the plans for the property where the burn pit is currently located. The Councilman informed of a possible plan of building a storage parking lot that would help to generate money into the town's General Fund by renting the spots out and having a possible RV dump for people to use for a small fee. It was decided that a resolution needed to be produced for the June 2022 Council meeting. The new resolution would state the Town's rules for use of the burn pit in its new location. In conclusion Councilman Gruel made a motion to move forward with moving the burn pit and Councilman Stapleton seconded the motion. The motion was carried out with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye and Councilman Lister, -aye.

Next, the Public Works Director, Jay Carter gave updates on the month of April 2022. Carter informed that the streets of Harley and Missouri will be paved on May 23 and 24th. Clerk Breeding was asked to send letters out to the residents on those streets. Tammy Taylor asked if there was a time-line set for replacing the fire hydrant on Lover's Lane this summer. Mayor Nottingham informed that he would be addressing that during a later item on the agenda of this meeting.

Clerk Breeding talked about her experiences at Clerk School which she had attended the week before. She also stressed that the budget needs to be on everyone's mind and that it really needs to be broken down into detail for the next fiscal year. In addition, Breeding

explained how the property tax liens work and what it will entail on her part.

Last on the agenda was Mayor/Council comment. Mayor Nottingham gave an update on the ARPA projects and funding applications. Mayor Nottingham then addressed the fire hydrants by informing that the fire hydrants on the East side of town are part of the ARPA projects. Then, Gary Levine gave updates and information on what the Fromberg School is wanting to do for upgrades and additions and what the town will be asked to provide in the future. Next, Mayor Nottingham brought up an idea of making Minespur loop which has city owned property, a park of sorts. Discussion was had about ideas and possibilities. It was decided to research for grants and funding for such an idea.

The next regular council meeting was set for June 14, 2022 and there being no further business, Councilman Gruel made the motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Stapleton. The motion to Adjourn was carried out with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel- aye, Councilman Stapleton- aye and Councilman Lister -aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.



Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Attest:



Lacey Breeding/Clerk