

FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON AUGUST 09, 2022

The August 09, 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 7:01 pm. Council members present were Bill Gruel, Nate Caton, Dave Stapleton and James Lister. Others present were Clerk Lacey Breeding, Jerry Hall, Tami Lynn, Marge Taylor, Niki Elliot, Elton Kirtley, Tina Foust, Phil Dehaan and Brian Jones.

Mayor Nottingham opened the meeting with the notification of PWD, Jay Carter's absence due to a family emergency. Nottingham then opened the discussion for Public Comment. Marge Taylor asked the council if the apartments on west river street are being billed correctly for their meters and water. Discussion was had about the estimate of residents in the building and the current water usage amounts. Mayor Nottingham stated that he will look further into it and asked Taylor to bring the topic up again at the next regular meeting. Taylor also added a thanks to the council for the recently implemented Seasonal water rates for good standing customers. Next, Tami Lynn asked if there was a prediction of when the flood debris/garbage dumpsters would be gone. Discussion was had about the Garbage company and the rate that residents are able to clean out their flood damages. Brian Jones then introduced himself and clued everyone in on the property in town that he just purchased and some of his plans for it. He then asked to be put on the agenda to have a zoning application approved. Mayor Nottingham gave Mr. Jones the details of the process and application.

Next there was a motion made by Councilman Stapleton to approve the minutes from a meeting that was held on June 29, 2022. Councilman Caton followed with a second and the motion was carried out as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Caton, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye and Councilman Lister, -aye. Councilman Stapleton then made a motion to approve the claims for the meeting that had been held July 07, 2022. Councilman Caton seconded the motion. The motion was carried out with votes as follows; Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Caton, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye and Councilman Lister, -aye. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the minutes for July 12, 2022 meeting followed by a second from Councilman Caton. The motion was carried out as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Caton, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye and Councilman Gruel, -aye.

Following that was the approval of claims for the month of July 2022. 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 Councilman Lister, -aye.

Next was the approval of payroll for the month of July 2022. Councilman Caton 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 Caton, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye and Councilman Lister, -aye.

The first item of new business was to go over the contract for Great West Engineering. Mayor Nottingham explained what Great West Engineering was to be contracted for. Discussion was had on the details of the contract. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the contract followed by a second from Councilman Gruel. The motion was made with the stipulation of town attorneys' approval of the contract first. The motion carried as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye, Councilman Caton, -aye, Councilman Stapleton, -aye and Councilman Lister, -aye.

Next topic for new items was a discussion on possible uses for funding that was to be awarded by the Stillwater Mine for flood relief assistance. Mayor Nottingham gave the details of the transaction and amounts to be awarded. Discussion was then had about what to use the money for and it was decided to decide at a later date what is most appropriate to use the money for.

Last topic in new items was to discuss any updates available on Individual Assistance and FEMA. Tina Foust, who was head of the disaster relief committee for the town, gave updates any updates she had acquired. Discussion was about the residents that still had remaining debris to take care of.

No attorney was present.

After that with PWD Carter not present, Mayor Nottingham gave updates on Carter's developments for the past month. He gave insights on what tasks FEMA had given him. Discussion was then had on the possibility of hiring a new part-time public works assistant. It was decided to start advertising for the open possible as soon as possible.

Clerk Breeding gave updates on her progress during the previous month. She explained the tasks she had been put to task on by FEMA and DNRC, what the tasks entailed and how long the processes should carry on for.

Last on the agenda was Mayor/Council comment. Councilman Stapleton informed Clerk Breeding that she needs to revise the messages she leaves on the door when she is out of the office. Clerk Breeding agreed to change the wording on the notes. Mayor Nottingham also told everyone about a special government class that the town has the option to take. He gave details of what it entailed, dates and costs of the class. Discussion was about the possible class and it was decided to sign up.

The next regular meeting was set for September 13, 2022 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, Councilman Caton- aye, Councilman Stapleton- aye and Councilman Lister, -aye.


The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



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Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Attest:



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Lacey Breeding/Clerk