**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD BY THE FROMERG TOWN COUNCIL ON**

**TUESDAY, July 11, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**

**AT 118 WEST RIVER STREET IN FROMBERG MONTANA**

The Tuesday, July 11, 2023 regular council meeting began with Fromberg Mayor, Tim Nottingham, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm. Present at the meeting was Mayor Tim Nottingham, Councilman Bill Gruel, Councilman Nate Caton and Councilman Dave Stapleton. Others present were Clerk Harlie Riddle, Town residents and Officer AJ Lebrun.

Next, Nottingham called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Officer Lebrun gave a brief over look of the calls that were received by Fromberg residents. We had a bunch of complaints on fireworks and need to update our firework ordinance. Irwin Swakey asked if we had any tickets written on School St. Officer Lebrun hasn’t had anyone speeding on that road when patrolling.

After Officer Lebrun we moved to public comment. Tammy Taylor expressed her concern with the Fema money and that it should be used. The Council asked to put this matter on August meetings agenda. Irwin asked about the investigation and was told it cant be commented on. Lori Simpson let us know that the Republic Garbage services are not picking up garbage. Clerk Riddle is going to look into the contract and see what they can do to fix the issue.

Next was the approval of minutes. Councilman Stapleton made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting that had been held June 13, 2023. Councilman Caton seconded the motion and the motion was carried with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye. Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

Councilman Stapleton then made a motion to approve the claims from June 2023. Councilman Caton seconded the motion and votes were carried out as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye. Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

Councilman Caton then made a motion to approve the payroll for June 2023. Councilman Stapleton seconded the motion and votes were carried out as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye. Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, aye.

Next on the agenda was the first reading of Ordinance 526. Irwin expressed his frustration with the change of days for he has other obligations to attend to on Mondays. Stapleton made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 526 and Caton Seconded. The motion was carried out as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye. Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

Next were the Property Sell options Correl asked if we could trade 100ft of the north side to improve the fields where Jeremy mows. The town citizens that were present would like to see if Varges would trade some land for the ball field. Then out of nowhere Marge Taylor Stands up insulting Mayor Tim calling him a crook and how he needs to leave town. She also had some colorful words involved as well. Her voice was raised yelling at the council members and Mayor Tim. Then she Removed herself from the Building. After order in the meeting room was regained Tammy Taylor informed us that the Varges property was sold wrong and was supposed to be donated to the Fromberg Base Ball Field. Councialman Caton agreed to talk to Vargas. The selling of the property was tabled to a special meeting to be held in two weeks on July 24, 2023.

We then moved on to the Farmers Market. They asked for the use of the awning in the park to put on a Farmers Market every Thursday from 4-6. Tammy Taylor asked if a sign could be made and posted the morning of to let people know it was going to be used at that time. Councilman Caton made a motion to approve the Farmers market usage of the park. Stapleton seconded. The motion was carried out as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye. Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

Mayor Tim Hired Marcus Shutterlee for a Labor as of now. The council was wondering if we promote Marcus or do we need to rerun the add. Clerk Riddle is going to get the information and report back at the next meeting.

Irwin was wondering about the vacant seat on the council and if it was ever going to get filled.

We then went on to the Mayor/Councilman line and Stapleton expressed how we need to get the alleys cleaned up and cleared. We need to get the sherrifs office on board and get stuff cleaned up. It has been over a year since the flood and everyone who is going to make an effort already has. We need to get with the attorney and get letters sent out properly.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2023.

With no further topics to discuss Councilman Gruel made the motion to adjourn and Councilman Caton seconded the motion. The motion was carried out as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye. Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.