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HELD ON June 10, 2024**

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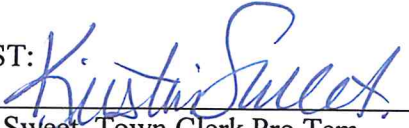
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ATTEST:

Kirstin Sweet

Tim Nottingham

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Public comment was inadvertently left off the agenda but the Mayor wanted to offer it. Elton Kirtley commented regarding the Town's communication with the public.

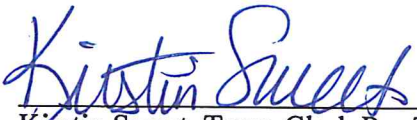
The only item on the agenda was the riverbank project. The first item was to review and approve the engineering quote for the no rise analysis. Mayo Nottingham and Clerk Sweet reviewed the cost of the quote as well as grant funding that is available to the Town from Carbon Conservation District. A motion to approve the quote was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. The second item was possible refunding of money previously donated to the riverbank project by local residents. Discussion was had regarding how the money would be refunded. Councilman Caton made a motion to allow refunds of the donation money as requested by the donor and to inform the council of all refunds. Councilman Haseman seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Caton and seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Meeting was adjourned 7:13 pm.

ATTEST:



Tim Nottingham, Mayor



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk Pro Tem

Town of Fromberg
~~Council Meeting~~
Special

July 22, 2024

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| 1. Matt Nottingham | 13. |
| 2. Elton Kirtley | 14. |
| 3. Ben LeBrum | 15. |
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**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JULY 15, 2024**

The July 15, 2024 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 at 7:00 pm by Mayor Tim Nottingham. Other council members present were Nate Caton, Robert Haseman, Michael Ventling and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Irwin Sankey, Sandy Bauwens, Ernest King, W Elliot, Ron Eugene, Jerry Hall, Rachel Granfield, Jean Ruot, Marge Taylor, Michele Auch, Elton Kirkley, Carbon County Sherriff Officer Ben LeBrun, Clerk Pro Tem Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was correspondence. Brad Caton sent an email to the council regarding speaking with the town about the effects of the flood. Clerk Sweet will respond.

Next on the agenda was public comment. Jean Ruot commented on the explosion of fireworks. Jerry Hall asked about the Water project that is starting. Irwin Sankey commented on parking in the handicap zones. Rachel Granfield updated the council on the plans for Fromberg Days. Elton Kirtley commented on the FEMA money that was received. Nikki Elliot updated the council on the plans for a farmer's market in the park.

The Mayor and Town Council were next on the agenda. They had nothing new to report.

Next on the agenda was the Sheriff Department's report. Office Ben LeBrun presented the council with stats from the month of June.

Special Events Application was next on the agenda. There were no special events applications.

Old business was next on the agenda. The only item of old business was discussion regarding potential additions to the personnel policy. Discussion was had regarding the changes presented and information that Clerk Sweet received from MMIA. After much discussion a motion was made to table the item until further information could be obtained. That motion was made by Councilman Ventling, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor.

New Business was next on the agenda. The first item of new business was a discussion regarding the property owned by Brenda Buckmiller. She was present to speak to the council regarding maintenance on the property adjacent to hers that she thought she owned. Discussion was had regarding the boundaries. It was suggested that she get a survey to determine exactly where her property lines are located. The next item of new business was Resolution #532. A motion to move this resolution to the end of new business was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Next was Resolution #533 to approve a sending policy. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Resolution #534 for an employee pay scale was next on the agenda. Discussion was had regarding the resolution that was presented and other potential ways to draft the resolution. A motion to table this item was made by Councilman Ventling, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. A special meeting will be held on July 22, 2024 to determine a pay scale. The next item of new business was improving gravel for the streets. PWD Schutterle updated the council on the prices and approximate amount. A motion to approve money up to \$7,000 was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Next was a discussion regarding the Town of

omberg Floodplain Administration. Lastly was Resolution #532 to approve the burn pit rules. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilwoman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – nay, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

The consent agenda was next. As this is a new format, Clerk Sweet explained how the consent agenda will work. She also asked that the claims be pulled out of the consent agenda and dealt with separately as there is one claim that is not correct. A motion to separate the claims was made by Councilman Ventling, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. A motion to approve the rest of the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Clerk Sweet asked that claim number 4743 be excluded from approval as it relates to the 24-25 fiscal year and these claims for the 23-24 fiscal year. A motion to approve all claims except 4743 was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Attorney Butler was not present.

Public Works Director Schutterle reported on projects he is working on.

Clerk Sweet updated the council on several items that need to be dealt with at the next meeting. She also announced that books are balancing for the last few months!!

There being no further business, Councilman Ventling motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

ATTEST:

Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Kirstin Sweet

Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk Pro Tem

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Public comment was first on the agenda. No public comment was offered.

The only item on the agenda was Resolution #534. Discussion was had regarding format of the wage scale, wage ranges and how annual increases might occur. We also discussed language to be included in the new resolution. A motion to approve Resolution #534 with the amendments made at the meeting was made by Councilman Ventling. The motion was seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

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ATTEST:

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RESOLUTION #534

A RESOLUTION TO RE-ESTABLISH THE BASE WAGE PAY SCALE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF FROMBERG.

WHEREAS, the Town council shall determine by ordinance or resolution the salaries and compensation of elected and appointed city officers and all city employees.

WHEREAS, from time to time, applicants for employment may be considered that have various degrees of experience, training, education, and other qualifications which would require a more flexible ability to establish salaries and or wages.

WHEREAS, in order to attract the vest applicants for town jobs, the Town Council must have the flexibility to offer differing salaries and or wages based upon experience.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Fromberg, Montana;

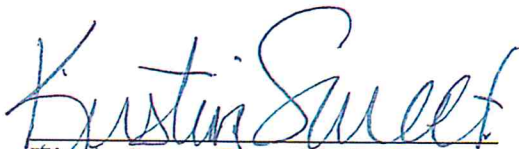
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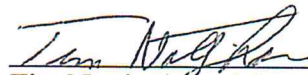
Position	Hourly Wages		
Public Works Director (full time)	\$18.00	to	\$23.00
Public Works Employee (part time or full time)	\$17.00	to	\$22.00
Clerk / Treasurer (full time)	\$18.00	to	\$23.00
Clerk / Treasurer (part time)	\$17.00	to	\$22.00
General Labor (short term, temporary, seasonal)	\$15.00	to	\$18.00

2. At budget time, the Town Council shall have the sole discretion to increase salaries/wages.

DULY passed and adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Fromberg Town council this 22nd day of July 2024. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

ATTEST:


Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk / Treasurer


Tim Nottingham, Mayor

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Mayor Nottingham opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments.

Mayor Nottingham closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 pm.

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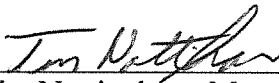
The August 12, 2024 Public Hearing the Town of Fromberg's House Bill (HB) 355 Funding was held at 118 W River Street in Fromberg. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Mayor Tim Nottingham. Other council members present were Mike Ventling, Nate Caton, Robert Haseman and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Jerry Hall, Marge Taylor, Sandy Bauwens, Michele Auch, Dan Auch, Terry Feller, Keith McElhaney, Elton Kirkley, Dean Wilson, Don Wilson, Viki Elliot, Deputy Ben LeBrun, Town Attorney Dennison Butler, Public Works Director Marcus Shutterle and Temporary Assistant Clerk Melissa Scianna.

Assistant Clerk Scianna explained that this bill provides the Town with a grant of about \$37,000. 25% matching funds are required, or about \$9,250. This equals a project total of \$46,250. These funds can be used for water, wastewater, streets and public grounds. Gas tax monies can be used for matching funds.

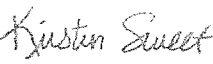
The need for street improvements was discussed with primary attention Mine Spur Loop and River Street. Public Works Director Shutterle will get estimates and details for the project.

Mayor Nottingham closed the Public Hearing at 7:00pm.

ATTEST:



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FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON August 12, 2024

The August 12, 2024 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 at 7:00 pm by Mayor Tim Nottingham. Other council members present were Nate Caton, Robert Haseman, Michael Ventling and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Sandy Bauwens, Vicki Elliot, Jerry Hall, Marge Taylor, Michele Auch, Dan Auch, Elton Kirkley, Dena Wilson, Don Wilson, Terry Feller, Carbon County Sherriff Officer Ben LeBrun, Attorney Dennison Butler, Public Works Director Marc Shutterle, Assistant Temporary Clerk, Melissa Scianna.

The first item on the agenda was correspondence. No correspondence.

Next on the agenda was public comment: Jerry Hall commented that people are still driving to the dump even though it's closed, perhaps we should remove the dump sign. Elton Kirkley asked why a double-wide was moved in without a permit. Mr. Kirkley also requested that we trim and remove dangerous trees. Mr. Kirkley also suggested that we not advertise on the website for free camping in the parks. Marge Taylor apologized for any negative behaviors on her part and requested that everyone at Council meetings behave with respect. Mrs. Taylor also requested that the Council not discuss Town business prior to the actual meeting.

The Mayor and Town Council were next on the agenda. Mayor Nottingham asked for a work meeting to draft Ordinances for No Camping in the Baseball Park and Use of Fireworks. He agreed that dangerous trees need to be taken care of. Perhaps we can borrow the County's bucket truck and/or ask Northwestern Energy to prune trees near power lines. Councilwoman Taylor requested that the Public Works Director's phone number be added to the Website. Councilman Ventling reported that the trailer parked on E River St has been turned in to the Town Attorney. He also asked about the dumping of concrete along the river property. Mayor Nottingham replied that he gave permission and that the DEQ approved. This property is not in the 100-year floodplain. The opportunity to fill this low area with construction fill from COP provides for future use for storage of vehicles and other things. Councilman Ventling asked about decisions such as this being made without Council approval. Attorney Butler replied that the Council provides decisions based on a broad view and acts with Ordinances and Resolutions. The Mayor carries those out. The Mayor can make decisions in a void of applicable Ordinance or Resolution. The Council can then make appropriate Ordinances or Resolutions for future decisions.

Next on the agenda was the Sheriff Department's report. Office Ben LeBrun presented the council with stats from the month of July.

Special Events Application was next on the agenda. There were no special events applications.

Old Business was next on the agenda. Discussion regarding potential additions to the personnel policy was had. Councilwoman Taylor had a few sentences that she would like to add regarding maternity leave, file confidentiality, children and visitors and dogs in the office. MMIA had expressed their concern that these additions could limit the pool of potential job applicants. Councilman Caton suggested we follow MMIA recommendations. After discussion, Councilman Caton made a motion to table the Personnel Policy until the next meeting. That motion was seconded by Councilman Haseman. Motion passed with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – nay, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. The Council then discussed HB 355 and asked for a Resolution at the next meeting.

New Business was next on the agenda. The first item of new business was a discussion regarding the Burn Pit. Mayor Nottingham explained that Richard Shanks owns property north of the Town Limits and expressed interest in taking fill or burn pit items. Mr. Shanks was not present at the meeting. Attorney Butler said that a

signed agreement would be needed if Mr. Shanks decides to do this. The Council discussed the need for a sign the current Burn pit with the rules, saying it's currently closed, and that there is a \$250 fine for dumping there. We also need to add this to the Facebook page. Resolution #535 was next on the Agenda. There being no discussion, Councilwoman Taylor moved to approve, Councilman Ventling seconded. Motion passed with votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – nay, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

The consent agenda was next. A motion to approve the July 15 Minutes was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. A motion was made by Councilwoman Taylor to approve the July 22 Minutes. Councilman Ventling seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Councilwoman Taylor moved to approve the claims check # 23192-23213 and 99884-99886. Councilman Caton seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Councilman Caton moved to approve the Payroll Summary. Councilman Ventling seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Clerk Sweet asked that claim number 4743 be excluded from approval as it relates to the 24-25 fiscal year and these claims for the 23-24 fiscal year. A motion to approve all claims except 4743 was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Ventling – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Caton – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

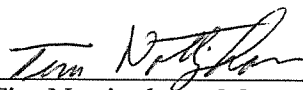
Attorney Butler had nothing to report. Terry Feller asked him about people living in trailers. Councilwoman Taylor will look for this Ordinance. Mr. Feller also asked about Perkins Alley and gave Attorney Butler some paperwork to review.

Public Works Director Schutterle reported on projects he is working on. The Council asked Mr. Shutterle to add No Trespass signs to the burnpit.

There was no report from the Clerk.

There being no further business, Councilman Caton motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

ATTEST:



Tim Nottingham, Mayor



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk Pro Tem

FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING AGENDA

BUDGET MEETING TIME IS 7:00 PM AT FROMBERG TOWN HALL, 118 W RIVER STREET

Thursday, September 05, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TOWN OF FROMBERG'S PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025:

PUBLIC COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OBJECTION TO THE BUDGET:

ADJOURN:

**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**

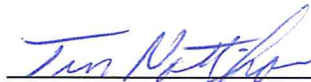
The September 5, 2024 budget hearing was held at 118 W River Street in Fromberg. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Tim Nottingham. Other council members present were Nate Caton, Robert Haseman, Michael Ventling and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Kristin Bauwens, Jerry Hall and Clerk ProTem Kirstin Sweet.

Clerk Sweet explained the revenue budget and answered questions from the council and public. Then Clerk Sweet explained the expenditure budget and answered questions from the council and public. Lastly Clerk Sweet explained the Cash Reserve worksheet and how things are looking overall. Some discussion was had regarding the delinquent water bills, meter reads and how it may be affecting town utility users.

Public comment was offered regarding the budget. No public comment was offered.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Caton and seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton – aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Meeting was adjourned 8:25 pm.

ATTEST:



Tim Nottingham, Mayor



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk Pro Tem

Town of Fromberg
Council Meeting

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Sept 9, 2024

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| ✓ 2. Nik Elliott | 14. |
| ✓ 3. Marg Taylor | 15. |
| ✓ 4. Deputy Ben LeBrun | 16. |
| 5. Rod Evers | 17. |
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**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

The September 9, 2024 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 at 7:00 pm by Mayor Tim Nottingham. Other council members present were Robert Haseman, Michael Ventling and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Jerry Hall, Marge Taylor, Nikki Elliot, Elton Kirtley, Will McCranie, Ron Euerle, Sherriff Officer Ben LeBrun, Public Works Directo Marc Schutterle and Clerk Pro Tem Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was correspondence. There was no correspondence.

Public comment was next on the agenda. Elton Kirtley commented on several things he was wondering about. Jerry Hall commented on items that were discussed in August but not included in the agenda. Marge Taylor commented on weeds in the alley. Will McCranie commented on trees in the boulevards.

The Mayor and Council were next on the agenda. The council discussed tree issues and the current water and sewer projects. Mayor Nottingham updated every one of the riverbank project. Discussion was also had regarding the bulk water station and the water wells.

Sherriff department report was next on the agenda. Unfortunately, there was no report available for last month.

Special events applications were next on the agenda. There were no special events applications.

Zoning applications were next on the agenda. One application was submitted. William McCranie submitted an application for a fence. The council reviewed the application. A motion to approve the permit was made by Councilman Ventling, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Old business was next on the agenda. Personnel policy changes were the only item. Discussion was had regarding potential changes to the policy. Discussion was had regarding the changes that would be included. A motion to approve the personnel policy with the changes outlined was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

New business was next on the agenda. The first item of new business was Resolution #536 to set the mill levy for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The resolution was reviewed. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Next was resolution #537 to approve and adopt the budget for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The resolution was reviewed. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Resolution #538 was the next item. The resolution was reviewed and discussed which blocks should be done. A motion to approve the resolution with the project of Mine Spur Loop and a portion of W River St was made by Councilman Ventling, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. A bid for cold mix asphalt was next. PWD Schutterle reported numbers for the bid. Discussion was had regarding what the cold mix would be used for. A motion to approve the purchase of asphalt up to \$6,518 was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Approving a quote for the paving of a section of Carbon Ave was the last item of new business. The bid information sent by Great West was reviewed. A motion to approve the paving project for \$22,374.40 was made by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

The consent agenda was next on the agenda. Discussion was had regarding items on the consent agenda. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Haseman. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Town Attorney Dennison Butler was not present.

Public Works Director Schutterle reported on projects he has been working on.

On September 17 at 3 PM, Mayor Tim Nottingham convened a special meeting regarding FEMA. Present were Mayor Tim Nottingham, Councilman Nate Canton, Councilman Bob Hassaman, Councilwoman Tammy Taylor, and representatives from DNRC, including Linda Wynn, Shylea Wingard, and Mickey Daridonskig, along with FEMA representatives Harry Catz and Stephanie Dibetitto, as well as audience members Elton Kirtley and Jerry Hall.

Harry Catz initiated the meeting by addressing the management of the floodplain, emphasizing the lack of permitting and the associated requirements. Mayor Nottingham acknowledged that progress had been slow but assured attendees he was making efforts to comply and had met with several residents. He expressed his commitment to continue engaging with residents to achieve compliance.

Catz inquired about the town's future direction. Mayor Nottingham highlighted the Montanan perspective on property rights, noting that residents often feel that FEMA compliance measures are intrusive. Catz explained that insurance is only available when guidelines are adhered to; compliance can lead to lower premiums, while non-compliance risks the town's eligibility for federal grants.

The Mayor stated that he and the council were unaware of any compliance issues when they approved the zoning for Larry Richardson. Catz then asked about the current status of floodplain management. Nottingham responded that Lindi O'Brien and Ron Early would be submitting documentation regarding work done on their driveway. He acknowledged ongoing issues related to wood, concrete barriers, and fencing, and expressed his intention to continue reaching out to residents to facilitate compliance.

Mayor Nottingham also provided an update on the river project currently underway, which is the only Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) project since the flood, with an expected completion date of September 30. He noted that this project would help protect the water wells and recounted that during the flood, water levels reached the bridge deck, causing fractures due to debris.

Shylea Wingard from DNRC reported that the town had officially distributed flyers to all residents within the floodplain. She expressed her satisfaction with Mayor Nottingham's efforts to educate himself and the 14 residents living in the floodplain. Although a file is available in the office, no paperwork has been submitted to date.

Harry Catz inquired whether anyone had questions for FEMA. Councilwoman Tammy Taylor pointed out that Fromberg had incurred financial losses due to the town's decision not to apply for additional funding, citing the complexities of navigating and communicating with FEMA. She noted that the town currently has \$27,000 in FEMA funds that need to be allocated back into the appropriate accounts, yet the source of these funds remains unclear, and FEMA has not responded. She requested guidance on how to resolve these issues.

Catz suggested that towns consider hiring a FEMA coordinator to facilitate navigation of the system. He also mentioned that all funds disbursed by FEMA are transferred to the state, where they are then distributed to local Disaster and Emergency Services (DES). He recommended starting with Cyrina Allen at DES for assistance; if she does not have the answers, we can reach out to Shylea Wingard at the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). Councilman Nate Canton expressed that having a course to navigate the FEMA processes in the future would be advantageous.

Mayor Nottingham extended an invitation to those interested to view the river project at the river. Following the official meeting, members proceeded to the river project.


TIM NOTTINGHAM, MAYOR


MICHELE AUCH, TOWN CLERK-TREASURER

Special:

Town of Fromberg
Council Meeting

September 30, 2024

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| 1. Sue Buechler | 13. |
| 2. Fred W. Haver | 14. |
| 3. Jeanne Rust | 15. |
| 4. Dan Abch | 16. |
| 5. Kristi Bawson | 17. |
| 6. Ed Henson | 18. |
| 7. Jerry Felt | 19. |
| 8. Ron Evers | 20. |
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**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR A SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

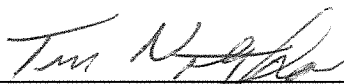
The September 30, 2024 special meeting was held at 319 School Street in Fromberg. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Mayor Tim Nottingham. Other council members present were Nate Caton, Robert Haseman, Michael Ventling and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Elton Kirtley, Sue Buechler, Fred Wittmer, Jeanne Ryot, Dan Auch, Krish Bauwens, Terry Feller, Ron E., Jerry Hall and Clerk Michele Auch.

PREP (Philanthropic Preparedness, Resiliency and Emergency Partnership)

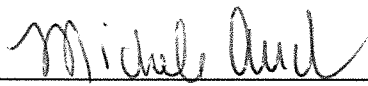
Taylor Crowl, Community and Economic Vitality Program Officer-Montana Community Foundation made an introduction and brought representatives with her from Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Missouri, Florida and several other states. They had spent the day in Red Lodge, drove the Bear Tooth Hwy, and provided some food for the group. They were interested in how the Town of Fromberg and its residences responded to the 2022 Flood. The mayor stated that the town had 450 people and 200 homes at the time of the flood, and it impacted the eastside of town up to the railroad tracks. The flood infiltrated in three different locations and was over top the town wells. The sheriff department was overwhelmed, the Fire Department set-up road blocks as the water levels continued to rise. A lot of the elderly residences did not want to leave their homes, and ended up being rescued with the Town of Fromberg firetruck and backhoe. The town tried to use sandbags; but ended up putting three breaks in the ditch east & west, and almost lost the backhoe. It was a 500-year event! 500 times more water vs. normal year. There was thick muck from feed lots and lots of contamination. An Emergency Center was set-up at Fromberg High School, and Red-Cross set-up in Bridger. Town water was turned off for four days, at the time enough water was available to fight fires. When basements flooded, gas and water lines broke and depleted the water in the well leaving a one-day supply of water. Luckily there were no fires!! The town feed the community for six weeks, seventeen trailers were lost and a couple homes. Nate Caton said that South Central weather is now paying more attention to the snow pack, and the town is slowly building back. Mayor shared that our Riverbank project is almost complete in rebuilding 1300' of riverbank to protect the Town wells, the Carbon County River bridge and riverfront properties. On September 26th, volunteers planted trees along riverbank for future ground stabilization. Currently, residents are having issues with obtaining flood insurance due to high costs, and the town is mostly a retirement community on fixed incomes. One resident shared that there was 100" of snow in the mountains, a cold spring season and slow snow melt. It then rained 3-4 days in the mountains and 40" of snow melted within a week. In the town of Edgar, they measured that the river was passing 23,000 cubic feet of water per minute. The mayor said a meeting was held in Red Lodge where the communities could ask for assistance from several agencies that were present, but at the time didn't know what to ask for. Army Corp said it was going to help out, but then said they couldn't. We had issues with FEMA! FEMA sent three different teams, and each team had three different interpretations of instructions for the town. There was identity and security issues with private information being stolen/compromised. The Gas Company sent three crewmen to work on replacing all gas lines and meters. Salt Lake City was one of many that sent help and provided volunteers to help clean-out basements. There were huge debris piles at the ballfield, five front-end loaders from local farmers were on-hand to haul debris. Town of Laurel provided one dumpster every day for two months. Donations were made to cover some of garbage expenses. IOWA representative asked for advice. Mayor: 1. Be aware of what could happen 2. Have a disaster plan in place. 3. Physically look around your town, what is needed? Nate Caton advice: 1. Have a chain of command. Each council member has certain duties. Mike Ventling was with the Fire Department working till 3 am rescuing residents, people worked together, no lives or animals lost. Mike's identity was stolen through FEMA. They did more harm than good. He shared that the streets are now compromised. They used the air bubbles that were coming up in the middle of the roads to guided them when rescuing people. You need good communication, use your local resources, get communities involved.

Weather service knew of situation but didn't think it would be that bad, they now have more check stations in the mountains. DES-Code Red-alert system on phone for emergency notices. Tammy Taylor advice: 1 Do you have supplies on hand, suggested a Norway company for water barriers, expensive but worth looking into. 2. Communication, somebody to lead 3. Have to negotiate with FEMA 4. Have a pamphlet of what to do in Flood, Fire etc. 5. How to navigate the system. 6. Look to your youth! They are priceless with good backs! Resident Ron shared his story of the flood with his three homes, how incredible the community response was, and was amazed by the community outreach. Questions asked: How long were the wells down? Spent two months treating wells, and boil water notices were put out to the community. The mayor said all our volunteer credits went to Red Lodge. Churches sent help to clean-out houses. Red Cross was on the ground for 2 days, and the Salvation Army stayed till not needed. All the small communities around helped in one way or another. Nate Caton thought for future emergencies that a list of what was needed from residents be written down, then when volunteers came to help, they could assist with their skills, as needed. Counseling for trauma was brought up, counselors need to be certified as trauma is very serious. IOWA representative asked about local funding? Red Lodge Community Center, Local Bank of Bridger, U-Haul, Lowes, and Ag-fencing was provided by local companies. Question? What was the impact to community: mobile homes condemned, vacant buildings, loss of 30 kids from school enrollment, lost 50 people from the community, 5-6 small business were lost or impacted, never give up HOPE! continue to ask a lot of questions. Question? Media coverage: Local channel 2 (feel good stories). Suggestion for Town: CERT Program 1 Free 2. Leave impression on the youth 3. Grant Funding 4. Community Foundation. Closing statement from Taylor Crowl. Meeting was adjourned 7:20pm.

ATTEST:



Tim Nottingham, Mayor



Michele Auch, Town Clerk/Treasurer