

**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR A SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2024**

The October 14, 2024 special meeting was held at Fromberg Town Hall, 118 W River Street in Fromberg. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 5:59 pm by Mayor Tim Nottingham. Other council members present were Nate Caton, Robert Haseman, Michael Ventling and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Tanner Soumas, MaKayla Smith, Kim Soumas, Sandy Bauwens, Ernest King, Niki Elliott, Marge Taylor, Jennifer Hickok, Elton Kirtley, Jeanne Ruot, Dan Auch, Krish Bauwens, Jerry Hall, Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk Pro Tem and Clerk Michele Auch.

The only item on the agenda was review and discussion of Zoning application for Tanner Souma's at 24 Harley Avenue, Fromberg MT. Mayor started the discussion with age limit, look at ordinance stating 10 years or newer for Mobile Home Trailers. Council will come together to give a variance. The Souma's presented pictures of improvements made-to-date, plans are to repaint and fix-up siding, re-skirt, and in the Spring remove current trailer, put-up a privacy fence, build a garage, and in the future plant grass, make a yard, and move out old trailer ASAP. Councilwoman Taylor, has concerns regarding commercial fire codes, and how close the neighbors' buildings are to theirs. Councilwoman Taylor shared passed history right and wrongs. Councilwoman Taylor talked with Kelly Lynch, the minute a non-conforming structure has changes to it, it must follow new codes and ordinances. Dennison stated that there are a lot of problems with trailer ordinances. The Souma's current mobile home/trailer is considered "Grandfathered In". Councilman Caton, stated for Commercial properties to follow current set-backs. Dennison stated that the best way forward at this point is to file a Variance before the Town and Council. We are in a Gray Area: follow variances that have been done in the past. Zoning and Map need to be made current. Dennison stated that a Variance should include: the use, because it's a residential onto commercial lot, include set-backs and age of Mobile Home Trailer. Get new variance application with signatures 300' around Souma's property in first with application fee and then a two week notice for public comment can be published in the paper. New meeting set for November 18, 2024 at 6:30pm at Town Hall.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.

ATTEST:



Tim Nottingham, Mayor



Michele Auch, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Town of Fromberg
Council Meeting

OCT 14, 2024
Regular + Special Meeting
PLEASE SIGN IN

1. Dan Auch

2. Jerry Hall

3. ~~Donna~~

4. Makayla Smith

5. Kim ~~Seaver~~

6. Sandy Bauwens

7. Ernest King

8. Krishi Baner

9. Nick Elliott ✓

10. Mary Tala

11. Etan Kirtley

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FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON October 14, 2024

The October 14, 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 Dan Auch, Jerry Hall, Makayla Smith, Kim Soumas, Tanner Soumas, Sandy Bauwens, Marge Taylor, Nikki Elliot, Elton Kirtley, Will McCranie, Ron Euerle, Jeanne Ruot, Jennifer Hickock, Michele Auch, Clerk and Clerk Pro Tem, Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was correspondence. Clerk Michele Auch read letters from Lori Simpson, Resident, and Kari Kuhr BB.

Public comment was next on the agenda. Elton Kirtley commented on several things he was concerned about on the Eastside of Town, and wanted to have long term planning for the town. Jerry Hall commented on construction companies' heavy equipment on the streets tearing up w/track cleats. Sandy Bauwens commented on Mine Spur Loop future re-paving of street, a Spring time-line was provided by the mayor. Jennifer Hickock, Fromberg School Principal commented on School kids volunteering for the River Project that included planting trees along the riverbank and hoped that in the future that adults would be kind, that students would be led by example and that have positive communication is provided, and she thanked the community for including the students. Jeanne Ruot commented on her fence needing to be replaced from River Project work, and she provided letter with suggested solutions. Marge Taylor commented on tree in park that needs to be replaced from incorrect pruning. Will McCranie commented on approved fence he was building, no further approval needed for extending side fence. It was noted that no fence ordinances are in place.

The Mayor and Council were next on the agenda. The council discussed Public Works position when hiring was going to happen, it was suggested to re-advertise the position, it was suggested that council members should watch HR training videos, what were the DEQ fines about, have a hiring committee that all must be present, use same format, remain neutral. Have a written policy for hiring.

Sherriff department report was next on the agenda, there was no one to represent the Sherriff Department.

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

Zoning applications were next on the agenda. There were no Zoning applications.

Old business was next on the agenda. There was no old business.

New business was next on the agenda. The first item of new business was Approve Town Clerk/Treasurer Michele Auch. A motion to approve the Town Clerk/Treasurer was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton - aye, Councilman Haseman - aye, Councilman Ventling - aye, and Councilwoman Taylor - aye.

Next was change the signatory authority on all bank accounts—Bank of Bridger and Valley Federal Credit Union. A motion to approve changing the signatory authority on all bank accounts 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.

Approve quote for well meter and pipe replacement was the next item. More quotes were requested, Dennison said to follow Bid-Policy up to \$5,000.00, then the town doesn't need to get more bids. A motion to move this to the next town meeting was made by Councilwoman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton - aye, Councilman Haseman - aye, Councilman Ventling - aye, and Councilwoman Taylor - aye.

Next was Discussion—Change Zoning Ordinances—Tammy suggested that Dennison work with Kelli Lynch on legal structure of Zoning Ordinances and Council work on the policy decisions. It was discussed that a resolution be made to set-up a sub-committee of 3-5 people to make change of use on zoning ordinances. Example: Mobile Homes to be put on permanent foundations with straps. Will help with future VA buyers.

Next was Discussion--Change Zoning Map—It was discussed that a new zoning map is needed. The mayor will reach out to Tom Cooley and get on his schedule.

Next was Discussion regarding volunteers and/or volunteer policy. Have a form to fill out when volunteers are needed, provide steps to follow, if volunteer has a record of violence, they cannot work with children, have regular volunteers on MMIA insurance policy, volunteer projects around town will need pre-approval. Clerk will look into starting a policy for Volunteers and put on next meeting agenda.

Next was Discussion regarding Personnel Policy Section 7.725 Use of Town Equipment—Councilwomen Taylor has had several complaints around town about equipment use, there is a policy in place for use of Town Equipment, and taxpayers paid for town equipment. Mayor thought town equipment could be rented for \$50/per hour. Councilman Venting, said equipment was used for Marc's side concrete business and nothing had been paid for use of this equipment. Councilwomen Taylor had talked with Jim Bradely from MMIA about the Town's liability risks and highly recommend against renting it out. Marge Taylor and Jerry Hall also had issues with use of Town equipment, red gravel materials being used and fill dirt being used along concrete work. Councilwomen Taylor said that the Town's Skid Steer was sitting in front of Marc's house at 2am. Sheriff and Mayor were called regarding shop door being left open on a Saturday evening at 8-9 pm, door was shut. Councilman Venting, called for Marc's termination and stated thief of services. and to look at the evidence presented. Mayor will talk to Marc and commented that Marc wasn't present to defend himself, and termination is up to the council. Elton Kirtley called for the mayor's resignation. Mayor said he will not resign. Mayor said he will talk to Marc and maybe get attorney involved. Councilman Ventling again said to look at the evidence nothing paid for use of equipment.

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 Caton. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton—aye, Councilman Haseman - aye, Councilman Ventling - aye, and Councilwoman Taylor - aye.

Town Attorney Dennison Butler had nothing to report.

Public Works Director Schutterle was not present. Clerk Michele read Marc's notes that he provided. Paving was happening this week, Marc is working with DEQ to correct fines, He will finish asphalt by railroad tracks and E River Street probably with a Hot mix, he will finish cutting down trees on Main St, and then send out notices.

Clerk Michele had nothing to report.

Next scheduled meeting was on Monday 11th, but it fell on Veterans Day and Dennison wasn't available to be present for Special and Town meeting. It was decided to be moved to Monday 18th at 7pm, with a Special Meeting held at 6:30pm for Tanner Souma's Variance discussion and decision.

There being no further business, Councilman Caton motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwomen 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 8:38 pm.

Tim Nottingham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michele Auch, Town Clerk

10. Fromberg Mt. city council
& Acting mayor Tim Nottingham

1. In the 6+ years ~~you~~ has been Acting mayor, what have you done to fix (not grand Repair) All Town Roads on both Sides of the tracks?

2. In the 6+ years he has been Acting mayor, what have you done to up Sale Fromberg to ~~Bring~~ in businesses -

3. In the 6+ years he has been Acting as mayor, what has he done to fix the town budget?

What were the number when ~~he~~ he took over what are they now?

HAS Tim Nottingham AS Acting mayor Every Accomplished anything?

any thing at all } Achiever (OR) Complete successfully }
OVER -> } Yes! What?

8/2024

Mayor Tim

I wanted to thank you for
your trying + helping pinpoint
my Rental (Grandmas Old Home) Home,
at 1024 Street, Hot Water Discoloration
Problems 3 years ago, and for your
on-going availability to address
concerns my Rental Barb, and I,
have had.

I really do want you to
know I appreciate your efforts

Kari Kurbish

"For I know the plans I have for you

declares the Lord

"plans to prosper you and to build you,

"plans to give you a hope and a future"

10-14-2024
10-1-2024

Jeanne Ruot
308 Lovers Ln
Fromberg MT 59029

Need to replace 150' of fence that Contractor buried.

They were told to pull post wrap wire back on fence. Or if needed they could cut wire but pull post. They were not told to bury entire fence. There are post and wire sticking up through dirt that is leveled out.

5 1/2' post 4.99 ea @ TSC need 38 = 189.62
SKU 360910499

Smooth wire 1/4 mile roll @ TSC 99.99

SKU 361527899

Smooth wire @ WRS \$5⁰⁰ SKU BEKBARBL
800-545-7270

TOTAL \$5⁰⁰ 99.99 wire

189.62 5 1/2' post x 38

\$274.62 - \$289.61

OR You can get someone to donate the wire and post needed to fix fence.

OR You can let me step 2 mos of Town of Fromberg utilities @ 165/mo = 330⁰⁰ to pay for fence to be replaced.

Also There are steel tree debris to be cleaned up yet too!

Town of Fromberg
Council Meeting
Public Hearing + Regular Mtg
Nov 18, 2024

PLEASE SIGN IN

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| 1. Dan Auch ✓ | 13. |
| 2. Elton Kitley ✓ | 14. |
| 3. Mary Baker ✓ | 15. |
| 4. Kim Soules ✓ | 16. |
| 5. Robert Goodson ✓ | 17. |
| 6. Makayla Smith ✓ | 18. |
| 7. Tanner Saunders ✓ | 19. |
| 8. Ilea Dawson ✓ | 20. |
| 9. Jerry Hall ✓ | 21. |
| 10. ERNEST Kizer ✓ | 22. |
| 11. Andy VonConning ✓ | 23. |
| 12. Suzy Campbell ✓ | 24. |

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE TOWN OF FROMBERG WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Fromberg will be holding a public meeting on November 18, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall located at 118 W River Street. This meeting is regarding an Application for Variance for a property described as FROMBERG DUDLEY ADDN, S17, T05 S, R23 E, BLOCK 2, Lot 3 - 5, E 70' OF LTS 3,4,5 BLK2. Also known as 24 Harley Ave. This meeting is regarding a discussion and public comment on a variance application for a residential mobile home placed on property zoned as Commercial "C". The Variance Application will be available for review during normal business hours at the Town Office. The council will hear all persons presenting recommendations or objections relative to the proposed change. A decision will be made at the regular council meeting beginning at 7:00 PM at the same date and location listed above. Anyone who would like more information, or those who want to submit comments should contact Michele Auch at (406)668-7383 or clerk@fromberg-mt.com.

**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

The November 18, 2024 a public hearing was held at Fromberg Town Hall, 118 W River Street in Fromberg, MT. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 6:27 pm by Mayor Tim Nottingham. Other council members present were Robert Haseman, Michael Ventling and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Tanner Soumas, MaKayla Smith, Kim Soumas, Ernest King, Marge Taylor, Elton Kirtley, Dan Auch, Jerry Hall, Robert Goodson, Ilsa Dawson, Andy V____. Suzy Campbell, Keilee Kountz Jess and Rebecca Boyd, Marc and Nicole Schutterle and Clerk Michele Auch.

The only item on the agenda was review and discussion of Variance application for Tanner Souma's at 24 Harley Avenue, Fromberg MT. The mayor welcomed everyone and stated that the meeting was for a Variance Application. Public comment for or against variance was first on the agenda. Ilsa Dawson lives close to the couple and sees their lot out her window, and approves of the improvements to date. Their mobile home looks nice, and you would never guess how old the trailer is. Considering what's in town, this is an improvement and she approves. Rebecca Boyd thoughts had changed and looks at it as growth for the town. Elton Kirtley was next to speak. They moved in without a zoning permit and an arrogant attitude. There is corruption in town and needs to have law and order in town. Moving trailers in is becoming an epidemic. They should quite frankly move the trailer out, submit their stuff, then move it back in. Marge Taylor said she has nothing against the people, things should be done properly, they didn't get the proper paperwork. They moved a camper in with a propane tank, do it right, and other propane tanks are up near the school. Makayla Smith said she never heard about propane tanks, they had one before, but had it removed. We were never informed we needed a zoning permit. The mayor never said anything about a zoning permit. We are trying to make it right, we want a bigger house, make it look better, and not do any harm to the town. Councilwomen Tammy, asked the attorney. She had a neighbor next to her that had a list with everyone's name 300' around for a variance permit. I had to sign it and mark yes or no. She is questioning only having five names listed, one being out of the 300'. Doesn't know if they were opposed or didn't get a notice, that is my real issue. Councilwomen Taylor asked Dennison about this, he said that you need adjacent landowners' signatures or their consent. He will look into the 300' right now. Kim Soumas commented that the residents wouldn't answer their doors as they went around for a couple of weeks. Councilwomen Taylor said they could have sent letters. Dennison looked at the ordinance and it looks like the 300' circumference with 100 percent approval the variance is granted without a hearing. Less than 100% of 300' approval than a Public Hearing will be held. Councilwomen Taylor said that Two Bear Taven is within 300'. Makayla Smith said how are we supposed to know what's 300'? Tanner wondered how do you read the map? Councilwomen Taylor could help them read the map. Jesse Boyd said that he believes in law and order. They went out of their way to meet the requirements, make a home and make the town look good. Had the town help them, if the town knows what needs to be done? Why is it a big deal? If you see something wrong, say something right away. The mayor said this is why we are having the meeting and you may have not gotten in touch with everyone within 300' feet and get the signatures needed. We will have the council vote on it at the 7:00 pm meeting. Ilsa Dawson had a question about Two Bear, do they need to talk with Diana, owner, or someone who works there? Diana is not well. Rebecca Boyd could call Diana right now. Mayor said again, that the council will decide at the 7pm meeting and will vote then on how to proceed. Dennison repeated that they need to make contact or attempt. If they do not obtain consent within 300' feet a public hearing will be held. It's important to make contact and get signatures. Keilee Kountz thinks this trailer is an improvement. First thing you see coming into town, and will look good in the future with landscaping. They will be permanent residents that will stay, follow what's given to them and all be good for the town and bring younger folks into town. Jerry Hall said that it is a 25 years old trailer and to follow the 10-year rule. Ilsa Dawson commented that the trailer might be 25 years old, but there are old buildings in town that are about to fall over, and 25 years old is ok if they look this good. There are lots of trashy building in town. Mayor Tim and Councilman Robert said it looks like a new trailer.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

ATTEST:

Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Michele Auch
Michele Auch, Town Clerk/Treasurer

**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON November 18, 2024**

The November 18, 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 6:58 pm by Mayor Tim Nottingham. Other council members present were Robert Haseman, Michael Ventling and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Dennison Butler, Attorney; Randy Cramer, Sheriff; Dan Auch, Jerry Hall, Makayla Smith, Kim Soumas, Tanner Soumas, Marge Taylor, Elton Kirtley, Ilsa Dawson, Ernest King, Suzy Campbell, Robert Goodson, Andy ___, Jesse and Rachael Boyd Marc and Nicole Schutterle and Michele Auch, Clerk.

Public comment on items on or not on the agenda. Jerry Hall wondered what led to the decision to take off Council/Mayor from the agenda. Mayor stated that it was his decision. Jerry Hall stated that we should be able to know about it. He also said that travel trailer is zoned to be in a trailer park. There is a propane tank of North Street, and was free gravel used for a personal job in three locations. Mayor called Jerry Hall and Marge Taylor out of order. Elton Kirtley also wanted to know about second trailer. Councilman Robert said to talk to the Attorney. Susie Campbell wanted to comment on 26 Harley Street. Mayor stated that we have talked about comments and discussion at 6:30pm meeting. Did they miss it. She wants to know what local and state maps zones are. State maps might have differences between residential and commercial for tax purposes. Local zoning ordinances can be different.

The next item on the agenda was correspondence. There was nothing to report.

Sherriff department report was next on the agenda. Sherriff Randy Cramer 58 hours of patrol October 18th through November 18th, 2024. 17 calls for service in Town limits. Mayor commented that he noticed more time running radar.

Special Vote on Variance Application was next on the agenda. Mayor said that it is up to the Council to accept or not. Do we have a vote? Discussion? Councilman Robert-aye., Councilman Ventling-abstain, Councilwomen Taylor-abstain. Mayor said a Quorum of three needed. A motion to table the decision was made by Councilman Robert, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Robert-Aye, Councilman Ventling-Aye, Councilwomen Taylor-Aye. Friday 22, 2024 at 3pm, was decided on for Special Meeting. Will be advertised two days around town before meeting.

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

Zoning application was next on the agenda. Mike Morrison application for a new house and garage was reviewed. A motion to approve Mike Morrison zoning application 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.

Old business was next on the agenda. Approve quote for well meter and pipe replacement was the next item. More quotes were presented. A motion to approve Bid from Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc for \$ 4,360.45, dated 11/15/24 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. Resolution No 539-Zoning ordinance Committee. Mayor tasked Councilwomen Taylor to work on ordinance map. Councilwomen Taylor wants to amend Resolution to 3-5 members. Dennison had made changes to Resolution No 539, Councilwomen Taylor read the Resolution out loud. Councilman Roberts asks who forms committee, and does council approve committee? Mayor stated that Councilwomen Taylor will be chairman. Counselman Robert said it would be a conflict of interest. Dennison said a council representative can be on the committee but not a quorum of council members. The council will be updated, and council members can vote. Legally its allowed. In the by-laws you have the authority only to bring back recommendations. Make recommendation to bring about changes, and make everything concise. The mayor is very interested in the project. A motion to approve Resolution 539 was made by Councilman Ventling, seconded by Councilwomen Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Haseman – nay, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Next was discussion on Community Service Agreement. The mayor said that Clerk Michele found one that fits our needs as a small town. Mayor stated that if you vote for this every organization in town will need to fill this out. In an emergency we don't have all the restrictions in place. Volunteers working during an emergency at a homeowner's property, the property owners would be responsible. What capacity are they acting in, anyone can clean-up the streets but they are not acting on behalf of the city. If on behalf on the city a record will be needed. Councilwomen Taylor stated volunteers will be protected by MMIA, with guidelines in place. This is recommended by MMIA and records stay at Town Hall. A motion to approve the Community Service Agreement was made by Councilman Ventling, seconded by Councilwomen Taylor. 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. Mayor stated that the 10-14-2024 Regular Minutes have errors that he needs time to research. A motion to approve the 10-14-2024 Special Meeting minutes was made by Councilman Ventling, seconded by Councilwomen Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Claims, Payroll Summary, and Journal Vouchers were next for approval. Councilwoman Taylor asked about the purchase of a street sweeper. Mayor stated that it was to clean street, cleanup debris and was a really good deal. It is an enclosed sweeper. Tammy asked if the backpack blower was still in the shop. A motion to was made by Councilman Robert, seconded by Councilman Ventling. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Town Attorney Dennison Butler had nothing to report. Councilwomen Taylor has some questions for the Attorney regarding, a hiring policy that Clerk Michele will be turned into MMIA for review. Dennison said he will work with Clerk Michele on the hiring policy. Councilwomen Taylor asked about a Complaint Policy, and Grievance Policy. Councilman Ventling asked Dennison about the status of the trailer removal on 2nd Avenue. Dennison replied that the trailer was supposed to be moved by November 1, 2024 and that the town could charge him a fine per day and that he would be filing in court. Councilwomen Taylor asked about a cease and deceased orders.

Public Works Director Schutterle reported that Northwest pipe will take 20 weeks to get the meters. He talked to Scott Miller about paving Mine Spur Loop if we can. We might have to hold him off until we get funding from HB355. We will have the other half by the train tracks this week, and will burn the debris pile this week. Councilman Ventling asked about his waste water license. He talked to Susan Bowers about taking his class in Billings the 1st week of December. Yes, we are going to be fined. I started on Sept 23, 2023. Councilman Ventling asked why are we delinquent on DMR submittals? Marc replied those are from before I started here. Councilman Ventling said there are violation from when after you started. Yes, before I knew they needed to be

in by the 28th. Councilman Ventling asked if you submitted a plan of action? No. I wasn't sure what plan of action she was referring to. Councilman Ventling asked about violation of chlorine. Marc asked if he wanted me to lie? Marc said the quill plugs up and we get a hit. Councilman Ventling asked about a Type II notice to the public. Now that I know about Type II notices, they will get sent out. Councilman Ventling said Public Works Director should know their job. Councilman Ventling would like to know about the gravel. Marc said receipts are in the clerk office. Mayor stated this is a done issue. Councilman Ventling replied its not a done issue. Mayor said you are out of order. Councilman Ventling responded that I am out of order. Mayor said would you like me to give you another one? Councilman Ventling replied give me another one. Mayor said the meeting was done. Deputy would you like to escort Mr. Ventling out. Marge Taylor out of order. Mayor said that we do not have a quorum and the meeting is adjourned at 7:57.



Tim Nottingham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michele Auch, Town Clerk



Carbon County Sheriff's Office

Personnel Summary Activity for 2021

(Sheriff: Full-Time + Reserve)

Fromberg

October 18 - November 18, 2024

Monthly Hours: 58

CFS Date/Time	CFS #	Description	Street	Latitude	Longitude
10/20/24 18:58	CFS202411766	Theft	WEST RIVER STREET	45.391852	-108.908556
10/21/24 09:25	CFS202411773	Fraud	EAST RIVER STREET	45.391538	-108.904376
10/21/24 11:22	CFS202411778	Animal	WEST RIVER STREET	45.391790	-108.911873
10/21/24 17:39	CFS202411788	911 Open Line	EAST RIVER STREET	45.391484	-108.899052
10/24/24 18:25	CFS202411894	Citizen Contact	LOVERS LANE	45.389839	-108.900209
10/26/24 13:32	CFS202411924	Civil Issue / Dispute	BARTLETT AVENUE	45.381538	-108.916064
10/25/24 14:08	CFS202411925	911 Medial	NORTH STREET	45.393689	-108.910883
10/25/24 14:31	CFS202411928	Traffic Stop	HIGHWAY AVENUE	-108.905771	45.395002
10/25/24 17:16	CFS202411935	Citizen Assist	424 CARBON	45.391538	-108.915054
10/28/24 13:02	CFS202412023	Medical Emergency	EAST RIVER STREET	45.391529	-108.899709
10/28/24 15:15	CFS202412026	911 Misuse	MONTANA AVENUE N	45.382883	-108.909132
10/31/24 17:09	CFS202412137	Special Event	SCHOOL STREET	45.393168	-108.912062
10/31/24 17:57	CFS202412140	Internet Crimes	MONTANA AVENUE S	45.390699	-108.909122
11/01/24 19:16	CFS202412181	Area Check	HIGHWAY AVENUE	45.385345	-108.906060
11/06/24 19:55	CFS202412331	Civil Process	BENSON DRIVE	45.392879	-108.917583
11/08/24 03:00	CFS202412381	Suspicious	CARSON STREET	45.390511	-108.910203
11/15/24 23:11	CFS202412663	Medical Alarm	LOVERS LANE	45.389567	-108.899662

Total Records: 17

Town of Fromberg Council Meeting

November 22, 2024 3pm.

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| 1. Jerry Hall ✓ | 13. |
| 2. Don Auch ✓ | 14. |
| 3. Kim Saunders ✓ | 15. |
| 4. Kailee Kountz | 16. |
| 5. Makayla Smith ✓ | 17. |
| 6. Tanner Saunders ✓ | 18. |
| 7. Terry Feller ✓ | 19. |
| 8. Jess Dawson ✓ | 20. |
| 9. Elton Britley ✓ | 21. - |
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**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR PUBLIC HEARING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2024**

The November 22, 2024 a public hearing was held at Fromberg Town Hall, 118 W River Street in Fromberg, MT. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 2:57 pm by Mayor Tim Nottingham. Other council members present were Nate Caton, Robert Haseman, Michael Ventling and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Tanner Soumas, MaKayla Smith, Kim Soumas, Elton Kirtley, Dan Auch, Jerry Hall, Ilsa Dawson, Terry Feller, Keilee Kountz and Clerk Michele Auch.

The only item on the agenda was public comment presenting recommendations or objections relative to the Variance application for Tanner Soumas at 24 Harley Avenue, Fromberg MT. The mayor welcomed everyone and stated that the meeting was for a Variance Application. Clerk Michele Auch read aloud a letter from Ernest King. Public comment either for or against the variance was next on the agenda. Makayla Smith didn't see why we needed a permit. She stated that Ernest would love to sign yes, but would make others angry in town. Jerry Hall stated next that he does not believe Tanner would have hooked up his trailer unless he had higher approval. Ilsa Dawson was next and she was not sure what the variance was for. In the 20 years she has lived here there have always been trailers, and this is one of the nicer ones. Have you seen Ernest's property? She almost runs over his junk when she backs out. There is a lot that goes into building a town. Terry Feller stated why is it so important to have this meeting today? We are paying extra for this meeting. Mayor stated that they are trying to get it decided so they don't have to wait any longer. Elton Kirtley stated that the first time a camping trailer was moved in that it was illegal and too small. They questioned Ernest King's credibility, and this bullying needs to stop. Keilee Kountz had some comments. Residential and Commercial are very different around town. They were doing their best to follow the rules. Have you seen their improvements? The town needs younger people. They have lots of family in town, want to get involved in the community, and are not afraid to get involved. A stick-built home is not in their budget. Councilwoman Taylor stated that she was called in February about a lot for sale by two individuals in town. The potential buyer wanted to put a trailer on it and they were against it. There are three vacant lots in town, what's done for one than one for all. Mayor stated that each spot will have to be individually looked at in the future. Councilwoman Taylor stated again that in government you cannot do for one that can't do for all. Councilman Ventling said that he talked to the Attorney Dennison and point blank asked him. If this is a black and white decision then the Variance decision would be No. Looking at the laws now they state trailers need to be on a permanent foundation, and 1000 sq ft minimum in size. We have laws in place for a reason. Mike Ventling stated that Dennison said to use Variances very, very sparingly. You have to follow the rules. Ilsa Dawson stated that many years ago she was at the meeting that approved the old trailer that they live in. Councilman Caton shared that he was on the council when the decision was approved for the trailer. Case by case bases, these are the same people that the original approval was given. This mistake was already made and it's an upgrade. There has always been a dealbated trailer. This town is dead, if farmland becomes available it might be time to start a true commercial district. Makayla wants to start a food prepping business; she hasn't started it yet. Jerry Hall stated that to rebuild the Legion Hall and to install a commercial kitchen is very expensive. Makayla has HOPE! Mayor asked if anyone has anymore comments. Mayor called for a vote. The vote carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton—aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – nay, and Councilwoman Taylor – nay. Mayor broke the tie-aye in favor of granting Variance. A motion to was made by Councilman Nate, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

ATTEST:

Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Michele Auch

Michele Auch, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Ernest King
112 School St.
Fromberg, MT 59029

Dear Mayor and City Council of Fromberg, Montana,

I am writing to you about the trailer house that Tanner and Michaela are requesting approval for after they have moved in already. I am submitting this letter to you, the council because I could not make the meeting due to previous obligations, and this Friday, November 22nd, I'll still be at work at the time of this meeting.

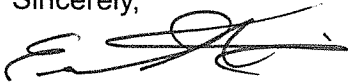
I find myself in an unexpected and challenging situation, not of my choosing, due to the arrival of the trailer house. I will share my experiences and encounters regarding the trailer, as I believe it is crucial to provide my perspective.

When Tanner started having material brought in to prepare his ground, I offered to help level or move some of it around with my tractor, that offer was never taken up. When we visited, we discussed his trailer, and he told me they had been working on it to clean and fix it up. Shortly before this time, many trailer houses were destroyed in Billings. I suggested it to him since he had told me it was over 10 years old and was over the town's requirements. I said you could possibly sell it for a good amount of money to someone there who needs one. Then, use that money to put up a stick-built home. I shared where he could pick fully engineered drawings for a place. I also told him that if he went that route, I could help him gather enough people to stand and close it on a weekend if everything was on-site. Tanner committed that he hoped the town would approve of his trailer house after they cleaned it up.

I was later approached by email by an individual trying to help Tanner and Michaela submit all the paperwork before putting the trailer in. I said I would talk to them about it. Within a week before September 17th, 2024, I visited with Michaela about this, suggesting they get the trailer inspected and take photos to have everyone in the area sign a petition to be presented to the council for approval. Assuming it would also pass inspection.

That's when, just about a week later, I was notified that the trailer had been moved in. Michaela then came by asking my dad to sign a petition for the trailer's move-in. My dad told her he didn't live there and would have to talk to me. She then asked me, and I explained to her that I felt betrayed since I'd tried to help you do it the right way. I told her that I'd like to see the improvements, but they went about it the wrong way. Michaela told my dad and me that she told Tanner, but "Tanner said he was just going to move it in, and if the town had a problem, then he'd deal with it then." This is now the second time.

Sincerely,



Ernest King

Town of Fromberg Council Meeting

December 9th, 2024

PLEASE SIGN IN

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| 1. Marcus Schutterle | 13. |
| 2. Dan Auch | 14. |
| 3. Jerry Hall | 15. |
| 4. Elton Kirtley | 16. |
| 5. Sandy Bauwens | 17. |
| 6. Niki Elliott | 18. |
| 7. Margi Taylor | 19. |
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**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON December 9, 2024**

The December 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 Nate Caton, Robert Haseman, Michael Ventling and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Dennison Butler, Attorney; Randy Cramer, Sheriff; Dan Auch, Jerry Hall, Marge Taylor, Elton Kirtley, Sandy Bauwens, Niki Elliott, Cyrill Hergenrider, Lori Simpson, Marcus and Nicole Schutterle and Michele Auch, Clerk.

Public comment on items on or not on the agenda. Jerry Hall stated that Council/Mayor was not on the agenda, selling gravel is not in the mayor's authority, breached town ordinances by selling gravel to Marcus creating a conflict of interest, Barssa funds paid for gravel, and past Mayors use of Barssa funds led to four years of no funding. Mayors' actions have been reckless and harmful to the community. Cyrill Hergenrider stated that on February 2024 she read a letter for the mayor to do the right thing and to resign as mayor of Fromberg. Several citizens have also called for his resignation, and the mayor stated it will not happen. In April 2024 she read a letter stating that the mayor be removed under MCA 7-4-411, after he left Fromberg for more than 10 days, without the approval of the council. At the November council meeting the mayor violated Councilman Ventling's right to free speech, and the right for the council to amend/edit the October 14th minutes. It is up to the Council, not the mayor to amend the minutes. The mayor is in a decent and slippery slope of a democracy towards that of a dictator. She asked several questions of the councilmembers. She asked the council to hold the mayor accountable, under 7-4-411, #10 open neglect to discard duties. She asked for the councilmembers to resign their duties if they answered YES to any of the questions she asked. Fromberg is in a moral crisis. Lori Simpson stated, Miss Me? Truth is all of this has been the devil talk and we have been falling for it, I am not going to do it anymore. You can't fight bullies, by being a bully. You have to do it the right way, and there is a legal way to do it. My understanding is that it needs persistent, honest facts, truths and patience. You may get your chance to finish out your two years, but I am pretty sure this will be your last time you hold any government office in the U.S. Councilwomen Taylor wanted to propose a motion. Dennison said to wait for New or Old Business.

The next item on the agenda was correspondence. Michele Auch, Clerk read a letter from Randy Wike.

Sherriff department report was next on the agenda. Sherriff Randy Cramer reported 72 hours, 54 minutes of patrol November 8th through December 8th, 2024. Calls for service in the Town limits, 18 hours and 18 minutes. 26, total records.

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

Zoning application was next on the agenda. There were no zoning applications.

Board Appointments. There were no appointments for Historic Preservation and Planning Board.

Old business was next on the agenda. There was no old business.

New business was next on the agenda. Councilwomen Taylor proposed a motion to put Mayor/Council on the next agenda. Mayor stated that you can vote to put it back on the next agenda or not to. Councilman Ventling seconded. Mayor called for discussion. Councilwomen Taylor stated that if you don't do it, you are not doing your duty of giving your reports this whole time. You are to report to us, the council, and it's in our ordinances. Councilman Haseman stated what report? Councilwoman Taylor stated, what is going on in the

own? Do you think we know everything? Dennison stated that Council/Mayor is on the MMIA proposed agenda. Councilman Ventling stated that our ordinance are as follows: must review the minutes, approval of claims and bills, public comment, correspondence, and report of officers. We are all officers, and the mayor is supposed to do a quarterly report. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton--aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Councilwomen Taylor made a motion to put the Burn Pit on the next agenda, Councilman Ventling seconded. Councilman Caton asked what they were going for? Councilwomen Taylor stated that it is to open the pit and none of the things previously requested have been addressed to date. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton--aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Councilwomen Taylor made a motion for violation of standards of conduct of an elected official under council rules, discipline and for sanction. Mayor asked what this means? Councilwomen Taylor stated that elected official violated state law and ordinances with an employee. Councilman Ventling seconded. Mayor stated that we would basically have a hearing, and asked the attorney for clarification. Dennison stated that the Councilwomen would like this to be added to the agenda and a discussion of whether a sanction should be issued against the mayor. Nothing can be discussed here today as to the substance as it was not on the agenda and this be placed on the agenda for discussion if sanction should be brought against the mayor by the council. Councilman Caton stated that he thinks this should have its own meeting, would like to seek council and have more information on it. Dennison stated that it sounds like Councilman Caton has a motion to modify Councilwomen Taylors motion and set it in a special setting. Councilman Caton wants to do homework before going into a meeting on this subject. Councilwomen Taylor seconded Councilman Caton's motion to modify to a special setting. Councilman Caton stated what are we really chasing here? Councilwomen Taylor read aloud NCA standards on conduct of public officials. Dennison stated that the first discussion that it should be on a special setting or not. Mayor asked for a vote on special setting. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton--aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Mayor stated weather they are going to do it or not in regards to Councilwomen Taylor first motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton--aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye. Mayor stated that we will set a special meeting. It will be a public special meeting, with all Council members present.

The consent agenda was next on the agenda. Discussion was had regarding items on the consent agenda. Councilman Ventling questioned on why 10-14-24 minutes were not approved at prior meeting. Mayor said that he wanted to look them over. Clerk Michele did not make any changes to 10-14-24 minutes. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilman Caton, seconded by Councilman Haseman. No discussion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton--aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Town Attorney Dennison Butler had nothing to report but was open to questions. Councilwomen Taylor had some questions for the Attorney regarding a Town Charter and having Dennison help the Council make a prioritized list of items that we can get on the agendas moving forward, as we are so far behind. Dennison stated that with all the legal issues that are out there right now, the most important one is to get a Town Charter in place. This is the number one issue out there. There is a whole department dedicated by MSUB to help small towns with what their options are, and there are a lot of resources available to get a Town Charter set-up. Dennison can help us get the information we will need. Mayor asked if this is voted on in a general election. It can be a general election or a special election that the town would have to pay for. It would be voted on by the town citizens. Councilwomen Taylor said to check with Red Lodge to see if we can get it on the next election so we don't get

Charged, it would be in November. Dennison said that getting a charter is a large process and involves a lot of public involvement. Councilwomen Taylor stated that according to Montana Cities Leagues and Towns we have never had a Town Charter.

Public Works Director Schutterle reported that he will get bids for Brenda Buckmiller's house to take care of tree in roadway or get a pole saw. He will put up a new road sign at the end of Marcus's Street, and there are new signs in the shop. Bulk water meter parts should be in by the end of the year, he contacted Northwest to confirm, and other parts for the actual bulk water are 6-8 weeks out. COP Construction will be doing tank repairs on Friday, December 13th and will be shutting off the water to 3 houses for flushing lines, and planned on doing the work while school is out, and others will experience low water pressure. He found out the Town has a service agreement with Mico Comm and will be getting a new transducer on tank for \$1,000 instead of \$15,000-\$16,000. He has a list of warranty meters to be replaced, plans on doing five meters a week and will be sending out a 24-hr. notice. He is on light duty for six weeks, due to surgery on his wrist. Councilwomen Taylor asked about the water cannon at the ballpark. Jeremy has the water cannon at the school, and asked for permission before hand. Working with Roger Scoggins from Montana Rural Water will be in next week to review with him before taking his water test the following week. Council Venting asked about the violations, and followed up that in the future if we have a violation that affects the public that a notice needs to go out immediately. Marcus confirmed that he is now aware of the procedure moving forward. Dillon Johnson explained to Marcus what a Teir 2 is and what the procedures are and what needs to be done in the future. Councilwomen, Taylor suggested to reach out to other towns for help. Councilman Caton asked the snowfall pile be moved downhill this season.

Town Clerk Auch reported that the Utility Balance to date is \$173,408.01 and Current Balance due as of 12/9/24 is \$ 26,142.15. 94 accounts past-due 30+. Promise to Pay-to-date are 16 total, 4 paid in full, 7 overdue, new, and 4 current. Dennison said that past due amount is attached to the land and property owner, and the town has to get paid. Councilwomen, Taylor stated that in the last 3-5 years nothing has been done to get past due amounts on tax role. Dennison stated that the best way is to put it on the taxes, then there is a lien, and a paper trail. When the property changes hands, the town get paid through the title company. Town Clerk Auch has a future project going into the New Year will be to go through and make sure minutes, resolutions and ordinances are up-to-date. Have them ready to codify in the near future. She also mentioned that a Roles & Responsibilities training for elected officials will be given by Dan Clark, January 21st at 5pm at the Joliet Town Office. She will follow-up with further details when they are available.

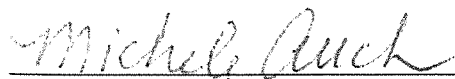
Mayor stated that the next Regular meeting will be held on January 13th, 2025 7pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Caton and seconded by Councilwomen, Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Caton--aye, Councilman Haseman – aye, Councilman Ventling – aye, and Councilwoman Taylor – aye.

Adjourned at 7:50pm



Nate Caton, Interim Mayor

ATTEST:



Michele Auch, Town Clerk

FROMBERG PATROL TIME: 72 HOURS 54 MINUTES
 FROMBERG TIME ON CALLS FOR SERVICE: 18 HOURS 18 MINUTES
 TOTAL TIME: 91 HOURS 12 MINUTES



CARBON COUNTY SHERIFF

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Fromberg CFS (CCSO) ALL

Printed on December 8, 2024

CFS Date/Time	CFS #	Description	Street	Latitude	Longitude
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11/12/24 15:19	CFS202412526	School Resource	SCHOOL STREET	45.393158	-108.912062
11/15/24 23:11	CFS202412663	Medical Alarm	LOVERS LANE	45.389567	-108.899682
11/18/24 10:30	CFS202412767	School Resource	SCHOOL STREET	45.393158	-108.912062
11/18/24 20:26	CFS202412768	Disorderly	WEST RIVER STREET	45.391610	-108.908556
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11/21/24 14:30	CFS202412856	Medical Emergency	SCHOOL STREET	45.393104	-108.908763
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11/22/24 18:27	CFS202412906	Medical Emergency	MONTANA AVENUE N	45.391799	-108.909065
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11/30/24 07:59	CFS202413176	Welfare Check	CACTUS DR	45.391997	-108.914474
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Total Records: 26

Randy S. Wike

P.O. Box 463

Fromberg, MT 5929-0463

To Councilpersons Nate Caton, Robert Hasseman, Mike Venting and Tammy Taylor::

I am writing to complain about the way the November 11th, 2024, Town Council Meeting was conducted. Mayor Nottingham acted in an extremely unprofessional manner. So much so he should be made to resign. His behavior was rude to all persons present, as well as to anyone who watched the video of the meeting. He obviously has no regard for his constituents. Neither does he have any respect for the hard-working persons who live in the town of Fromberg who scrimp and save to pay for their water/sewer utilities and their property taxes which just go up and up. At this meeting he showed blatant disregard for those same tax dollars by showing how little he cares how they are squandered. He deigned to answer any of Jerry Hall's legitimate questions during public comment. Basically saying "call me at home Jerry", where public town council meetings are THE place to ask and have answered these types of questions. Mayor Nottingham is obviously trying to cover for the nefarious uses of town property done by Public Works Director Schutterlie. Councilman Ventling was shut down for asking legitimate questions regarding Schutterlie's methods and performance. Schutterlie's responses to Ventling's legitimate and respectfully asked questions, in my opinion, showed extreme condescension as well as his lack of respect for those he is indeed responsible to, that being the council, and the constituents of Fromberg. Ventling was shut down to extent of having dubious Mayor Nottingham ask the Sheriff Deputy to publicly escort Ventling from the meeting. End result? With Ventling then absent, there was no quorum, and voila Nottingham got to adjourn the meeting, which was his endgame plan, as he felt he was obviously unable to control his narrative that there might be any consequences for Schutterlie's potential misuse of town equipment and supplies. In my estimation, that makes Nottingham complicit. Don't believe me? Watch the vid on youtube. Better yet? Read the transcript of the the video. Its all there. Hard to refute that type of evidence.

The bar for town of Fromberg was awful low before, after Nottingham's performance that nite, it's in the basement.

Sincerely,

Randy S. Wike

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randy S. Wike", written in a cursive style.

10 Dec 2024
Fromberg, Mt

As a citizen of Fromberg, Mt , I had hoped to serve as Mayor to help make our community a better place to live, to work and have families reside in a safe environment.

No one can accomplish that task alone. It takes a positive community and council , working together to accomplish such a task. Teamwork is essential to move forward, a council that that shows respect and civility. We don't have to agree on everything, but merely requires self-discipline.

That appears to not be the case lately, but more so that members of the community and council have their own agendas.

As the Mayor it is my duty to preside over our meetings to ensure order, public safety , preserve legal liability for the town, which means I try to prevent people from making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks or become boisterous or disruptive during the Council meeting!

I have accomplished some of my goals for the city, but no longer feel that will be possible with the continued harassment, name calling and general belittling from members of the community and council members!

I hereby resign my position as Mayor of the City of Fromberg, effective immediately!

Sincerely,


Tim Nottingham

Town of Fromberg
Council Meeting
Special Meeting

December 18, 2024

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**FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR A SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2024**

The December 18, 2024 special meeting was held at Fromberg Town Hall, 118 W River Street in Fromberg. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Nate Caton. Other council members present were Robert Haseman, Michael Ventling and Tammy Taylor. Others present were Elton Kirtley, Dan Auch, Jerry Hall, Dan _____, Jesse and Rachael Boyd, Denise Rivette, and Clerk Michele Auch.

The only item on the agenda was discussion and vote for formal appointment of Mayor pro tempore. Rachael Boyd stated that she would like the Council to look into the Town being taken over by the County. Can we look into this as a community. Councilman Ventling stated that it was been looked into several years ago. The County Commissioner did not want to do it, they did not want the headache of it. The Town's debt does not go away. The debt would be divided up between the tax payers, all the latest water projects would go onto our tax paying bill. We would have to elect a water board commission and sewer commission, which are paid positions. You wouldn't pay a monthly bill, but a yearly bill. The County Commissioners were heavily advising against it. Councilman Ventling stated it's something that can be checked into. Jerry Hall stated when we get the new Mayor in, the Council needs to work together for the town. Council Haseman disagreed with Jerry's comments. Councilman Caton asked for the next question. Denise Rivette stated that she had looked in unincorporating, the soonest would be at the next primary election. This could be voted on in the next two years, 15 percent of the town would need to vote to put it on the next primary election. She was not sure if the whole County votes or just the Town. Councilwomen Taylor suggested talking with Belfrey and Roberts. She talked about getting billed once a year and what a huge burden that would be, and the burden of paying the taxes and possible fees involved. Councilman Caton asked if there were anymore comments, there were none. Councilman Caton stated that the interim president would fill the mayor position by default. He would be in the seat until they review applications at the next meeting. Councilman Ventling asked for the record, if Councilman Caton was willing to step into the position as Mayor until the next meeting? Councilman Caton stated Yes, he will fill the position until the next meeting January 13th, 2025. Councilman Ventling made a motion to appoint Nate as interim mayor, until January 13th, meeting, Councilwomen Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Councilman Haseman---aye, Councilman Ventling---aye, and Council woman Taylor---aye. Motion carries.

There being no further business Councilwomen Taylor motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Ventling seconded. The motion carried as follows: Councilman Haseman---aye, Councilman Ventling---aye, and Council woman Taylor---aye. Meeting adjourned 7:15 (est)

ATTEST:



Nate Caton, Interim Mayor



Michele Auch, Town Clerk/Treasurer