

**TOWN OF FROMBERG
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 AT 07:00 PM
TOWN HALL, 118 WEST RIVER STREET**

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

CARBON COUNTY SHERIFF

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVE MINUTES

- MARCH 14, Meeting
- MARCH 24, Meeting
- APRIL 3, Meeting

APPROVE CLAIMS

- 2023-03

APPROVE PAYROLL SUMMARY

- 2023-03

NEW BUSINESS

- Special Event Application Carbon Stillwater co-ed softball
- Elect new council member
- Resolution #519

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

TOWN CLERK

MAYOR/COUNCIL

- How to prepare for spring run off

ADJOURN

NO OTHER TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED

**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD BY THE FROMERG TOWN COUNCIL ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
AT 118 WEST RIVER STREET IN FROMBERG MONTANA**

The Tuesday, March 14, 2023 regular council meeting began with Fromberg Mayor, Tim Nottingham, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm. Present at the meeting was Mayor Tim Nottingham, Councilman Bill Gruel, Councilman Nate Caton and Councilman Dave Stapleton. Others present were Clerk Lacey Breeding, Public works Director John Carter, Sheriff Josh McQuillan, Jerry Hall, Wayne Vargas, Don Westra, Carol Jones, Cyrill Hergenrider, Lori Simpson, Marge Taylor, Linda Herman, Terri Thornell, Niki Elliot, Irwin Sankey, Tammy Taylor, Tina Foust, Phil DeHaan, Patti Douglas, Elton Kirtley, Sharon Fletmetis, Tyler Martindale, Denise Rivette, Chad Hanson, Ron Euerle, Angela McCormick, Mike Ventling, Gloria Weiss, Scott Blain, Cyrina Allen and Cheryl Cox.

Next, Nottingham called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He then asked the council if it could be made possible to move the agenda item with Sharon Fletmetis to the beginning of the meeting due to the long drive in the dark Fletmetis had. The council agreed with the request.

First, Sheriff Josh McQuillan gave his report for the month of February 2023. He reported that in the previous month there were 107 hours total for service in the town of Fromberg, 10 in which were case work and the rest in patrolling. Councilman Stapleton asked Sheriff McQuillan if deputies could help get alleys that were being blocked in the town cleared and McQuillan advised to submit formal complaints to the sheriff department. Marge Taylor then question Sheriff McQuillan about the legalities regarding the use of town money. Sheriff McQuillan replied that there is an active investigation in which if nothing criminal is found it will then become a civil matter. He also advised that the topic not be discussed further during this time.

Next was Sharon Fletmetis and Tyler Martingale with the Carbon County Conservation District. They each took turns giving a run down on what their tasks entail and then informed of the grants and statuses of the grants that the town currently was working on for protection of the town against future flooding. They informed that the Carbon County Conservation District was working hard to find emergency plans for short term remedies to the problems the town could possibly face in the event of future flooding. They informed that Mayor Nottingham had had 3 meetings to date with the army core of engineers about the river and they advised that there is no fast and easy process, and that any real solution would take extensive time for engineers to explore and approve. Discussion was had about the agencies and permits that each river-side resident is required to go through to secure their properties from future flooding. Mayor Nottingham then requested that a project manager to assist him in these processes would greatly be appreciated and Clerk Breeding agreed to post about the volunteer position. Discussion was also had about how to acquire materials and bags for emergency use if needed.

After that was public comment. Elton Kirtley began by expressing frustration that the town does not have a plan for a drain system. Discussion was had about how a drain system could be obtained and how to fund it. Laurie Simpson then brought forth a traffic complaint regarding the "Y" intersection and potential for danger while turn on/off the highway at that location. Discussion was had about solutions and Mayor Nottingham agreed to contact the State Highway Department for their advisement. Tammy Taylor suggested that a memo be sent out to residents asking for a count on how many each sandbags would be possibly needed at each property in case of flooding.

Next was the approval of minutes. Councilman Caton made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular council meeting that had been held February 14, 2023. Councilman Stapleton seconded the motion and the motion was carried with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye. Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, -aye. Councilman Stapleton then made a motion to approve the minutes from a special meeting held March 2, 2023. Councilman Caton seconded the motion and the motion was carried with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye. Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

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

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

Next on the agenda was the reading of Clerk Breeding's resignation from the position of town clerk/treasurer. Mayor Nottingham read the letter aloud and discussion was had about how to go about interviews of applications for the position.

Next was the reading interested people for the open council position. Councilman Stapleton read each letter aloud and the decision was made to have an official vote at the next regular meeting to be held in April 2023.

Mayor Nottingham then gave a briefing of the interviews that he and some of the councilman had had with the applicants for the town attorney job. Discussion was had about the costs of each applicant. The discussion resulted in voting from the council. Councilman Stapleton abstained from voting due to the fact that he was not present at the interviews. The votes resulted in Attorney Dennison Butler being chosen for the job. Councilman Gruel gave a motion to approve the decision and Councilman Caton seconded the motion. The votes were carried out as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye. Councilman Caton, -aye. Discussion was then had about changing the monthly dates of the future council meeting to be able to work with the new attorney on his presence at the meetings.

Next up was Chad Hanson with Great West Engineering. Hanson did a recap on the projects that the town had been working on and then informed of the options himself and grant writers had come up with for funding the projects. Discussion was had about which town provided utilities would have to have rate raise and which would not. Discussion was then had about the current table of fee rates the town had. Councilman Caton made a motion to accept Hanson's proposal and Councilman Stapleton gave a second. The votes were as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye. Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

John "Jay" Carter, the town's public works director then gave his updates on current issues and advancements within the town.

Clerk Breeding then gave her updates on the budget and on any developments with the FEMA process. Discussion was had about the town parks and what role FEMA was to have in restoring them after the 2022 flood damage occurred. The council then decided to set a special meeting for April 03, 2023, a final public meeting on the final budget.

During the Mayor/Council time block, discussion was had about the award given to the Mayor of Laurel and its publicity. Philip DeHaan then gave thank you to elected officials for everything they have endured, and accomplished while being put in a tight spot.

The meeting was set for April 03, 2023 as a special meeting and April 11, 2023 for the regular town council meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Tim Nottingham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Harlie Riddle, Clerk/Treasure

**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD BY THE FROMERG TOWN COUNCIL ON
FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
AT 118 WEST RIVER STREET IN FROMBERG MONTANA**

The special town council meeting on Friday, March 24, 2023 began at 7:00 pm starting with the pledge of allegiance led by the Fromberg Mayor Tim Nottingham. Present at the meeting was Mayor Nottingham, Councilman Bill Gruel, Councilman Nate Caton and Councilman Dave Stapleton. Also present was Clerk Lacey Breeding and Harlie Riddle.

Nottingham then called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. First on the agenda was to discuss the interviews of clerk applicants that had taken place in the previous weeks. Nottingham asked if any of the council had and comments or question about the interviews. Councilman Stapleton commented that he had not been able to attend any of the interviews but that Councilman that had been present at each interview had filled him on the details that he had missed.

Next was the task of making a decision on which applicant to hire. Quick discussion was had about the wage to start the new clerk at. A starting wage of \$16.00 per hour was decided and the council then decided to take a vote using the secret ballot method. Clerk Breeding gave each councilman a piece of paper to cast their votes and when all had made their decisions the votes were given to Clerk Breeding to read aloud.

The result of the votes determined that applicant Harlie Riddle would be hired to take the open clerk position. Ms. Riddle, who was present at the meeting informed that her starting day would be April 1, 2023 and Clerk Breeding agreed to help Clerk Riddle as much as needed to get her going in the new job.

There being no further topics to discuss Councilman Bill Gruel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Caton seconded the motion. The motion was carried with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye. Councilman Caton, -aye and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Tim Nottingham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Harlie Riddle, Clerk/Treasurer

**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HELD BY THE FROMERG TOWN COUNCIL ON
MONDAY APRIL 3, 2023 AT 7:00 PM
AT 118 WEST RIVER STREET IN FROMBERG MONTANA**

The special town council meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023 began at 7:00 pm starting with the pledge of allegiance led by the Fromberg Mayor Tim Nottingham. Present at the meeting was Mayor Nottingham, Councilman Bill Gruel and Councilman Dave Stapleton. Also present was Clerk Harlie Riddle and Lacey Beding. Not present council man Nate Caton and Public Works Director Jay Carter.

Nottingham then called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. First he asked if there were any comment. Discussion was had about FEMA reimbursements. Dave Stapleton approved resolution and Bill Gruel seconded. Resolution was passed.

There being no further topics to discuss Councilman Bill Gruel made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Griel seconded the motion. The motion was carried with votes as follows: Councilman Gruel, -aye, and Councilman Stapleton, -aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:015 pm.

Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
HOL HOURS (Holiday Pay)	18.00		376.74
OVER HOURS (Overtime)	23.00		729.06
REG HOURS (Regular Time)	477.00		9,944.89
SICK HOURS (Sick Time)	6.00		121.86
VACA HOURS (Vacation Time Used)	8.50		177.44
GROSS PAY	11,349.99	0.00	
NET PAY	9,379.89	0.00	
FIT	568.81	0.00	
MEDICARE	164.59	164.59	
MMIA - AD&D	0.00	14.00	
MMIA - DENTAL	0.00	91.00	
MMIA - HI	0.00	2,012.00	
MMIA - LIFE INS	0.00	14.00	
MMIA - VISION	0.00	21.40	
SIT	533.00	0.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	703.70	703.70	
UNEMPL. INSUR.	0.00	71.54	
WORKERS' COMP	0.00	353.77	
FIT/SIT BASE	11,349.99	0.00	
MEDICARE BASE	11,349.99	0.00	
SOC SEC BASE	11,349.99	0.00	
UN BASE	11,004.99	0.00	
WC BASE	11,106.97	0.00	
Total		3,446.00	
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions):			14,795.99

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$202,482.62
Payroll Checks Issued	\$16,409.89
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$0.00
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$218,892.51
Electronic Checks	\$3,012.50

Deductions Accrued	Carried Forward From Previous Month	Deduction Checks Issued	Difference	Liab Account
Social Security	1407.40	1407.40		212501
Medicare	329.18	329.18		212502
Unempl. Insur.	71.54	174.11	0.01	212509
Workers' Comp	353.77	921.44	-37.85	212508
FIT	568.81	568.81		212503
SIT	533.00	533.00		212504
MMIA - HI	2012.00	5641.76	-2372.76	212507
MMIA - DENTAL	91.00	314.00	-165.00	212511
MMIA - LIFE INS	14.00	69.00	-48.00	212512
MMIA - VISION	21.40	68.80	-34.16	212513

03/27/23
12:38:21

TOWN OF FROMBERG
Payroll Summary For Payrolls from 03/01/23 to 03/31/23

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MMIA - AD&D	14.00	7.00	15.00	6.00	212512
Total Ded.	5416.10	1974.64	10042.50	-2651.76	

**** Carried Forward column only correct if report run for current period.

**TOWN OF FROMBERG
SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION**

Name/ Purpose of Special Event: Carbon Stillwater Co-ed Softball

Area Proposed for Special Event: Softball Fields

Date and Duration of Special Event: June 1st - Aug. 21st, 2023
games Mondays/Wednesdays will provide schedule with proof of insurance

Number of People Anticipated to Attend: 30-40

Please check the requirements applicable to your special event:

Street/Alley Closure Requested. (If a street closure is requested, the applicant must provide evidence that the applicant has notified each property owner or its authorized representative abutting the proposed use area of the special event)

Security Needed. (In the event that alcohol is being served, the event holders must arrange and pay for security. Contact the Fromberg Police Chief for details).

Trash Removal.

Number of Restrooms/Latrines needed 1-2.

Alcoholic beverages will be sold during special event. Specify the location and size of the area where alcoholic beverages will be sold/consumed: _____

Waiver of Open Alcohol Prohibition Requested.

Proof of Insurance Provided. (In the event that alcohol, fireworks or rodeo are involved in the special event, the event holders must provide proof of liability insurance as required in Fromberg's special events policy).

will provide league insurance once it is obtained by league secretary

Clean-up Deposit Paid in the Amount of _____.

Deadline for Filing. The application must be filed at least 45 days prior to the event and the application must be approved by the Fromberg Town Council at a regular meeting prior to the event.

4-2-23
Date

Gyrl W. Hergenrother
Signature of Applicant

FROMBERG TOWN COUNCIL ACTION ON APPLICATION

Applicant:

At a meeting of the Fromberg Town Council held _____ the Council voted for the following action on your Special Events Application:

- Special Event Application APPROVED without restrictions.**
- Special Event Application APPROVED with the following restrictions:**

- Security approved for ____ officers at \$____ per hour/per officer.**
- Special Event Application DENIED.**

Dated:

Fromberg Mayor

March 14, 2023

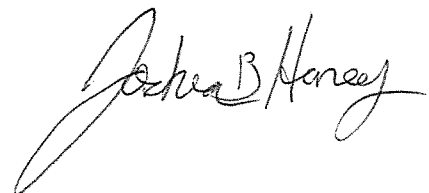
Attention: Mayor Nottingham, Board members, and residents of Fromberg.

I am writing you to state my interest in the vacant city council seat.

I have been a resident of this town for two years and would like the opportunity to contribute to its continual growth. If selected I will be available to attend regular town meetings, and other requirements the position holds. I believe in accountability, responsibility, and proper planning, traits ingrained in me from the military. Having heard from other residents, there are concerns about the high cost of utilities, bad roads, flooding, and the future of Fromberg. The youth are leaving this town quicker than we can replace them. We need to look at all resources available to bring jobs here, promote tourism and grow. I look forward to working together to ensure the towns survival in an evolving world.

Thank you,

Joshua Haney

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joshua B. Haney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

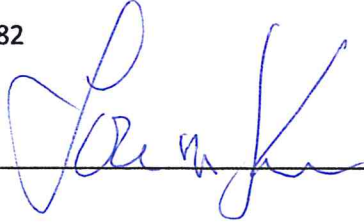
I, Loren Mckeever would respectfully like to submit my name for consideration to fill the recently open position of town councilman for the town of Fromberg, county of Carbon, state of Montana.

Sincerely,

Loren E Mckeever

406-939-1782

Signature

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Loren E Mckeever", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

March 29, 2023

To the Fromberg Town Council:

I am writing this to express my interest in the open council seat. I have been a resident of Fromberg for almost 71 years and I would like to be able to give input on Town issues.

Signed,



Randy Graham

Resolution No. 519

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL TO AMEND THE DATE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, The Town of Fromberg has currently scheduled Town Council Meetings to be held on the Second Tuesday of each Month, starting at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Fromberg hereby desires to amend the date and time currently scheduled for Town Council Meetings to be hereinafter held on the Second Monday of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Fromberg, Montana as follows:

Town Council Meetings shall be held on the Second Monday of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Town Council this _____ day of _____, 2023.

FOR THE TOWN OF FROMBERG, MONTANA:

By: _____
Tim Nottingham, Mayor

Attest:

Harlie Riddle, Clerk