

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 02, 2016**

The February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 meeting of the Bridger Town Council was held at 108 South D Street in Bridger. The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:00 pm. Council members present were George "Butch" Wilm, Cliff Schultz, Mark DeRudder and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Daran Schafer, Town Attorney Hope Freeman, Police Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

Clerk Sweet read the minutes of the previous meeting. Corrections were to add Mark DeRudder to the list of council members present and remove Gerry Roth. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. Councilman Novakovich seconded and the motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The claims were the next item on the agenda. It was moved by Councilman Novakovich to approve the claims. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

There were no committee reports.

No citizen advisory reports.

No public comment.

No correspondence.

And no zoning applications.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #33 was read by Mayor DeRudder. This ordinance amends Ordinance 13, code section 17.04.120 (Applications for Zoning Permits-Enforcement) amended to delete language. It was motioned by Councilman Wilm to accept the second reading of Ordinance #33. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Daran Shafer was present to discuss the possibility of having a "Truck Pull" on July 15, 2016. This is the Friday of Jim Bridger Days weekend. Daran submitted his Special Events application and informed the council that the Dry Creek Saloon would handle the alcohol and would provide necessary documents to the Town for that purpose. He also said that he would be teaming up with Dylan and Crystal Schober for preparation and clean-up, as they run the Demolition Derby. The council informed Daran that it is typical to make some kind of donation to the Rodeo Grounds in lieu of a rental fee. The council also asked that the Town of Bridger be added as an "Additional Insured" to the insurance policy for the Truck Pull. Daran agreed and a motion was made by Councilman Wilm to accept the application for Special Events for the Truck Pull with the Town added as an additional insured. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Next on the agenda was the renewal of the lease with R&M Logistics Operations Management, Inc. (formerly The Pallet Man). The council advised Attorney Freeman that the terms would remain be the same as the previous lease, she will draft the lease. It was motioned by Councilman Novakovich, seconded by Councilman Schultz to lease a portion of the Factory building and grounds to R&M Logistics Operations Management, Inc. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Next on the agenda was a petition from Sunnyside Subdivision for Exclusion of Lands from the Town of Bridger. Some discussion was had regarding the proper procedure for excluding lands from Town limits and the fact that Lot 5 has city water and sewer. Councilman Novakovich motioned to deny the petition as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman

Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Changes to the Town's personnel policy were discussed. No vote was needed at this time as the changes need to be submitted to Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority for approval.

Attorney Freeman had nothing to discuss.

Public Works Director Goldsberry informed the council that he donated 170 hours of sick time to Ray. He now has enough time to get through February. He also asked that the council vote to hire Heather as a temporary employee so that she can continue in her position until Ray is out of sick leave and is certain of what his status will be with the Town. Councilman DeRudder made the motion to hire Heather Stamm as a temporary employee as of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye. Mr. Goldsberry also presented information regarding a plow for one of the Town's pickup trucks. The plow would cost approximately \$7,000.00 installed. The motion was made by Councilman Wilm to purchase the snow plow for approximately \$7,000.00 with as much Gas Tax money as possible and the remaining sum to be taken out of the Streets budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Novakovich. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Clerk Sweet informed the council of some of the things she learned at a training she recently attended. She asked the council if they had "Council Procedures" in place. The council informed her that they did not have them. Clerk Sweet suggested that they consider putting such procedures in place so as to be protected in times of discord among any council members. Clerk Sweet also reminded the council of the need to post any times when a quorum may exist outside of a scheduled meeting, or to disclose inadvertent quorums at the next scheduled meeting of the council.

Police Chief Mike Buechler presented his stats for the month of January 2016 and told the council things have been going well.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilman DeRudder seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

  
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Mayor

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Town Clerk