

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 01, 2016**

The March 1st, 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 7:01 pm. Council members present were George "Butch" Wilm, Cliff Schultz, Mark DeRudder and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Krystal Zentner, Diane Keller, Town Attorney Hope Freeman, Officer Codi Peters, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

Clerk Sweet read the minutes of the previous meeting. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the minutes as read. 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 Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Diane Keller was present on behalf of the Area Park and Recreation Committee. She informed the Council that Ron Gunn from High Caliber Plumbing and Heating had looked at the Swimming Pool and is putting together a bid to re-do all the plumbing. Discussion ensued as to whether or not to open the outside bathrooms for use. It was thought that they should have new plumbing along with everything else but only be open during limited hours. Diane also told the council that the safety fill for the playground equipment at the Pool Park would be ordered soon. Diane asked the Council if the Parks and Recreation Committee could be more involved in the hiring process for Pool Personnel. The Mayor agreed to let the Parks and Recreation Committee be responsible for hiring and supervising the Pool employees but please keep him informed of any issues. It was motioned by Councilman Novakovich to advertise in the Carbon County News for Pool personnel. 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 citizen advisory reports.

No public comment on items on the Agenda.

And no correspondence.

The Council was presented with two Zoning Applications. The first was from Clifford Schultz for an addition to his home. The addition would be approximately 700 square feet and be placed on the west side of the house. It was motioned by Councilman Wilm to approve the Zoning Application for Clifford Schultz. 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. The second Zoning Application was from Sarah Tracy for an exterior deck added to her home. The deck would be approximately 10' x 20' and be placed on the south side of the garage. Public Works director Goldsberry had looked at the property and informed the Council that the deck would be well within the limits of the property lines. It was motioned by Councilman Wilm to approve the Zoning Application for Sarah Tracy. 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.

The next agenda item was the lease of the Bridger Rodeo Grounds to Jess and Lana Matt. It was motioned by Councilman Novakovich to approve the lease prepared by Attorney Freeman to lease the Bridger Rodeo Grounds to Jess and Lana Matt. 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.

An Audit contract was presented to the Council from Strom and Associates of Billings, MT. The Contract is for the Town's Bi-annual Audit. Councilman Novakovich motioned to approve the contract, Councilman DeRudder seconded. The motion carried with the votes as

follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The next item on the agenda was the issue of a pay increase for the Mayor and Councilmen. There was discussion about the length of time the pay had been the same for the Council and Mayor as well as the fact that the Mayor does need more pay due to the fact that his duties are more time consuming than the Council's duties. It was motioned by Councilman Novakovich to increase the pay for a Council person to \$75.00 per meeting and increase the pay for the Mayor to \$125.00 per meeting. The pay increase would be effective March 1, 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.

Resolution #185 was read by Mayor DeRudder. This Resolution adopts the revised Personnel Policy for all Town employees. Councilman Schultz motioned to approve Resolution #185. 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.

The changes needed for the 2016 Town Newsletter were outlined by Clerk Sweet but a proof from the printers was not yet available. The Mayor will look over changes before the Newsletter is sent out.

Attorney Freeman inquired if any of the Councilmen or the Mayor had spoken with someone regarding easement paperwork form Allan Althoff. The Council and Mayor had not spoken to anyone. Attorney Freeman ~~will advise~~ ^{had advised} the parties to come before the Council with their proposal.

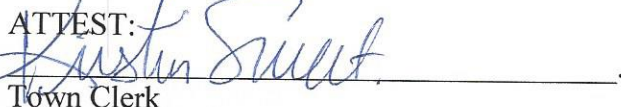
Public Works Director Goldsberry informed the council that pending a release to work from his Doctor, Ray Bemis would like to come back to work on a trial basis for 30 days. While Ray possesses a valid driver's license, he will not be released by the Doctor to drive as of yet. Tim would like Heather to stay on until he is sure that Ray is able to work alone. Tim updated the Council on the progress with the snow plow be mounted on the Town's pickup truck. The springs on the 1 ton pickup were not able to hold the weight of the plow thus they will need to be replaced for an additional \$1000.00. Next, he informed the Council for a need to help the Lagoon along after the dryer sheet incident. He would like to purchase "bugs" to jump start the lagoon and continue to add them on a maintenance basis to help keep the lagoon healthy. Tim would like to wait to discuss summer help until the next meeting. Lastly, Tim asked the Council consider getting the Department Heads each a credit card for use during travel to trainings. This would eliminate the need for employees to use personal funds and having to be reimbursed later. Councilman Novakovich made the motion to obtain 3 credit cards, one for each Department Head, with each card having a \$1,000.00 limit. 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.

Police Officer Peters presented the stats for the month of January 2016 and informed the Council that she was honored at the Golden Eagle Masonic Lodge for her dedication and service to the community.

Clerk Sweet asked if the old computer could be given away. The computer had been restored to factory settings so no information remained from Town business. Also, the computer is too old to have any monetary value. The council agreed to allow the computer to be given away.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilman DeRudder seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.


Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk