

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 7, 2017**

The March 7, 2017 meeting of the Bridger Town Council was held at 108 South D Street in Bridger. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was brought to order by Mayor Shultz at 7:00 pm. Council members present were George "Butch" Wilm, Shala Cullum, Mark DeRudder and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Crystal and Dylan Schober, Darren Shafer, Ed Webb, Diane Keller, Judge Bert Kraft, Police Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment on the agenda. There was no public comment from the gallery.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the February meeting. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The next item of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding claims. Councilman Novakovich moved to approve claims. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Next was committee reports. Diane Keller was present for the Parks and Recreation Committee. She inquired about the light at the skating rink and the lights at the pool. The skating rink light can be upgraded but at the expense of the Town not Northwestern Energy. The lights at the pool for the basketball court are already purchased but need to be installed. Mrs. Keller mentioned that more lights are needed for the pool area, especially the deep end, as it gets difficult to see during night swim later in the season. Next Councilman DeRudder reported on the Ambulance Board meeting he attended. Discussion was had at that meeting regarding the purchase of a new ambulance.

Correspondence was next on the agenda. The Mayor read an email that Chief Buechler received from Carbon County Sherriff Office regarding issues with county's radio system.

There were no zoning applications for consideration.

Next on the agenda was Ed Webb from Nemont. He presented the council with a staking sheet that shows the proposed route for a fiber optic cable they would like to bring through Town. The council informed him that any excavation would require a permit. Clerk Sweet will get the permit to Mr. Webb.

Next were Special Events applications from the Jim Bridger Days Derby and Truck Pull. Mayor Shultz read the applications from the derby first. Chief Buechler stated they would need to pay \$200.00 for security. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye. Then, the Mayor read the application from the truck pull. Again, Chief Buechler said they would need to pay \$200.00 for security. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the application, seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The next item was the crow's nest at the rodeo grounds. Clerk Sweet told the council what she learned in speaking with Travis McDowell. He thought the project could be done for \$7,000.00 to \$10,000.00 including his plans, structural engineering and materials. The motion was made by Councilman Novakovich to go ahead and have Mr. McDowell draft the plans and get the structural engineers approval. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Next was the Airport Board Agreement. Councilman DeRudder motioned to table the matter as Attorney Freeman was not present to advise the council. Councilwoman Cullum seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The next item was Resolution #195: Library Pay Scale. Since Library Director Zentner was not present Councilwoman Cullum motioned to table the item until next meeting. Councilman DeRudder seconded. The

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

Next was the review of the Town Policy. Clerk Sweet explained the issues she has with the policy, most important being the amount of petty cash allowed in the Clerk's office. It was agreed that the policy could use some changes and Clerk Sweet would prepare the changes and present them to the council when finished. In the interim, the petty cash amount could be increased to \$250.00, thus change for utility bills and other items could be made more easily.

Next on the agenda was the repair of the Town's bridges that cross the canal. There was some discussion about the repairs that will need to be made in the future but no action was taken.

Public comment on items not on the agenda was next. Councilman Novakovich informed the council that Lynn Wilkie had asked him about the 4 lots that Mr. Wilkie owns in Wham Subdivision. He is planning to sell the lots and wants to make certain that water and sewer hook ups will be allowed to those properties. PWD Goldsberry said that they can hook into the system that serves the subdivision. Just be aware that the system belongs to the subdivision, not the Town. Next Councilwoman Cullum updated everyone on the grant application for the factory building. Then, Councilman Novakovich presented an estimate for sprinklers Town parks. The ditch water cannot be used and we will need to tap into the Town's water supply. It was agreed that Memorial Park should be first as most of the Town's events happen in Memorial Park.

Attorney Freeman was absent.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for February.

Library Director Zentner was absent.


PWD Goldsberry informed the council that he was going to need to spend some money from the Sewer Fund to have a camera run through the sewer pipe on Carbon Ave and 4th Street. It will cost about \$1.00/foot and he will need to camera about 881 feet.

Chief Buechler presented the council with stats for the month of February. He informed the council that he would like to sell the 2 Impalas. He will speak to Attorney Freeman about the best way to go about selling them.

Clerk Sweet informed the council that she was preparing the Town's newsletter and needed to know how many weekends they wanted for Spring Cleanup. Some discussion was had on whether we needed one weekend or two. It was decided that one weekend would be sufficient as the Town residents are welcome at the Fromberg cleanup the weekend before.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.



Cliff Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk