

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 05, 2016**

The April 5th, 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: Library Director Krystal Zentner, Judge Bert Kraft, Diane Keller, Doug Asbury, Town Attorney Hope Freeman, Police Chief Mike Buechler, and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

Clerk Sweet read the minutes of the previous meeting. Attorney Freeman asked for corrections concerning the vote on Clifford Schultz's zoning application. Councilman Schultz had abstained from that vote. Also, she wanted the word "presented" changed to "prepared" in regards to the lease for the Bridger Rodeo Complex. Attorney Freeman also asked "will advised" be changed to "had advised" in regards to parties needing to come before the council with easement paperwork. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. 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 motioned by Councilman Wilm to approve the claims. 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.

Diane Keller was present on behalf of the Area Park and Recreation Committee. She informed the Council that the committee had accepted the bid from High Caliber Plumbing and Heating for the repairs at the swimming pool. She also clarified that the committee would like to preview potential employees for the swimming pool but the Town would actually hire them. She asked the Council if the committee could consider raising the wages of the Pool employees. The Council thought since the wages are paid from the Parks and Recreation fund, the Parks and Rec committee could consider raising the wage for Pool employees. Diane also asked the Council if it was permissible to employ 15 year old kids. Councilman DeRudder suggested calling Montana Department of Labor to get an answer. Attorney Freeman suggested looking at the Town's Personnel Policy as well. Diane asked Councilman Schultz to look at the lights inside the pool area and pool house as they do not seem to be working. Diane also informed the Council that the committee had voted to spend \$500 on chemical to spray weeds in the parks, baseball fields, rodeo grounds and anywhere else that needs weed spray. She asked if Public Works Director Goldsberry would be able to apply the spray. She was informed that he could not as he does not possess a pesticide applicators license. Diane will look into hiring someone who does possess a license.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

No public comment on items on the Agenda.

Correspondence was read by Mayor DeRudder. It was a letter from the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA). The letter informed the Town that EDA no longer has a Federal interest in the Factory Building and authorizes the Town to use the building to house city services, as well as any other future uses for the building.

The Council was presented with four Zoning Applications. The first was from Town and Country Supply at 209 North Main Street. The application was for a metal feed shed. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the application for Town and Country Supply. 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 application was from Jack Ballard at 104 South C Street. It was for a concrete foundation footings and wooden privacy fence. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the zoning application for Jack Ballard. 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 zoning application was from David Brown at 413 South 2nd Street for the placement of a shed with a skid foundation on his property. The application was not needed due to the foundation being skid rather than a

permanent foundation. The last application was from Jim Moran for a sidewalk at 412 South 3rd Street. The motion was made by Councilman DeRudder to approve the application for Jim Moran. 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.

The next item on the agenda was the 1st reading of Ordinance #34. After some discussion the item was tabled for Attorney Freeman to prepare a resolution rather than an ordinance to address the change of pay for Council and Mayor. Attorney Freeman will also prepare an Ordinance for the amendment of Title 2 of the Bridger Municipal Code.

Next was Resolution #186: Base Wage Pay Scale and Annual Raise Schedule. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman DeRudder to table this resolution. 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.

The next item on the agenda was the preliminary plans for the factory building. Discussion ensued as the age of the building and its life expectancy. As well as the need for professional advice as to the plausibility of using the building for all of the Town's services. The motion was made by Councilman Schultz to hire an engineering consulting firm to look at the factory building. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – abstain, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Judge Kraft was present to speak to the Council about the new standards/rules recently implemented by the Department of Justice (D.O.J.). Judge Kraft informed the council that the Bridger City Court already follows those practices set forth by the D.O. J.

Doug Asbury was present to discuss the Demolition Derby. He presented a Special Events Application and asked for a waiver of the open container law for the night of the Derby. The council reviewed and discussed the application. Councilman Schultz made a motion to waive the open container law on July 16, 2016 at the Bridger Rodeo Complex. 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. Next a motion was made by Councilman DeRudder to approve the Special Events Application for the Demolition Derby on July 16, 2016. 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 next item on the agenda was a bid from Cool and More Heating, Inc. Mayor DeRudder read the bid aloud. Councilman Novakovich motioned to accept the bid for the replacement of the front heater in the Civic Center for a sum of \$1,640.00. Councilman Schultz seconded the motion. 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 discussion of garbage rates. Clerk Sweet informed the Council that the rates currently charged by the Town for a dumpster does not cover the cost paid out by the Town to Republic Services. Discussion ensued about how this happened, what we should be charging and how to fix the issue. Attorney Freeman suggested that a Resolution be done to clear up the issue. Clerk Sweet will draft a Resolution.

There was no public comment on items not on the Agenda.

Attorney Freeman had nothing to discuss.

Public Works Director Goldsberry was unable to attend the meeting but left a list to be read to the Council. He wants to keep the current temporary help through the end of summer and would like to advertise for one summer help position. Clerk Sweet informed the Council that keeping the current temporary help will result in that person now contributing to P.E.R.S. thus the Town will have to match contribution. The Council would like to keep the temporary help through the summer. They also agree that one more person is needed for summer help. Councilman

Novakovich motioned to advertise for summer help with an application deadline of 05-01-16 and the ad running 2 weeks in the Carbon County News. 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. Lastly on Mr. Goldsberry’s list, he wanted the Council to be aware of a crack in the interior and corresponding exterior portion of the ~~south~~^{north} wall in the Civic Center building.

Police Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of March to the Council. Some discussion was had about cross walk signs for the 4 intersections along Main St. This is something the Council would like to look into!

Clerk Sweet informed the Council that Mike from M.D.U. had stopped in to inform the Town of a project that will be starting in a few weeks on Jim Bridger Rd. Also, the Health Insurance renewal is due. Clerk Sweet would like to know if we are going to use the same plan as last year. Considering it was not an agenda item thus cannot be voted on, then we will use the same plan as last year.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilman DeRudder seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.



Scott DeRudder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk