

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JULY 7, 2015

The Preliminary Budget Hearing was conducted at 6:30 PM. Clerk Deanna Hay explained the Fund revenues and expenditure differences. The only Funds that need a transfer of money is the PERS Fund #2370 \$2570 and Police Reserve Fund #2810 of \$50. A transfer of money will be done from the General Fund #1000. The Council discussed how to build up the Gas Tax Fund to get enough money to fix the streets in Bridger. As of now, the summer help is paid from the Gas Tax Fund. As of July 1, 2015 those expenditures will be taken from the Streets and Parks line items in the General Fund #1000 and also the Water Fund #5210. Several Budget Resolutions were the attended to:

Resolution #177 is to transfer to the General Fund #1000 money from the Sewer Fund #5310 \$2646.45 and Garbage Fund #5410 \$2644.34, to repay the 10 year loan when the payoff of the buildings was done from the year 2012. Gerry Roth moved to approve Resolution #177 to transfer money from Sewer Fund #5310 of \$2646.45, and the Garbage Fund #5410 of \$2644.34. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #178 to transfer money to reimburse the Health Insurance Fund #2371 (legislation from 2009) for employees who are paid from the Water Fund #5210 \$12,100 and Sewer Fund #5310 \$8821 amounting to \$20,191. Cliff Shultz moved to accept Resolution #178 to transfer money to reimburse the Health Insurance Fund #2371 amounting to \$20,191. Randy Novakovich seconded the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #179 to transfer residual taxes of \$347.61 from the Permissive Medical Levy #2372 that no longer exists to the Health Insurance Fund #2371. Randy Novakovich moved to approve Resolution #179 to transfer residual taxes of \$347.61 from the Permissive Medical Levy Fund #2372 to the Health Insurance Fund #2371. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #180 concerning the Budget shortfall from the Garbage Fund #5410 of \$7610. Gerry Roth moved to approve Resolution #180 as read. The Garbage Fund #5410 will be restated as \$101,460 and the difference of \$7610 will come from the Garbage Fund #5410 Balance. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #181 is to transfer from the General Fund #1000 \$2570 to the PERS Fund #2370 and \$50 to the Police Reserve Fund #2810 amounting to \$2620 to make up for the shortfalls in those Funds. Cliff Shultz moved to approve Resolution #181. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Gerry Roth moved to adjourn the Preliminary Budget Hearing at 7:10 PM. The July 7, 2015 Meeting of the Bridger Town Council was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:10 PM. Council Members present were George Wilm, Cliff Shultz, Gerry Roth and Randy Novakovich. Others present were Krystal Zentner, Bill Phillips, Mac McCafferty, Desiree Freitas, Bert Kraft, Police Chief Mike Buechler and Clerk Deanna Hay.

Clerk Deanna Hay read the Minutes of the previous meeting. George Wilm moved to approve the minutes as read. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was the claims. Gerry Roth moved to approve the claims with the addition of the claim for stamped envelopes and stamps. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

Under public comment, a question was asked how the Town had so many reserve officers and how was that being funded. The council explained that the Reserve officers are strictly volunteer and are not paid. The Town however pays Workmen's Comp for them.

Under correspondence Bill Dana wrote a letter praising Merrill Pfeifer for his very warm welcome while flying into Bridger and the use of his pickup.

The next item was the purchase of the "Reader Board" that had previously been approved by the Bridger Town Council to use the \$10,000 Muth Donated money; and share the cost with the Bridger Schools who also received a \$10,000 Muth Donation. The Reader Board will be erected at the Pospisil property on Main Street. The Reader Board will say "Welcome to the Town of Bridger", "Home of the Scouts" and "In Memory of Mary Muth". The reader board will be used to announce community and school events.

The next item was the Library Board re-appointment of Marla Ebel. George Wilm moved to approve the re-appointment of Marla Ebel. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was Court of Record. Bert Kraft City Judge asked the Council consider allowing him to make his Court a "court of record". There will be a cost for the equipment. The City Court can hear Civic cases including landlord/tenant.

The next item on the agenda was Special Events for Jim Bridger Days/Carnival and Fireworks. The Jim Bridger Days Committee has ordered 6 portable toilets. The fireworks are July 17th. There is a horseshoe tourney in Memorial Park. Alcohol is asked to be allowed in the boundary of the Park. George Wilm moved to approve the Special Events for Jim Bridger Days and the alcohol allowed in the park boundary. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was the Special Events for the So Long Softball Tournament. Gerry Roth moved to approve the Song Long Softball Tourney September 21-23 and alcohol allowed only at the baseball complex. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was the request for a septic install for the David Colvin property that is in the Town limits above the Airport. After much discussion, the Council felt that Town Attorney Hope Freeman needs to take look at the Town Ordinances and other statutes that might apply and make sure the Town is legal with any action taken. Gerry Roth moved to table the request for septic install on the Colvin property until Attorney Hope Freeman could look into the matter. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Zoning applications were the next items on the agenda. A zoning application for Donald Kroll for a privacy fence at 101 N 4th Street for an approximate cost of \$1000 was read. Cliff Shultz moved to approve the zoning application for Donald Kroll. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

A zoning application was read for Kari Edelman for a garage at 113 N B Street for an approximate cost of \$5000. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the zoning application for Kari Edelman. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

A zoning application was read from Al Bicker at 219 Tulane Ave for a dog pen and dog run for an approximate cost of \$200. George Wilm moved to approve the zoning application for Al Bicker. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The old backhoe was the next item on the agenda. Mayor DeRudder will look into what a fair price would be for it and this item will be on the August agenda.

The next item on the agenda was the campground stays. The Council had previously approved that there would be no extended stays until September 1st. Now there are construction workers who are extending their stays. After much discussion, it was decided that the rules of the park are 10 day limit stays. There was also discussion about expanding the campground and add several more parking spots. It was also discussed to use gravel and not have the grass to mow and water.

Town Attorney Hope Freeman was not present.

Town Clerk Deanna Hay asked the Council for guidance in helping her know when to advertise for a new Town Clerk/Treasurer as she would be retiring in December. Clerk Hay needed to know when to make the deadline, etc. After some discussion, it was felt that Signe Stevens, assistant clerk would be allowed to retire the end of September, 2015. An advertisement for a new Clerk/Treasurer would be done in August with a September 2015 deadline. Interviews will be done and a new Clerk/Treasurer would be hired October 1, 2015 at the starting general labor pay of \$10.08/hour until January 1, 2016, and then they would go to Department head wages. Training could be done for 2 & ½ months. It is also hoped that the assistant clerk could be hired as of December 1, 2015 for the two days she does the utility billing and allow the assistant to get some training also.

The next item was the Police report. Chief Buechler was called away.

Tim Goldsberry was not present.

Mayor DeRudder stated that the Youth Rodeo did not come and ask for the Town to pay for their insurance this year, but Mayor DeRudder felt that the Town ought to donate \$250 for the Youth Rodeo. Cliff Shultz moved to donate \$250 to the Youth Rodeo. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-no, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

There being no further business George Wilm moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.
Cliff Shultz seconded.

ATTEST:


Town Clerk/Treasurer


Mayor