

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

The Final Budget Hearing was conducted at 6:30 PM September 1, 2015. Clerk Deanna Hay explained that there were budget shortfalls with Public Employee Retirement Fund #2370 and the Police Reserve Fund #2810. The numbers need to be slightly adjusted, along with the Garbage Fund #5410 with the budget shortfall. Amended Resolutions have been done up to correct those numbers. Randy Novakovich moved to approve Resolution #180 Amended; a Budget Resolution to allow a budget shortfall in the Garbage Fund of \$7950.00 to come from the Garbage Fund #5410 fund balance. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. Randy Novakovich moved to approve Resolution #181 Amended; a Resolution to raise the budget for the Public Employee Retirement Fund #2370 to \$18,569.00 and the difference of \$2570.00 will be transferred from the General Fund #1000. The Budget for the Police Reserve Fund #2810 will be restated to \$1273.00 and the shortfall of \$60 will be transferred from the General Fund #1000. 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 approve Levy Resolution #182 setting the tax levy for the General Fund for 130.59 mills, Airport .66 mills, Comprehensive Insurance 10.00 mills, Public Employees Retirement 25.71 mills, and Group Health at 46.35 mills for a total maximum mill of 213.31 mills. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. The Council discussed the ability to set up a C.I.P. Fund for the Streets to help put aside money to pave a street. The Gas Tax Fund only receives approximately \$19,000 per year. Clerk Hay has removed all wages from the Gas Tax for the FY2016 year to help conserve Gas Tax money. The Gas Tax Fund has \$60,000 and it will cost upwards of \$100,000 to pave one street in Town. The Council can look at their budget at year end and "by Resolution" transfer money to a CIP Fund set aside for streets and hopefully be able to do some paving sooner. With a Capital Improvement Project Fund #4010 you must have a minimum \$5,000 to draw money out of a CIP line item as the Town's capitalization policy is \$5,000.

Gerry Roth moved to adjourn the Final Budget Hearing at 7:00 PM. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The September 1, 2015 Meeting of the Bridger Town Council was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:00 PM. Council Members present were George Wilm, Cliff Shultz, Gerry Roth, and Randy Novakovich. Others present were Krystal Zentner, Kea Fisher, Carol & Harvey Nott, Lorna Olson, Mary Sink, Betty Scheetz, Sonya Oyler, Tim Goldsberry Public Works Director, Police Chief Mike Buechler and Clerk Deanna Hay.

Clerk Hay read the minutes of the previous meeting. George Wilm moved to approve the minutes with the corrections for the "date of the sealed bid" as August, and the "second" being done by Cliff Schultz. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The claims were the next item on the agenda. Gerry Roth moved to approve the claims. 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 Committee reports. Diane Keller asked about the status of the playground equipment being set up at the swimming pool park. The Bridger Volunteer Fire Department has discussed this matter and will be getting that organized soon.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

Under public comment, it was noted that property needs to be cleaned up. There was a question who is responsible for the gravel in the boulevard. Property owners are responsible for their boulevards.

The next item on the agenda was the request for septic install at the Colvin property. Town Attorney Hope Freeman stated that the Town Ordinance says if you are within 100 feet of the sewer main, you must hook up. The new Sanitarian will have to approve septic installations that are proposed also. Town Attorney Freeman felt that the Council may want to consider rewording the Ordinance. The Town is under the County subdivision law. The subdivision & DEQ regulations are restrictive. The Town wants to see the sanitarian and DEQ reports on the property. Attorney Freeman will look into the matter further.

There were no zoning applications.

The next item was the sealed bids for the old backhoe. The only sealed bid was from Mark Richards for \$1550. Gerry Roth moved to accept the bid of \$1550 from Mark Richards for the old backhoe. 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 Business Licenses for those with multiple rentals. Carol & Harvey Nott were present to dispute the need for having a business license. Discussion followed pertaining to rentals. The consensus of the Council was to not expect those with rentals to buy a business license.

The next item on the agenda was weeds and junk on empty lot. Lovetta Lee was present to complain about the weeds and junk on the property next to her. The property owner lives in San Francisco, CA. The Town Fire Marshall will investigate the property.

The next item on the agenda was the Bridger Food Bank. Lorna Olson is the new President of the Food Bank. The Food Bank can use the factory building, but if the Town gets a renter, they may be asked to vacate. Lorna Olson asked if the Food Bank can use the loading dock. The Council did not have a problem with that. While on the subject of the factory building, the Mayor reported Shannie & Mark DeRudder would like to rent an area in the factory building. Randy Novakovich moved to lease to the DeRudder's \$200 per month for a 6 month period and then decide about a lease renewal. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. The Mayor also reported there is interest in renting spaces for storage in the factory building. The Clerk will contact MMIA to see about liability in renting spaces for storage in the factory building.

A fall cleanup by Republic Services was the next item on the agenda. Republic Services did not have figures for the cost of having a fall cleanup by meeting time. The matter was tabled and will be on the October agenda.

Town Attorney Hope Freeman stated that 2 signs need to be ordered stating the Town's alley Ordinance. Judge Kraft signed the Town contract. The Carbon County Commissioners have not responded to Attorney Freeman's letter. The Council asked that the County Commissioners be on the October agenda.

Police Chief Mike Buechler reported that the month of August was good. Some flags for the crosswalks are being used.

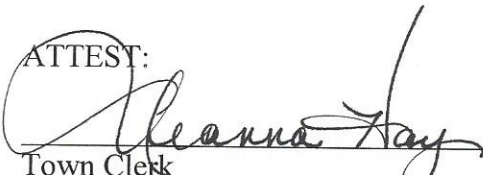
Tim Goldsberry Public Works Director reported the 92 Dodge Dakota was sold. The Fire Department flatbed truck was purchased by the Town for \$1100*. The wires that run from the ^{Clark Fork Rural} water pumps to the water tower are corroded. The Town needs to eventually think about getting lines replaced with a designated line. The aerators at the lagoon are being installed. Four of the aerators are now running of the 8 total. Also the water reservoir tank needs to be cleaned. Tim Goldsberry will look into that. #1500*

Clerk Deanna Hay announced that today September 1, 2015 was her 25th Anniversary of working for the Town. Clerk Hay was given a card by the Council and fellow workers.

There being no further business, George Wilm moved to adjourn at 8:36 PM. Gerry Roth seconded.



Mayor

ATTEST:


Town Clerk