

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

The September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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 7:02 pm. Council members present were George "Butch" Wilm, Randy Novakovich, Shala Cullum and Mark DeRudder. Others present were: Quincy Webster, LeAnn Fusco, Melva Lightburn, Kelly and Wade Hoskins, Angie Blanton, Matt Boggio, Doug Judkins, Diane Keller, Library Director Krystal Zentner, 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, the minutes were read by Clerk Sweet for the August 2, 2016 regular meeting. Councilman Novakovich motioned to approve the minutes as read. 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, Clerk Sweet read the minutes from the August 23, 2016 special meeting. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the minutes as read. Councilwoman Cullum seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye. Lastly clerk Sweet read the minutes from the August 23, 2016 budget meeting. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the minutes as read. 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.

The next item on the agenda was approval of claims. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the claims, Councilwoman Cullum seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Next on the agenda were committee reports. Diane Keller and Melva Lightburn were present for the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mrs. Keller presented stats from the pool season. Some discussion was had regarding a light at the basketball court by the swimming pool.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

There was one letter of correspondence. Mayor Shultz read a complaint letter from Lovetta Lee regarding weeds on her neighbor's property that are growing over to her side of the fence. Some discussion was had regarding a solution to the problem. It was thought that a weed letter should be sent from the Town to document the situation.

There was one zoning application from Mathew Boggio for a garage. The application was read by Mayor Shultz. Councilman Novakovich motioned to accept the application, Councilwoman Cullum seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #192, Judge's Salary. The Resolution was ready by Mayor Shultz. There was first discussion on the amount that the judge should be paid, hours actually worked by the Judge and the language in his current contract. After the discussion, Councilman Novakovich moved the Judge's salary be set at \$1,750.00 effective 09-01-16. 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. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to remove paragraph 5 from the Judge's current contract. 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 Councilman DeRudder moved to accept Resolution #192. 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.

Next was Resolution #193, Tax Levy. The resolution as read by Mayor Shultz. Councilman Novakovich moved to accept the resolution, 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.

After that was Resolution #194, FY 16-17 Final Budget. The resolution was read by Mayor Shultz. Councilwoman Cullum moved to accept the resolution, 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 on the agenda was approval of a new library board member. Library Director Zentner stated she had a letter of interest from Lynn White and recommended that the council approve her as the new library board member. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve Library Director Zentner's recommendation. 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 on the agenda was the discussion of solar powered speed signs for main street. There was discussion regarding the need to wait and see how the speeding violations trend after the increase in the fine for such violation. Councilwoman Cullum moved to table the topic, 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 amended lease for the factory building. Attorney Freeman stated that it just needed signed and not a vote from the council.

Next on the agenda was concern over odor from a resident's dumpster. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that once it is discarded in a dumpster it becomes public property. Kelly and Wade Hoskins complained that the odor from the dumpster had become an issue in the last couple years. Quincy Webster complained that the odor from the garage is blown right into his bedroom window every time the garage door is opened. There was discussion regarding the option of moving the dumpster to another location. Doug Judkins stated that if it happens again he will move the dumpster. Mayor Shultz asked Attorney Freeman to look into the matter. Councilwoman Cullum moved to table the item until the October meeting, seconded by Councilman Novakovich. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The next agenda item was a gift of land from Darlene Fredrickson, she has a piece of property located across Park Ave from the baseball fields. She would like to gift it to the Town but would like the Town to do the paperwork to transfer the deed. There are back taxes owed on the property but unknown how much. Councilman Wilm moved to table the agenda item until more information is known. 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 agenda item was sprinklers for Town parks. Councilwoman Cullum moved to table the item, second was 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 item for discussion was maintenance of Town bridges. Discussion was had regarding responsibility of the bridges, county or town? Also regarding any other funding that may be available. Attorney Freeman will draft a letter to the County Commissioners.

The next agenda item was storm drains. Mayor Shultz explained that a storm drain along Broadway Avenue had failed and as a result the water flowed into the basement of the Bank of Bridger. The matter needs to be looked into further and will be re-visited at another meeting.

No public comment on items not on the agenda.

Town Attorney had nothing to discuss.

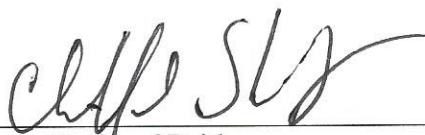
PWD Goldsberry informed the council that the pool had been shut down and drained. The lines will be blown out.

Chief Buechler presented stats for his department for the month of August. He also informed the council that the crosswalk signs were placed on Main Street.

Clerk Sweet asked the council members which phone number they would like put on the website and potentially given out to residents.

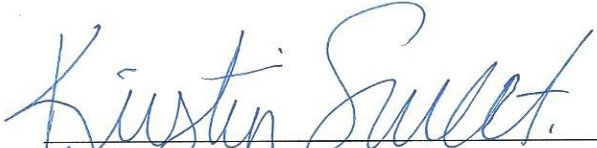
Mayor Shultz thanked the Public Works crew for all they hard work on Main Street with the leaking water line!

There being no further business Councilman DeRudder motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Novakovich. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.



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Mayor, Town of Bridger

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Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk