

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 6, 2015

The October 6, 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: Steve Fendler, Krystal Zentner, Joan Gioveti, Dustin Thomas, Kirstin Sweet, Tom Kohley Disaster & Emergency Services Coordinator, Tim Goldsberry Public Works Director, Hope Freeman Town Attorney, Mike Buechler Police Chief, and Clerk Deanna Hay.

Clerk Hay read the minutes of the previous meeting. Corrections were that the pickup the Town purchased was from the Clark Fork Rural Fire District not the Bridger Fire Department for \$1500. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the minutes with the correction of \$1100 to be \$1500 and to the Clark Fork Rural Fire District. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

The Claims were the next item on the agenda. The claim for the pickup that was purchased was not from the Bridger Volunteer Fire Department, but from the Clark Fork Rural Fire for \$1500. Also, an additional claim for Black Mountain to implement the Mini-HR for medical reporting needs to be added for \$1200. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the claims with the correction of the claim for the pickup payment to the Clark Fork Rural Fire for \$1500 and adding the additional claim to Black Mountain for \$1200. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

Under public comment Steve Fendler from Clarks Fork Valley Ambulance reported the Ambulance is looking into building a new building for the Ambulance and wanted the Council's approval to build it on Town property. The Council did not have a problem, but needed to see the engineered plans, etc. when they were ready for that phase. Tom Kohley new Disaster & Emergency Services Coordinator was present to discuss the implementation of the Carbon County burn permit procedures. Tom Kohley was looking for offices that would help those who did not have a computer or needed help online to complete the permit. The cost is \$5 per year. The Town will further investigate the burn permit procedure. Randy Novakovich visited with the Fire Marshall and found that it is quite difficult to condemn a property. Also the Town needs to revisit the business license for rentals. In Billings anyone with one rental is expected to buy a business license. The business license for rentals will be on the November agenda.

The next item on the agenda was zoning applications. A zoning application from John Brown for a fence at 303 S 2nd St for an approximate cost of \$900 was read. Gerry Roth moved to approve the zoning application for a fence at 303 S 3rd St. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried. A zoning application from Joel Kelly of Rimrock Construction for a re-roof project at 212 S 3rd St for an approximate cost of \$7700 was read. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the zoning application for a re-roof project at 212 S 3rd. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried. A petition for variance for Randy Novakovich at 219 N B St was signed by neighbors around the Novakovich residence giving approval of the construction of a garage that is outside of the Town setbacks. A zoning application from Randy Novakovich was read for a 40 x 40 garage at 219 S B for an approximate cost of \$20,000 outside of setbacks and approved by petition was read. Gerry Roth moved to approve the building with adjustments approved with petition. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried. There was some discussion about the need for some of the zoning applications. The Town Attorney will look into the language of the Zoning Ordinance.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #183 concerning the transfer of Sewer #5310 cash amounting to \$5422.19 from account #101000 to Sewer reserve cash account #102331 to hold in reserve to fulfill the Bond requirements as stated by law will now amount to a total reserve set aside for the Sewer UV as \$37,752.48. Cliff Shultz moved to approve Resolution #183 setting aside additional reserve cash as per Bond requirements. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #184 concerning the transfer of \$90,000 from the General Fund #1000 to the Capital Improvement Fund #4010 for future projects. The Council decided to use object code #920 that allows for Buildings – Administrative (Office Buildings), Operational (Factories, Garages, Warehouses, etc.) Other Buildings improvements, and object code #930 that allows for improvements other than buildings – Roads, Streets, & Parking Lots, Bridges & Tunnels, Airfields, Drainage, Water Supply & Storage, Sewage

Disposal, Garbage Disposal (Landfills, Incinerators), Parks & Recreation Facilities, and Other Improvements. Gerry Roth moved to transfer \$10,000 to Buildings object code #920 and \$80,000 to Streets object code #930, amounting to a total of \$90,000. The \$90,000 Certificate of Deposit interest will go to Fund #4010 from this time forth, as stated in MCA 7-6-616. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the 1st reading of Ordinance #30 an Ordinance amending Ordinance 13.08.060 (use of Public Sewer required) to change part D. requirements for connecting to Public Sewer. The owner is expected to at the owner(s) expense to install suitable toilet facilities provided the public sewer is available within two hundred (200) feet of the owner(s) property line. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance #30. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the fall cleanup in October by Republic Services. The Council felt that it was too late to plan a fall cleanup at this time.

The next item on the agenda was to hire the new Town Clerk/Treasurer. The Mayor introduced Kirstin Sweet. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the hiring of Kirstin Sweet as the new Town Clerk/Treasurer. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy Novakovich-yes. Motion carried. Kirstin Sweet was congratulated.

The next item on the agenda was the County Dispatch. There was some discussion about the meeting that was attended with the County Commissioners. Town Attorney Hope Freeman felt that the contract does not state what the costs will be year after year. Town Attorney Hope Freeman will look into the matter further. The Bank contacted the Attorney about using a Town right-of-way to erect their sign in the alley. The Council felt it was not a problem for the Bank to put the sign in the Town right-of-way in the alley, Attorney Freeman will contact the Bank to let them know.

Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry stated the water tower has a problem with the relay. There has been a problem meeting standards at the sewer lagoon also. They are working on the problem.

Town Clerk Deanna Hay asked the Council to consider a raise for her and Tim Goldsberry retro to July 1, 2015. They have not had a raise in two years. After much discussion, Cliff Shultz moved to approve a .50 cent raise/hour for all non-contract employees on the pay scale. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried. Gerry Roth moved to have the .50 cent/hour raise start November 1 2015. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy Novakovich-yes. Motion carried.

Gerry Roth moved to give Town Attorney Hope Freeman a 10% raise as of November 1, 2015. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy Novakovich-yes. Motion carried.

Police Chief Mike Buechler reported the Department has been working to clean up the boulevards. Also Officer Peters is now a certified post driver and can train other drivers. The Police Department is obtaining another car from the Highway Patrol, the old black 2006 Impala can be sold.

There being no further business Gerry Roth moved to adjourn at 9:13 PM. George Wilm seconded.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

* Gerry R-yes changed Randy Novakovich-yes