

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

The November 1st, 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 7:00 pm. Council members present were George "Butch" Wilm, Shala Cullum, Mark DeRudder and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Steven Fendler, Joni Giovetti, Dustin Thomas, Cordell VanVulkenburgh, Chad Cullum, 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 on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the October 4th, 2016 meeting. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the minutes, 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 of business was the approval of claims. Discussion was had regarding some of the claims. Councilman Novakovich moved to approve claims. The motion was 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.

No committee reports.

Next was correspondence. Councilman Novakovich summarized an article on growing plants with LED lights and explained that a business such as that could be an alternative use for the factory building. Next, Mayor Shultz stated that he had a letter of resignation from Ray Bemis that stated Ray would be done on December 29, 2016.

There was one zoning application for consideration. Mayor Shultz read an application from Leonard West. The application was for a shed on a permanent foundation at 113 E Broadway. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the zoning application, 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 a proposal for a feasibility study for the factory building. The proposal was read by Mayor Shultz. Discussion ensued regarding what the Town would be getting under this proposal. It was thought that we need to have the architect come to a meeting to answer some questions. Councilwoman Cullum will make the call and see if he can come to the December meeting. Discussion was had regarding the use of a grant writer and entities to contact regarding grant and grant writers. Councilman DeRudder made a motion to table the topic until the December meeting. 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 M.M.I.A. property valuations. Discussion was had regarding the current values of buildings versus the contents values. More information will be needed and we will revisit the topic at the next meeting in December.

The next item on the agenda was credit cards for the court and library. Clerk Sweet asked that if credit cards be obtained for the court and library just like the other departments currently have. Councilman Novakovich motioned to get credit cards with a \$1000.00 limit for Judge kraft and Library Director Zentner. The motion was 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.

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

Attorney Freeman reported back regarding the nuisance ordinance that she was asked about at the last meeting. She stated that the current nuisance ordinance would cover the issued previously discussed. A citizen can put a complaint in writing and submit it to the Town and under this ordinance the Town could send a letter and ask the property owner to take care of the odor issue. If the property owner does not complete the work in the time provided by the letter, then the Town has authority to go in and take care of the matter and bill the property

owner. Attorney Freeman also pointed out that there is a grandfather clause for non-conforming land use and likely this property owner would fall under this grandfather clause.

Judge Kraft presented his reports for the month of October to the Council. There was also discussion as to whether or not the increased fine for speeding violations has reduced the number of tickets.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

PWD Goldsberry wanted the Council to know that he would be contacting the Mayor to discuss replacing Ray Bemis.

Chief Buechler presented the council with stats for the month of October.

Clerk Sweet reported back to the council with information regarding worker's compensation for volunteer employees. There was also brief discussion regarding foliage blocking Stop signs in Town and PWD Goldsberry will look into it.

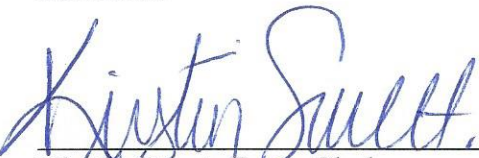
Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm motioned to adjourn. 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. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.



Cliff Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk