

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MAY 2, 2017**

The May 2, 2017 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, and Mark DeRudder. Others present were: Melva Lightburn, Diane Keller, Lori Schrock, Rick Cabrera of Watco Pools, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Judge Bert Kraft, Attorney Hope Freeman, 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 April meeting. Councilman Miller motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

The next item of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding claims. Councilwoman Cullum moved to approve all claims except claim #10024. The associated check numbers are #30590 to #30630 excluding #30607 as a void. Also, electronic check # -98522 to -98519. 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 Miller – aye.

The next item was the Payroll Summary. Clerk Sweet explained that the Payroll Summary needed to be approved by the council so that all checks going to Payroll would be accounted for in the minutes. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the Payroll Summary including check numbers #30547 to #30549 and #30584 to #30589 excluding #30588 as it was a void. Also, electronic checks #-88068 to #-88057 and -88056 to -88045. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

Next were committee reports. Rick Cabrera from Watco Pools was present to discuss necessary repairs to the swimming pool. He was out at the pool at looked at the crack in the corner. It needs repaired to be able to open this summer. However, any repairs done will be temporary. The pool will need completely rebuilt at a cost of \$250,000.00 to \$500,000.00. The only other option is a one time "band-aid" option that may allow operation of the pool for up to 10-15 years. The cost of that ^{could} would be \$80,000.00. Some discussion was had regarding the future of the pool. More discussion will be needed and the Parks and Recreation Board will ultimately need to decide which option they can afford. Diane Keller, Lori Schrock and Melva Lightburn were all present for the Park and Recreation Committee. They informed the council that the boarder and fill for the pool park playground was never installed. Also, they had set aside \$2,000.00 for sprinklers in the pool park. They would like to see both of those projects completed. The Town will consider those items.

Correspondence was next on the agenda. There was no correspondence to be read.

Zoning applications were the next order of business. The first was from Rod Parker for a deck. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the zoning application, 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 Miller – aye. The next zoning application was from Roger Snyder for a deck and a trellis. Some discussion was had. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the application, seconded by Councilman Miller. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

The next order of business was to acknowledge work comp coverage for the fire department. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to acknowledge that all members of the Bridger Volunteer Fire Department are members of both the rural and town departments. Furthermore, when our fire department members respond to a call, whether inside our fire district or outside our fire district, they are covered by the Town of Bridger for worker's compensation pursuant to the M.M.I.A.'s Workers' Compensation Agreement and the Worker's Compensation Memorandum of Coverage. 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 Miller – aye.

Next were sprinklers for Memorial Park. The plans for the sprinkler system were available. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to move forward with the sprinkler plans. 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 Miller – aye.

Next was discussion regarding Solar Powered Speed signs. Some discussion was had regarding pricing and placement of signs if they were purchased. Councilman Wilm motioned to table the item until June, it was seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

Public comment on items not on the agenda was next. Councilwoman Cullum informed the council that she had not heard anything new from Sue Taylor. Councilwoman Cullum asked about the repair of the bridges in town over the irrigation canal. Mayor Shultz explained that they are our responsibility to fix and it is going to need to be done in the near future. Mayor Shultz asked for it to be put on the June agenda.

Attorney Freeman informed the council that the Airport Board was wondering about what changes we would like to see on the individual leases at the airport. Councilman DeRudder will speak to Merrill Pfeifer.

Judge Kraft presented his reports and stats for April He also publicly thanked Town Attorney Freeman and Chief Buechler for all they do!

Library Director Zentner reported that she was accepting bids for the roof on the Library.

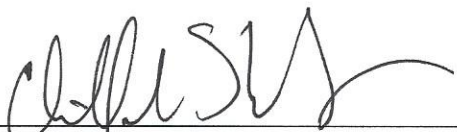
PWD Goldsberry asked the council to advertise for summer help and to hire from the applications received. He was given the go-ahead.

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

Clerk Sweet asked the council to motion to remove Randy Novakovich from the checking account and to add Butch Wilm to the account. Councilwoman Cullum so moved, Councilman DeRudder seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye. Also needed was a motion to approve an extra June payroll so that the fiscal years could be separated with regards to payroll. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve Clerk Sweet doing an extra payroll in June of every year so as to separate the payroll that would cross the fiscal year into June's portion and July's portion. Councilman Miller seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman DeRudder motioned to adjourn. 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 Miller – aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm.


Cliff Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk

* Discussion was had regarding the Town bridges and the county's financial responsibility. Town Attorney Freeman has a letter ready for the Commissioners and she will get it to Mayor Shultz to sign.