

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 6, 2017**

The June 6, 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, Mark DeRudder and Chris Miller. Others present were: Melva Lightburn, Diane Keller, Lori Schrock, Marguerite Hague, Alice Marie Hague, Linda Eckerman, Robert Seymour, Robert Trask, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Judge Bert Kraft, Attorney Hope Freeman, Patrol Officer Codi Peters, 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 May meeting. Councilwoman Cullum asked for some additions regarding the discussion under public comment about the bridges and the letter Attorney Freeman drafted for the county commissioners. Councilman Miller asked that he be added to the council members present at the meeting. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the minutes with the amendments, 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 of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding claims. Councilman DeRudder moved to approve the claims. The associated check numbers are #30642 to #30683. Also, electronic check # -98518 to -98515. 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 Miller – aye.

The next item was the Payroll Summary. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the Payroll Summary including check numbers #30631 to #30639. Also, electronic checks #-88044 to #-88021. 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 the new Reserve Patrol Officers introduced themselves to the council and the public. Clerk Sweet swore in both officers.

Next were committee reports. Diane Keller, Lori Schrock and Melva Lightburn were all present for the Park and Recreation Committee. They informed the council that the pool opened today. They had questions/comments on the Memorandums of Understanding but would wait until they came up later on the agenda.

Correspondence was next on the agenda. Mayor Shultz read an email from Commissioner Tucker. The email was in response to the letter sent by the Town asking the county to pay for one-half the cost of the repair of the Town bridges over the canal. Attorney Freeman read the applicable MCA and suggested talking to the board that controls the canal and determine their responsibility in all this. Attorney Freeman also suggested asking the County for assistance with equipment and labor rather than monetary assistance. Mayor Shultz agreed. PWD Goldsberry informed the council that the Ditch Board will not assist as their easement pre-dates the Town. Councilman DeRudder agreed they would offer no assistance. Councilwoman Cullum asked if we could just go ahead with the repairs and cover the cost ourselves? All were in agreement that we could do that and ask the county for any assistance. Councilman Miller motioned to authorize the Public Works Department to repair the bridge on Sunnyside Ave and to allow them to spend up to \$10,000.00. Any amount over that would need approval. 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 Miller – aye.

Zoning applications were the next order of business. The first was from Erika Enrooth for a fence at 215 S D St. Mayor Shultz read the application. Some discussion was had regarding the 6-foot fence coming all the way to the street. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the application, 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 second application was from Ben and Kirstin Sweet for a fence at 36 Sunshine Dr. Mayor Shultz read the application. Councilwoman Cullum 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 third application was from Ron Kallevig for a fence at 103 Jim Bridger Trail. Mayor Shultz read the application. Discussion was had regarding the fact that the application as missing a map and thus the council did

not know where the fence would be located on the property. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to deny the application and request that a map be provided. Councilman Miller seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye. The fourth application was from Deb Imlay for a deck at 301 W Park Ave. Mayor Shultz read the application. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the application, 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 fifth application was from Jess and Lana Matt for a fence, concrete patio and pergola at 103 S 4th St. Mayor Shultz read the application. Councilwoman Cullum 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 sixth application was from Delphine Coon for a replacement fence at 118 N 3rd St. Mayor Shultz read the application. There was some discussion regarding where the fence would be placed as there were no measurements on the application. Councilman Miller motioned to approve the application so long as the fence is placed in the exact same location as the old fence, 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.

Special Events applications were next on the agenda. The first application was from Bridger Youth Rodeo. Mayor Shultz read the application. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the application, 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 second application was from the Seth and Micheal Memorial Tournament. Mayor Shultz read the application. Some discussion as had regarding signs for quiet hours. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the application with the restriction of noise signs as listed on the application by the Mayor. 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 third application was from the Jim Bridger Days Committee. Mayor Shultz read the application. Clerk Sweet informed the council that we need to be strict with the insurance policies listing the Town as an additional insured. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the application with the condition that they will be required to have the insurance certificates listing the Town as an additional insured to Clerk Sweet for fireworks, alcohol sales and carnival prior to set-up of any equipment. 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 fourth application from Carbon County-Stillwater Co-ed Softball was not turned in to Clerk Sweet.

Marguerite Hague was next on the agenda. She asked the council if they would likely approve a variance to place a trailer house on the property located on N 2nd St. She is considering buying the property but doesn't want to purchase it unless she can put her trailer house on it. The council advised her to get the variance and signatures put together and come back to a meeting.

Next on the agenda was Church of the Rockies. They were not present. However, Pool Manager Eckerman informed the council that they had called the pool and asked if they could have a day at the pool that they would pay for all swimmers and have a free BBQ in the park. The council asked that the Pool Manager inform the Church of the Rockies to come before the council to discuss a day at the pool.

Next on the agenda was Resolution #195. Mayor Shultz read the resolution and gave some background information regarding why the increase was happening. Some discussion was had regarding why the Town went away from meters and started the flat rate. Mayor Shultz and PWD Goldsberry explained how the change came about. Some discussion regarding the state of our water system was had. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve Resolution #195, 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.

The next order of business was Resolution # 196. Library Director Zentner explained the history behind the resolution. Discussion was had regarding the Library Board history, how the percentage raises came about and how raises should be addressed after the cap. Then discussion was had regarding where Library Director Zentner would fall on this wage scale and how her wages raises would be handled. Councilwoman Cullum read the resolution. Mayor Shultz requested that an amendment be made to clarify how the current Library Director would receive the wage increases. Library Director Zentner stated she would amend the resolution and take it back to the Library Board for approval before bringing it back to a council meeting. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to table the resolution, 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.

Next on the agenda was Memorandum's of Understanding (MOU) for the ice rink and the swimming pool. Discussion was had regarding the pool and ice rink. Attorney Freeman stated that these are rough drafts and the Parks and Recreation Department had not had the opportunity to give her any input on these MOU and she would like them to have a chance to give their input as well as the council. These MOU would create a relationship between the Parks and Recreation Board and the Council and would address how the pool and ice rink would be handled by each entity. Mayor Shultz stated that it is the Town's property and the Town's liability and the Town needs to be involved in running the pool. The Parks and Rec board stated that they have been researching the history of the board and trying to learn how and why they were set up. Attorney Freeman will continue to work on these MOU with input from the Parks and Rec board. Mayor Shultz asked that the item be put on the July agenda.

Next was discussion about plans for the factory building. Councilwoman Cullum reported that she had spoken to Sue Taylor at Beartooth RC&D and there are other grants out there if we want to pursue consolidation of the Town's services. All were in agreement that applying for grants and continuing with plans for consolidation was best.

Next was discussion regarding Solar Powered Speed signs. Councilman Miller had spoken to Darren Schaffer with the D.O.T. about placement of electronic speed signs on Main St. Some discussion as had regarding signs along Main St. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to table the topic, 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.

Public comment on items not on the agenda was next. Councilwoman Cullum asked about the weeds in the cracks of the sidewalk on Main St. Can we spray those? PWD Goldsberry stated the sidewalks along Main St belong to the D.O.T. Councilwoman Cullum asked about the property on the corner of 3rd and Broadway, they have built a deck and did not obtain a zoning permit. Attorney Freeman suggested that we make our ordinance regarding variances more specific. Councilwoman Cullum stated that she and Councilman Wilm completed the street sign inventory. There are some missing and some that are very faded. ~~She would get the information to~~ ^{had been provided to} PWD Goldsberry. Clerk Sweet stated that the Town had overpaid the County on airport maintenance for the last 5 years and the commissioners agreed to give the Town a credit for the overpayment so no payment would need to be made this fiscal year.

Attorney Freeman had nothing more to discuss.

Judge Kraft presented his reports and stats for May. He also informed the council that he was audited by the Montana Department of Justice. The only finding was the need to lock the filing cabinets and he will get that done!

Library Director Zentner reported that she had some bids for her roof. She also asked that the council appoint Laura McElhinny to the Library Board. Councilman Wilm so moved and Councilwoman Cullum seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

PWD Goldsberry informed the council that we may need to consider telemetry for controlling the wells. He estimates it would cost around \$14,000.00 but will get some bids. He asked that it be put on the July agenda.

Officer Peters presented the council with stats for the month of May. Councilwoman Cullum asked about the plan going forward as far as enforcing the dog licensing ordinance. Officer Peters plans to make a Facebook post to remind anyone who has not yet licensed and sometime after that she will issue tickets.

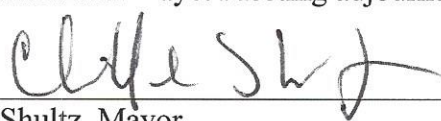
Clerk Sweet reminded the council members with seats coming up for election that the deadline to file is June 19, 2017.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman Miller 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 Miller – aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 pm.

ATTEST:

Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk


Cliff Shultz, Mayor