

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

The September 5, 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 7:02 pm. Council members present were George "Butch" Wilm, Shala Cullum, Mark DeRudder and Chris Miller. Others present were: Mary Sink, Diane Lesser, Melva Lightburn, Dustin Thomas, Steve Fendler, Brian Dobson, Pamela Southworth, Diane Keller, Julia Jones from Republic Services, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Judge Bert Kraft, Attorney Hope Freeman, Police Chief Mike Buechler, Assistant Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Mary Sink and Diane Lesser were present on behalf of the clothing swap program. They asked that the fee be waived for use of the Civic Center in October. They are a non-profit group and only do this swap as a service to the community. The council agreed that the fee had been waived in the past and that it could be waived again this year. Secondly, Mary Sink had comment on the new business Elevated that has opened outside of Town on Highway 310. Mrs. Sink stated that she did not want a business of that type in our community and she wondered if the Town would help her or stand behind her to try and remove it from our Town. She was informed that the business is outside the boundaries of our Town and the police department has no jurisdiction there.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the August regular meeting. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the minutes, 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. Then approval for the August budget meeting. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the minutes, 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 item of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding claims. Councilwoman Cullum moved to approve the claims with the associated check numbers #30895 to #30937. Also, electronic checks # -98505 to -98503. 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. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the Payroll Summary including check numbers #30858 to #30873, #307878 to #30894 and voided check numbers #30874 to #30877. Also, electronic checks #-87945 to #-87921. 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.

No committee reports.

No correspondence.

Zoning applications were the next order of business. The first was an application from Carbon Equipment Repair for an addition to their building. Mayor Shultz read the application and the council reviewed it. There were some questions posed to the owners of Carbon Equipment Repair, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Fendler, regarding the fact that the addition proposed was outside of the property lines and partially located on Town property. Attorney Freeman advised that this was not a zoning or variance issue but would need to be a transfer of property. For this to occur, the Town would need to sell a portion of property to Carbon Equipment Repair. It was agreed by all that amending the zoning application to contain the building, including the eaves, to the property currently owned by Carbon Equipment Repair would be best. Amendments were written on the application by Mayor Shultz. Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to approve the application with the amendments as follows: the size of the building would be 16' x 36' with the entire structure inside the property line. 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.

The next item was an Inter-Local Agreement with the Area Parks and Recreation Board for the swimming pool. The Parks and Recreation Board had made some changes to the original agreement drafted by Attorney Freeman. The amended agreement was presented to the Council. Discussion was had regarding the proposed changes. Attorney Freeman had no issue with the changes. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the agreement presented by the Area Parks and Recreation Board. Councilman Wilm seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

Republic Services was next on the agenda. Julia Jones was present to discuss with the council a fall clean up weekend. The price would be \$1,000.00 and would work just like the spring cleanups. Some discussion was had regarding location of the cleanup. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to have a fall cleanup weekend on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Councilman DeRudder seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

Next was Resolution #202 Notice of Cancellation of the General Election. Mayor Shultz read the resolution. Councilman Miller motioned to approve. 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.

Next was Resolution #203 to approve the Fiscal Year 17-18 Tax Levy. Councilwoman Cullum read the resolution. Councilman DeRudder made a motion to accept the Resolution. 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.

Next was Resolution #204 to approve the Fiscal Year 17-18 Budget. Mayor Shultz read the resolution. Councilman Miller motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – nay, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

Next was the lease agreement with Country Bumpkins Candles. Councilman Miller motioned to approve the lease agreement, 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.

Next order of business was the lease agreement for Carbon Equipment Repair. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the lease, 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.

Updates on the factory building was next on the agenda was next. Clerk Sweet reported that an appraisal is coming but the appraiser is backed up and will get to us as soon as we can.

Attorney Freeman discussed with the council her proposed variance and zoning ordinances and explained that the council would need a public hearing and 2 readings to pass the new ordinances.

Judge Kraft presented his reports and stats for August.

Library Director Zentner informed the council that the Library is having a raffle and ice cream social on September 17 from 1-3pm. All are invited to attend. Also, her roof is a work in progress.

APWD Novakovich reported that the valve on 4<sup>th</sup> Street by the school is fixed and he will be working on replacing the street signs in the upcoming weeks. He also asked the council if he could start searching for a skid steer for the public works department. The council agreed it would be a good addition to the department and he could start looking.


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

Clerk Sweet had reported that she is going to a Clerk Conference at the end of September in Great Falls, MT. Also, there had been an email recently regarding MDT grant money for sidewalks that we should consider.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilwoman Cullum 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 8:59pm.

ATTEST:

  
Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk

  
Cliff Shultz, Mayor