

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

The November 7, 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: Amy Kraft, Willow Peterson, Delphine Coon, Lori Schrock, William Harvison, Lee Merck, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Police Chief Mike Buechler, Assistant Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Clerk Sweet had a call from a logging company that wanted to lease some ground from The Town to temporarily store logs. Discussion was had regarding what ground would be a possibility and liability of that type of storage. The council agreed to offer them the ground north of the county shop at \$250/month plus \$500 cleanup fee. As well as the Town be listed as an additional insured on the logging company's insurance certificate.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the October regular 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 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 #31002 to #31038. Also, electronic checks # -98498 to -98495 and voided check 31001. 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.

The next item was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the Payroll Summary including check numbers #30993 to #30999. Also, electronic checks #-87894 to #-87871. 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.

Lori Schrock was present for Parks and Recreation but had nothing new to report.

One zoning application as presented for approval for a garage at 318 S 4th St, home of Douglas Bruce. Mayor Shultz read the application and the council reviewed. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the application, 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 application from Paul Perry was not returned to Town Hall.

Associate Pastor Bill Harvison and Pastor Lee Merck were present for Church of the Rockies. Pastor Harvison asked to lease the office area of the Factory building. They realize that the Food Bank already has one office leased and is also using the other area that they would like to lease. They are willing to let the Food Bank continue to use the same spaces they are currently using, and the church will work around their stuff. They would be in there weekly for a few hours each time. Only 3 people from their church would have keys and one would always be present when in use. Councilman Wilm motioned to allow Hope to draft lease with the following terms, \$250/month for a one-year lease with get out clause for the Town in the event that something changes with the building. Also, language stating that other tenants would have access to the building through their space. Motion was seconded Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

Willow Peterson and Amy Kraft were present for Bridger High School reACT. Willow gave a presentation to the council asking that they draft and pass an ordinance making the pool park area including parking lot, playground and basketball court smoke free. Discussion was had regarding the pool this past summer and the fact that it was an issue of people smoking right outside the pool fence. Questions were raised, would the campground be included? Would we include other parks? Could there be a designated smoking area? The council and reACT members agreed to table the matter until the December meeting.

Special Events Application from JBD committee. Mayor Shultz read application. Clerk Sweet stated that they are under the old civic center contract, however they are asking for a waiver of the rental fee for the Civic Center. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the application and waive the rental fee, 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 the MOU for ice rink. Discussion was had regarding more responsibility be on P & R for maintaining the ice skate box, who should be responsible for snow removal and if an MOU was needed at all? It was agreed to table the matter until December.

Next was the Audit Contract FY 16-17. Clerk Sweet asked the council to table this item until December because she was not happy with the figures that were presented from the auditors for single year audits. It was agreed to table the matter until December.

Resolution #206 to Amend the Budget for FY 16-17. Mayor Shultz read the Resolution and the council reviewed. Clerk Sweet explained the need for the Resolution. Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Councilwoman Cullum, 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.

Resolution #207 to approve a revised Civic Center Contract. Mayor Shultz read the contract and Resolution. Discussion was had regarding how the new fee structure will work if someone wants a waiver of the rental fee. Motion to approve the Resolution was made by Councilwoman Cullum, 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 updates to factory building.

Attorney Freeman was not present.

Judge Kraft was not present but left his stats for October for the council to review.

Library Director Zentner reported that the library roof is almost complete.

APWD Novakovich reported that the snow plow is ready to go. Also, he has plans to get the sprinklers done by spring. Some discussion was had regarding the new radio system that was installed for the pumps on the water tower.

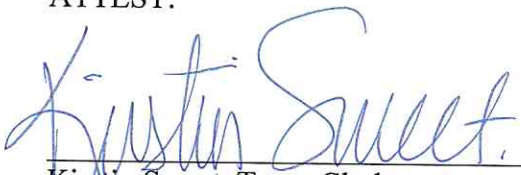
Chief Buechler presented stats for the month of October. He also answered questions from the council regarding search warrants and how they are issued.

Clerk Sweet informed the council which days the office will be closed this month.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm motioned to adjourn. 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. Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

ATTEST:


Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk


Cliff Shultz, Mayor