

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

The December 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: Cheri McCulley, Julia Jones, Jim Sweet, Doug Asbury, Melva Lightburn, Diane Keller, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Police Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. No public comment from the gallery.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the November 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.

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 #31048 to #31079. Also, electronic checks # -98494 to -98492. 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 #31000, #31039, #31041 to #31043, #31045 to #31047. Also, electronic checks #-87870 to #-87836. Voided checks include #31040 and #31044. 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 committee reports. Melva Lightburn and Diane Keller were present for Parks and Recreation but had nothing new to report.

No correspondence.

One zoning application was presented for approval for a garage at 410 E Broadway Ave, home of James D. Sweet. Mayor Shultz read the application and the council reviewed. Councilman Wilm 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 application from Paul Perry was not returned to Town Hall.

Next, Cheri McCulley was present to discuss the value of the Factory Building. Mrs. McCulley explained the appraisal process to the council. She also answered questions regarding lease value and marketability, However, income approach has no bearing on appraisal value. Councilwoman Cullum had heard rumors that when the land was given to the Town that restrictions were put on the gift of land and that the Town could never sell it. Councilwoman Cullum did a title search with the Clerk and Recorder's Office and there were no restrictions in place. Mayor Shultz did research and found remodel would be less expensive due to the sprinklers already in place, one could do partition walls instead of firewalls.

Next was the Audit Contract FY 16-17. Clerk Sweet informed the Council that she has another proposal for a 2-year Audit. The amount would be \$12,300.00 compared with 3 single year audits in the amounts of \$7,300.00, \$7,500.00 and \$7,700.00. Some discussion was had but ultimately the Council decided to continue with the 2-year audits.

The next agenda item was gravel for Sugar Street. Councilwoman Cullum wanted to know why that street isn't graveled. Public Works Director Goldsberry explained that gravel is expensive, but we have enough chips that we can put pavement on it. It is on the list of things to get done.

Next, Julia Jones was present for Republic Services. She informed the council that we pulled out 10 tons of material from our Fall Cleanup weekend. Fromberg pulled 17 tons. She explained that we needed to give the public time to get used to the Fall Cleanup being available and continuing the cleanup would be a good idea.

Next on the agenda was the MOU for ice rink. Attorney Freeman explained the background on the MOU, originally the P & R Board was responsible for upkeep once the rink was set up. Now P & R is asking that the Town be responsible for that upkeep. Discussion was had regarding roles and responsibilities of both parties involved. Motion to accept the MOU was made by Councilman Wilm, Councilman DeRudder seconded. The

motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – nay, Councilman DeRudder – aye, Councilman Miller – nay and Mayor Shultz – aye.

The next item was discussion regarding the advisory boards and committee members. Attorney Freeman explained how committee's work and will do some more research on the topic. Clerk Sweet explained that committees should be disbanded the same way they were formed and she could find no Resolutions referring to creating committees. The topic will be discussed in more detail next meeting.

The next agenda item was discussion regarding the possibility of having an ordinance making some of our Town Parks smoke free. Mayor Shultz asked Attorney Freeman to draft ordinances. Attorney Freeman asked the council for more information. Completely smoke free? Designated smoking area? Discussion regarding which parks, having a designated area or not, ordinance or resolution? Motion to have Attorney Freeman draft an ordinance that designates Pool Park smoke free without designated smoking area, *was made by Councilman DeRudder, seconded by Councilman Wilm. Motion carried with all eyes.*

The next agenda item was to appoint a County Planning Board member. Jann Christman was appointed to fill the remainder of Gene Koch's term. Ms. Christman is willing to serve again. Council would like to reach out to her and ask that she come to the council meeting at lease quarterly. Motion to appoint Jann Christman to the County Planning Board made by Councilwoman Cullum, Councilman DeRudder seconded. 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 other than discussed earlier regarding the appraisal.

Attorney Freeman would like the council to really look closely at the zoning and variance ordinances proposed. At the next meeting she would like to have another discussion regarding the ordinances.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for the month of November. Also informed the council about a letter dated 1986 that accused Bridger of a speed trap. Same old story today.

Library Director Zentner reported that the roof is done.

PWD Goldsberry reported that the telemetry is working great. We may need a laptop specifically for the telemetry at a cost of \$4,000.00. He doesn't think we need it right now.

Chief Buechler presented stats for the month of November.

Clerk Sweet informed the council the dates for the Town's Christmas Open House. She also explained where we are with the rodeo ground's crow's nest plans. The Council decided that we want something by the next meeting or we will hire someone else.

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 8:54pm.

ATTEST:


Cliff Shultz, Mayor


Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk