

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 2, 2018**

The January 2, 2018 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 Doug Asbury. Others present were: Amy Kraft, Judge Kraft, Attorney Freeman, 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 December regular meeting. Corrections needed to be made the paragraph regarding the drafting of the no smoking ordinance. The motion, second and vote was inadvertently deleted, and it needed to be added back into the minutes. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – 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 with the associated check numbers #31083 and #31094 to #31118 Also, electronic checks # -98491 to -98488. 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 Asbury – aye.

The next item was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the Payroll Summary including check numbers #31080 to #31082 and #31084 to #31093. Also, electronic checks #-87835 to #-87810. 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 Asbury – aye.

No committee reports.

Next was the first reading of Ordinance #36. Mayor Shultz read the Ordinance. Discussion was had regarding the definition of the pool areas and what it includes. Suggestion was made to create a map to go with the Ordinance. Council agreed that the sentence stating “Tobacco use shall also be prohibited within twenty feet of these recreational areas.” should be removed and a map should be added. Motion to table the 1st reading until February made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item for discussion was the crow’s nest at the rodeo grounds. Mayor Shultz explained that Travis McDowell has not responded to any form of communication from the Town and that we feel it is time to move on to someone else. Discussion was had regarding the need for an architect and an engineer. Mayor Shultz will get a list of engineers. Table this item until February.

Next Mayor Shultz asked that the council motion to approve a credit card for Assistant Public Works Director Randy Novakovich. Councilman DeRudder so moved and Councilwoman Cullum seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item was discussion regarding the advisory boards and committee members. Mayor Shultz explained which committees/boards are still active and which ones are obsolete at this time. The boards all meet regularly. None of the committees are still active. Mayor Shultz suggested that we vote to eliminate the committees for the Program Income Loan Committee, Civic Center Committee, Livestock Committee and Rodeo Committee. As well as the Advisory Council positions. Councilwoman Cullum so moved and 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 Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was changes to the property schedule regarding the ice rink. Mayor Shultz explained that #5 in the MOU states that the ice rink shall continually provide coverage under our asset replacement policy. Attorney Freeman informed the council that the MOU allows for changes in writing if both parties sign it. Attorney Freeman will draft the changes removing item #5 from the agreement via letter referencing item #16.

The next agenda item is updates to factory building, Councilwoman Cullum gave some background regarding discussions about the factory building up to this point. Discussion continued regarding feasibility studies, remodeling costs. As well as where the money might come from for a feasibility study and potential remodel costs. Mayor Shultz suggested that we re-connect with AT Architecture and discuss a feasibility study proposal.

Attorney Freeman explained the variance/zoning ordinances and how they would work if implemented. She would like to make some changes and bring it back again next month for more discussion.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for the month of December.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

PWD Goldsberry had nothing to report.


Chief Buechler presented stats for the month of December as well as the year end stats.

Clerk Sweet informed the council that she spoke to Jann Christman, our County Planning Board Member, regarding attending Town Council meetings and reporting on the happenings of the County Planning Board. Ms. Christman agreed to attend as much as she can.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman DeRudder motioned to adjourn. 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 Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

ATTEST:


Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk


Cliff Shultz, Mayor