

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON MARCH 6, 2018**

The March 6, 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 called to order by Mayor Shultz at 7:00 pm. Council members present were George "Butch" Wilm, Shala Cullum and Doug Asbury, Mark DeRudder was absent. Others present were: Crystal and Dylan Schober, Daran Schafer, Dylan Sedlacek, Attorney Hope Freeman, Judge Bert Kraft, 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 February regular meeting. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – 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 #31172 to #31204 Also, electronic checks # -98482 to #-98479. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the Payroll Summary including check numbers #31165 to #31171. Also, electronic checks #-87785 to #-87763. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

No committee reports.

Correspondence was read by Mayor Shultz regarding the snow in the middle of the highway on Main Street. Discussion was had regarding the snow being the responsibility of the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). Daran Schaffer from MDT addressed the issue. This is a heavy snow season and they are doing the best they can. They borrow the equipment to remove snow and the equipment wasn't available as much this year. Some discussion was had regarding the weeds on Main Street as well.

Next on the agenda was zoning applications. The first was from Dana Zier, she would like to re-do the sidewalk along the south side of her building at 120 S Main Street. She would also like to add a wheelchair access to the sidewalk. Discussion was had regarding the ADA compliance. Attorney Freeman advised that we approve the application but note that ADA restrictions need to be followed. Motion made by Councilwoman Cullum to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The next application was from Dylan Sedlacek for a shop on his property located east of the Town Shop. Some discussion was had regarding where the sewer / water tap would be located? Where on the main would he tap in? Would we run our main south along the undeveloped S D St.? Also, Mr. Sedlacek is asking for an easement across the Town's property near the Town Shop. Attorney Freeman advised that the zoning app is for the building only. An easement would be a separate document. Attorney Freeman suggested the item be placed on another agenda so that more details can be gained for the easement. The application was not approved at this time, it will be placed on the April agenda.

The next item on the agenda was a Special Events Application from the Jim Bridger Day's Demo Derby. Mayor Shultz read the application. Some discussion regarding the event was had. Councilman Asbury motioned to approve the application, Councilman Wilm seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next the council looked at the property, mobile equipment and vehicle schedule to determine changes that may be necessary in the upcoming property renewal process with MMIA. Clerk Sweet explained the spreadsheets and answered questions regarding the status of all the property, vehicles and equipment. Councilman Wilm motion to approve the renewals with the changes discussed. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Civic Center Contract was next on the agenda. Mayor Shultz and Clerk Sweet explained the issues with the current contract. Some discussion was had regarding the issues. The item will be placed on the April agenda.

Next was the first reading of Ordinance #36 No Smoking in the Pool Park. Attorney Freeman read the Ordinance. Discussion was had about the definitions. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the first reading, Councilman Wilm seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item for discussion was dedicated email addresses for the Mayor and Council. Clerk Sweet explained that using their personal emails is not the best idea because any public records requests would be done through their personal emails. If they had dedicated Town email addresses that followed the position, not the person that would allow for public records searches that would not interfere with personal email accounts. Attorney Freeman stated that in her experience, dedicated public email addresses are best. It was agreed that dedicated email addresses be set up for the Mayor and Council.

The next discussion item was the possibility of a stop sign on East Carbon Avenue and South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Chief Buechler stated that this particular intersection has a high incidence of injury when a collision occurs. Discussion was had regarding that intersection vs others. Attorney Freeman stated that state statute has a parking minimum from an intersection. She suggested that we enforce that statute and see if it makes a difference in the injuries of collision victims.

Next on the agenda was a proposal from AT Architecture for a feasibility study for the factory building. Mayor Shultz reviewed the numbers. The cost would be \$18,100 for a study of the Factory building. Motion to accept the proposal was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Attorney Freeman suggested we adopt the Carbon County Growth Policy so that we can move forward with the variance and the zoning ordinances we have been looking at.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for the month of February. He informed the council that he raised the bond on crosswalk violations.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

PWD Goldsberry reported that things are good, lots of snow, lots of plowing.

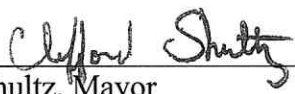
Chief Buechler presented stats for the month of February.

Clerk Sweet asked if any of the council members who have not yet taken the online municipal officials handbook class were planning to participate in the class starting March 14, 2018. No council members are planning to take the class at this time.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Cliff Shultz, Mayor

  
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Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk