

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MAY 8, 2018**

The May 8, 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, Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were: Melva Lightburn, Jim Havens, George Stevenson, Karen Wilcox, Lawrence and Suzanne Vicknair, Sue Braund, Carbon County Floodplain Administrator Annie Gillespie, Mayor of Joliet Gary Gray, Lana Matt, Delphine Coon, Carbon County DES Coordinator Tom Kohley, Candidate for Senate District #29 Betsy Scanlin, Judge Bert Kraft, Attorney Hope Freeman, Police Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Councilwoman Cullum informed the council that signs had been ordered by ReACT for pool park stating that the park is nonsmoking. Gary Gray, Mayor of Joliet is running for County Commissioner. He addressed the council and gallery regarding his plans if he is elected Commissioner.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the April regular meeting. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the minutes as amended, 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. Councilwoman Cullum moved to approve the claims with the associated check numbers #31249 to #31262 and #31269 to #31288. Also, electronic checks # -98473 to # -98468. 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 #31350 to #31354 and #31263 to #31265. Also, electronic checks # -87736 to # -87713. Voided checks are # -87728. 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.

Committee reports was the next item on the agenda. Melva Lightburn was present for the P & R board. She informed the council that they approved some improvements for the baseball field, pool and ice skating rink.

Next on the agenda was special events applications. There was one application from Bridger Youth Rodeo, Mayor Shultz read the application, the Council reviewed. Motion to approve the application was made by Councilwoman Cullum, Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was zoning applications. The first was from Roger Snyder for a fence at 107 S Main St. Mayor Shultz read the application, the council reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve the application was made by Councilman DeRudder, 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. The second application was from Donald DeVincent for a fence at 220 S 4th St. Mayor Shultz read the application, the council reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve the application was 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 last application was for Christine Gerhard for a fence at 114 S 3rd St. Mayor Shultz read the application, the council reviewed it. Discussion was had regarding fence heights in the front yard. Motion to approve on the condition the fence be no higher than 42 inches in the front yard, was made by Councilman Wilm, seconded Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Carbon County DES Coordinator Tom Kohley and Carbon County Floodplain Administrator Annie Gillespie were present to discuss current flood conditions and predictions/forecasts for future flood stages as well as safety concerns and emergency measures.

Library Board Appointment. Sue Braund was present and asked council to appoint her to the library board as there is a vacancy. A motion to appoint Sue Braund was made by Councilman Wilm, 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.

Bridger Golden Age Society members were present to discuss the land issues with their property. George Stevenson addressed the council and explained the issue and asked that a trade be made. The Town will look into the matter and put it on a future agenda.

Next on the agenda was Lana Matt to discuss issues with the rodeo grounds. She is concerned that nobody is paying to use the grounds and that it is a disservice to the town. Also, she pays the electric bill, water and garbage. She would like the events to pay their share of electricity and garbage. Councilwoman Cullum apologized for the council not considering that before approval of the PRCA rodeos. Discussion was had regarding drafting an agreement for use, with a fee schedule, of the rodeo grounds similar to the one used for the Civic Center. Discussion was had regarding the reminding PRCA rodeo to pay the electricity to the Town and the Town will reimburse the Matt's.

Next on the agenda was CD renewal. Mayor Shultz and Clerk Sweet explained that the CD is up for renewal. Since it contains some money earmarked for streets, should we close the CD, thus allowing for use of the money if needed. Motion to not renew CD #100403423. Close the CD and move the money to the checking account was made by Councilman Asbury, 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.

Lease agreement renewal with R & M. Discussion regarding them using more space than they are allocated. A discussion needs to happen with R&M about getting back within their leased area. Motion to renew the rental agreement 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 Asbury – aye.

Attorney Freeman discussed with the council the proposed variance and zoning ordinances. Also, the need for a public hearing and the documents being available to the public before the meeting.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for the month of April.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

PWD Goldsberry reported that the #2 well pump went down again. Something to think about, replacing that pump in the fall. The sprinklers in memorial park are half done. PWD Goldsberry would like the council to consider selling the old grader? Swimming pool is getting ready. Councilwoman Cullum asked why automatic sprinklers can't run outside normal hours and some discussion was had regarding that subject.

Chief Buechler presented stats for the month of April.

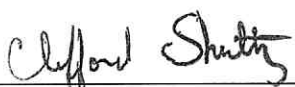
Clerk Sweet informed the council of more training that is coming up in June.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman DeRudder 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 Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

ATTEST:


Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk


Cliff Shultz, Mayor