

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 07, 2018**

The August 7, 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, Bill Bullock, Joanne Blyton, Marla and Chester Murray, Steve Kroll, Sergeant Codi Peters, Judge Bert Kraft, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Attorney Hope Freeman, Chief Mike Buechler, Assistant Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Bill Bullock addressed the council about being included on the agenda and commissioners attending meetings more regularly. Joanne Blyton addressed the council and spoke about her run for public office.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the July regular meeting. Councilman Cullum motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was 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 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 #31477 to #31524. Also, electronic checks #-98457 to #-98453. Cancelled check #31417. 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 was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the Payroll Summary including check numbers #31445 to #31476. Also, electronic checks #-87639 to #-87611. 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. No committee reports.

Next on the agenda was zoning applications. The first application was from Steve Kroll for a shed at 405 W Pryor Ave. The Mayor and Council reviewed the application. Discussion was had regarding setbacks for the property. The applicant had included signatures from surrounding neighbors due to the shed being placed in non-conforming manner. Mr. Kroll answered questions regarding the application. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the application. 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 second application was from DJ Haase for a garage at 401 E Carbon Ave. The Council reviewed and discussed the application. There were questions about the setbacks and discussion regarding the building being non-conforming to the setbacks. Mayor Shultz asked for a motion to approve the application. No motion was made thus application denied.

Next on the agenda was special events applications. Chet and Marla Murray were present to ask for a modification to the special events application previously approved. They would like the open container law lifted for a few hours in the pool park. They are not selling alcohol, just allowing it to be present. Motion to approve the amendments to the special events application 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.

The next agenda item was bids for the resurfacing of Broadway Ave. We have 2 bids that were submitted. The Mayor and Council reviewed and discussed the bids. A motion to accept the Wharton Asphalt bid for 4in asphalt 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.

Next was the Airport Board Agreement. The Mayor and Council reviewed and discussed the presented airport board agreement. Motion to approve the joint airport agreement with amendments was made by Councilman DeRudder, 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 Audit Contract was the next agenda item. Clerk Sweet presented the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Asbury, 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.

Next was the proposed zoning and variance applications. Attorney Freeman asked that we table this matter until we think on it a little further. Motion to table 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 next item was Resolution #212 to set zoning application fees. Mayor Shultz read the resolution. Discussion was had regarding what the fees should be and what the job of administrator would entail. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Wilm and 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 property issue at the Senior Center was discussed again. Discussion was had regarding shared costs of surveys for the property to complete this transfer. A motion to at table the item was made by Councilwoman Cullum and 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 the Feasibility Study that was done on the factory building. The total cost estimated in the study was \$3.3 million. It is a lot of money but when all the items we are getting are discussed, the number seems more reasonable. Discussion was had regarding hiring a grant writer as well as assessing our current properties to see what their value would be.

The Public Works Department is need of another truck. Discussion regarding the auction, what amount of money may be needed and what types of trucks may be needed.

Attorney Freeman informed the council that she spoke with Mr. Streeter at MDT. He does not want things on the streets. If we don't have permission from Mr. Streeter, we shouldn't be allowing signs to be placed in the middle of Main Street. We need to enforce the ordinance we have in place. We need to do a public awareness campaign to get the word out.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for the month of July.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

Assistant Public Works Director Novakovich reported that the pool will need a new circulating pump before next year.

Chief Buechler presented stats for the month of July.

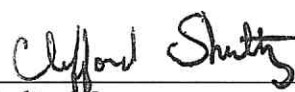
Clerk Sweet asked the council to set a date for the budget hearing. It was decided that the meeting will be August 21, 2018 at 7pm. The fall cleanup dates need to be decided. They will be September 28-30, 2018.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm motioned to adjourn. 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. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

ATTEST:


Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk


Cliff Shultz, Mayor