BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The September 4, 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 Diane Lesser, Karen Wilcox, George Stevenson, Bill Bullock, Pits DeArmond, Gene and Ilean Koch, Betsy Scanlin, Gordon Sirrine, Judge Bert Kraft, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Attorney Hope Freeman, Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Diane Lesser asked the council to waive the rental fee for the Civic Center for the clothing swap. This has always been done in the past and the council agreed to waive it again this year. Mrs. Lesser also commented regarding the subsidized apartments sidewalks. They do not get shoveled and she would like the Town to do it. Discussion was had regarding the property owner and their responsibilities as well which agencies may be able to get involved and help the situation. Adult Protective Services was suggested. Betsy Scanlin addressed the council and stated that she appreciates their service to the community. She will see if she can be an advocate for our senior citizens. Bill Bullock spoke about radio repeaters and the cost associated with getting those in working order. Mr. Bullock stated that engineering and mapping have been done and the contractor is proven. Bill Bullock and Pitts DeArmond commented on the old town dump being used as an access to the tower as well junk vehicle storage for the county. The item will be on the October agenda. Gordon Sirrine introduced himself to the council and public as a candidate for Carbon County Commissioner.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the August regular meeting and the August Budget Hearing. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the minutes. 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 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 #31552 to #31599. Also, electronic checks #-98452 to #-98450. 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 #31525 to #31551. Also, electronic checks #-87610 to #-87586. 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.

Committee reports was the next item on the agenda. No committee reports.

Senior Center land swap proposal. George Stevenson addressed the council and stated that the Seniors cannot afford to pay the amount proposed by Red Lodge Surveying Company. Mayor Shultz proposed that the Town pay the surveying cost but asked the council's opinion. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to table the item to try and get the fee reduced. 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.

Public hearing on the budget documents. Clerk Sweet explained the changes made to the budget since the preliminary hearing. No public comment on the budget documents.

Resolution #213 to amend the budget for FY 2017 – 2018. Mayor Shultz read the resolution. Motion to approve the resolution 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.

Resolution #214 to set the mill levy for 18-19. Mayor Shultz read the resolution. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the resolution. 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.

Resolution #215 to adopt the budget for 18-19. Mayor Shultz read the resolution. Councilman Asbury motioned to approve the resolution, 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.

Special Events Applications. The first was from the Jim Bridger Days Committee for an event at the civic center in November 2018. Motion to approve the application and waive the fee for the rental of the civic center 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 also from Jim Bridger Days for the July 2019 celebration. The council would like the application completed more thoroughly. Clerk Sweet will contact them and send it back.

The Public Works department has 2 trucks that are no longer needed. PWD Goldsberry asked the council to donate or consign them to the fire auction. Motion to donate the trucks to the fire department fundraiser 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 next item on the agenda was proposed zoning and variance applications. Discussion was had regarding applications. Clerk Sweet will create applications using Attorney Freeman's templates. Attorney Freeman stated they didn't need a resolution for approval.

Factory building. Clerk Sweet gave update regarding a grant writer. We will continue to have this item on the agendas.

Attorney Freeman clarified the alcohol portion of the special events applications. She cleared up the confusion surrounding when insurance is needed and when it is not. Attorney Freeman will investigate the matter further. She also explained that in the ordinances that street line is used when property line should be used. She will clear it up. She had also prepared lease agreements for the expired leases and they need to be on the agenda for October.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for the month of August.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

Public Works Director Goldsberry had nothing to report.

Chief Buechler presented stats for the month of August.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

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 8:11pm.

Cliff Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk