

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

The October 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 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 Bill Bullock, Pits DeArmond, Gordon Serrine, Karen Wilcox, George Stevenson, 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. There was no public comment from the gallery.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the September regular meeting. Councilwoman 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. Councilman DeRudder moved to approve the claims with the associated check numbers #31611 to #31641. Also, electronic checks #-98449 to #-98448. 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 #31600 to #31610. Also, electronic checks #-87585 to #-87560. 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.

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

The next agenda item was leases agreements. First was the lease for Country Bumpkins. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Councilwoman Cullum and 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 lease was for Carbon Equipment Repair. A motion to approve the lease agreement was made by Councilman DeRudder and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Senior Center land swap proposal was the next item on the agenda. Mayor Shultz summarized the updated proposal from Red Lodge Survey Company. Karen Wilcox and George Stevenson addressed the council regarding the Town taking on the cost of the survey as well as the associated costs. There was discussion regarding extra maintenance on the part of town employees. Motion to approve the Town paying the full cost to Red Lodge Survey and agreeing to the land swap was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the first reading of Ordinance #49 to Amend Ordinance #36. Attorney Freeman read the ordinance. Motion to approve the first reading 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 and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next agenda item was the first reading of Ordinance #50 Amending Bridger Code 17.08.070. Councilwoman Cullum read the ordinance. The ordinance was read and a motion to approve the first reading 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 and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next agenda item was the first reading of Ordinance #51 Amending Bridger Code 17.08.080. Councilwoman Cullum read the ordinance. The ordinance was read and a motion to approve the first reading was made by Councilman Wilm, seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next agenda item was the first reading of Ordinance #52 Amending Bridger Code 17.12.060. Mayor Shultz read the ordinance. A motion to approve the first reading was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded

by Councilman Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next agenda item was the first reading of Ordinance #53 Amending Bridger Code 17.16.070. Councilwoman Cullum read the ordinance. The ordinance was read and a motion to approve the first reading 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 and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next was discussion of the plans that were done for the Crow’s Nest at the rodeo grounds. Mayor Shultz gave a brief summary of the project. He also explained that some of the plans include materials that are not required by building codes. By changing out some of those materials we could save some money. However, bottom line is this is going to cost more than we anticipated. Discussion was had regarding volunteers helping build the building and finding a contractor to volunteer to manage the project. A motion to demolish the crow’s nest and procure professional help to guide us through the project was made by Councilwoman Cullum and seconded by Councilman Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next was a proposal from Nittany Grantworks for the Factory building. Clerk Sweet informed the council that the proposal was not finished and that we should have it by the next meeting. A 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 and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Attorney Freeman discussed the dump ground lease with the county. She also explained that the easement was given to the Town of Bridger and the rights to the easement can be assigned to the lessee. This will be voted on at the November meeting. Discussion regarding more terms of the agreement. She also suggested that we leave the special events policy as is and not change the wording.

Judge Kraft explained that the council or anyone can always report complaints to the judicial standards board. He also presented his stats for the month of September.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

Assistant Public Works Director Novakovich said the valves are all fixed on W Broadway. He will check in with the asphalt company to see where we are on the list.

Chief Buechler was called out prior to his time on the agenda. He left the stats for the month of September.

Clerk Sweet was asked about the fall cleanup and she gave an update. She also asked about the November meeting date. It was decided to leave it on November 6th.


Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm motioned to adjourn. 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. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

ATTEST:



Cliff Shultz, Mayor



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk