

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 6, 2013

The August 6, 2013 Meeting of the Bridger Town Council was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:00 PM. Council members present were George Wilm, Eugene Sticka, Gerry Roth and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Richard Spitzer, Hope Freeman Town Attorney, Ron Kapor, Ronny Aasterud, Jerry Keller, and Margi McClurg, Police Chief Mike Buechler, and Town Clerk Deanna Hay.

Clerk Deanna Hay read the minutes of the previous meeting. Gerry Roth moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the claims. Eugene Sticka moved to approve the claims. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was Committee Reports. Ron Kapor was present from the Area Parks and Recreation District to report on the progress of the pool improvements, etc. There was a question over the floor paint job. Attendance seems to be up in comparison to other years and may be attributed to the lower fees. A leak under the rim of the pool needs to be fixed when the pool closes. It is hoped that caulking will fix the problem.

Public comment was the next item. Margi McClurg thanked the Town for paying for the bulk mailing fees to mail out the flyers for the Neighborhood Watch program. Margi McClurg also thanked Randy Novakovich for advertising on the cable TV. The bulletin also informs the public of the EMT training that will be done in Joliet. Margi McClurg also stated that it was hoped Codi Peters would be hired full time to meet the need for extra law enforcement.

The boulevard at Campbell Courts was the next item on the agenda. The management at Campbell Courts is asking about the possibility of paving the boulevard and putting up handicapped signs. The Council felt the project would be worthwhile.

The next item on the agenda was the approval to bid the sewer project. There was discussion about needing to advertise at the Exchange. The Mayor visited with Chad Hanson, Sewer Project Engineer, who informed the Council that the bid would be advertised at the Exchange and the Carbon County News and the Billings Times. The Council will be a part of the bidding process. Mayor Scott DeRudder announced the bid schedule of August 14- 1st Advertisement in the papers, August 21- Pre-Bid Conference, August 28th – 2nd Advertisement in the papers, September 4- Bid Opening, and Oct. 1- Award Project at Regular Council Meeting. Gerry Roth moved to approve the bidding process for the Bridger Sewer project. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The So-Long Softball Tournament was the next item on the agenda. Randy Novakovich asked to lift the Open Container for the So-Long Softball Tournament August 17 and 18. George Wilm moved to lift the Open Container for the So-Long Softball Tournament for the softball park only for August 17 and 18, 2013. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Town Attorney reappointment. Eugene Sticka moved to reappoint Hope Freeman for Town Attorney. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the credit to Oyler Hardware for an overcharge on the garbage bill. The account had been overcharged since there had been a garbage container change. Gerry Roth moved to credit the Oyler account for \$366.32. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

A reimbursement to Safeguard Property Managers for and overpayment of \$88.12 was discussed. Gerry Roth moved to approve the reimbursement to Safeguard Property Managers for \$88.12. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was zoning applications. A zoning application was read from Steve Kroll for a garage at 405 W Pryor Avenue. The Council felt that a zoning variance needed to be applied for as the Town's Ordinance for a 30 foot setback from the street line would not be met. The zoning application was not approved at this time and Steve Kroll will be notified of the need for a zoning variance.

A zoning application for Pat Salveson at 506 S 2nd Street to redo a side-walk for an approximate cost of \$200 was read. Eugene Sticka moved to approve the zoning application for Pat Salveson for a side-walk. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Town Policy Resolution. The Council wanted a chance to review the changes that had been made by Town Attorney Hope Freeman. Gerry Roth moved to table the Town Policy Resolution until the September 3, 2013 meeting. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Major Events Policy. Town Attorney stated she would appreciate a member of the Council to assist her in writing up the special events policy. Eugene Sticka volunteered to assist Town Attorney Hope Freeman write up the policy. Eugene Sticka moved to table the special events policy. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Public comment was the next item. Gerry Roth stated that the Town needs to remove the open container option from the entire Town as it could be a liability to the Town. Beer gardens can be set up in various places and those sponsoring the beer gardens would then pay for the security needed in those areas.

Town Attorney Hope Freeman reported she has been working with persons planning the Family Dollar Store development. The annexation matter needs to be approved by the Council before she does any paperwork on the matter. Attorney Hope Freeman wrote a letter to Doug VanValkenburgh concerning the need for a second curb stop for his property and a deadline of August 12, 2013 was given to correct the matter.

Police Chief Mike Buechler reported Codi Peters mailed out dog tickets. Jim Bridger Days was great with no major problems. Chief Buechler attended the gang task force meeting and the reserves are waiting to be paid by the DUI task force. The Neighborhood Watch program is going good. Chief Buechler also met with Federal agents to check for all equipment that was to be accounted for. A stealing spree took place in Bridger and dog tickets produced a busy court day. George Wilm thanked Codi Peters and Mike Buechler for their work on the dog issue.

Town Clerk Deanna Hay reported that permission was needed for Norm Klein to do the annual financial report as he has done for the last several years for a cost of \$975. George Wilm moved Gerry Roth seconded to have Norm Klein do the annual financial report for the Town at a cost of \$975. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Scott DeRudder had nothing to report.

There being no further business, George Wilm moved to adjourn at 8:37 PM. Eugene Sticka seconded.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk