

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2015

The February 3, 2015 Meeting of the Bridger Town Council was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:00 PM. Council members present were George Wilm, Cliff Shultz, Gerry Roth and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Julia Jones and Jason Veitch of Republic Services, Krystal Zentner, Melva Lightburn, Kea Fisher, Patricia Mutch, Laura Gary, Martha Jones, Marla Ebel, Laura Noble McElhinny, Town Attorney Hope Freeman, Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry, and Clerk Deanna Hay.

Gerry Roth moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

George Wilm moved to approve the claims. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Under Committee Reports the Public Works Director reported that a mouse ate more than one hole in the skating rink along with a slice by the blade of a skate. These holes are difficult to repair as they occur on the curve of the liner. The water will not hold in the liner, so it has to be drained and dried and repaired for the next season. The Area Park and Recreation Committee will look into paying the person who cleared the snow at the rink.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

Under public comment, the spring cleanup was discussed by Julia Jones of Republic Services. Republic Services likes to be a part of the cleanup, by coming and helping residents empty their pickups and make a more person contact for the community. They are proposing the ability for Bridger residents to empty their spring trash at Fromberg and then have one weekend in Bridger the following week. The Council was asked to consider this proposal and this matter will be on the March agenda.

The Mayor read a letter from Martha Jones who is interested in the open Library board position that Patricia Mutch has held for several years.

The next item on the agenda was the Library Board appointment. Patricia Mutch is moving and Martha Jones is interested in the position. Gerry Roth moved to approve Martha Jones in place of Patricia Mutch on the Library Board. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the bids for the siding for the Library. The winning bid for the Library is from Lynnrich Seamless Siding for \$19,362.00. The bid includes windows and one door. The Library Board is asking for the Town to contribute 1/3 of this cost \$6,204.04 to help pay for this expenditure. The building belongs to the Town of Bridger. The Council will consider the possibility of helping with the cost of the bid.

The next item on the agenda was an unredeemed check for \$10. A check was issued in January 2014 to Chance James and the check has not been cashed. Chance James is no longer living in Montana and there is no contact information. The Clerk asked to return the money to the Town's account. George Wilm moved to return the \$10 check back into the Town's account. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the trailer park/RV park for Steve Fendler. Steve Fendler was asking about the possibility of adding on to his present water and sewer lines for some RV spaces. There will be a bill generated for each lot for water, sewer and garbage. The Council did not have a problem with Steve Fendler adding additional parking spaces to his property.

The next item on the agenda was the Kari Edelman property on B Street. Kari Edelman wanted the Council to clarify whether or not infrastructure charges would be charged if the water was shut off before the current Ordinance was approved for infrastructure charges. The infrastructure Ordinance was approved in September 2014. Kari Edelman felt her property ought to be "grandfathered in" and not charged until she turned the water on again in the future. There was much discussion over this matter. Cliff Shultz moved to waive the infrastructure fees before September 2014, but after that time the fees would go into effect when water was shut off. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was the Court checking account signatures. It was discovered that the former Mayor's signature was still on the Court checking account. George Wilm moved to remove the former Mayors signature and add Mayor Scott DeRudder to the signature card at the Bank of Bridger. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Dog Licenses/kennel fees were the next item on the agenda. The present kennel fee for dogs is \$50 for more than 3 dogs. The maximum number of dogs is 8 unless the natural increase of the number of such animals occurs, then the owner has fifty six (56) days to dispose of the number of animals in excess of eight (8) There was much discussion about whether to increase the kennel fee or add fees for additional dog fees. Randy Novakovich moved to keep the fees and the number of dogs the same. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-abstained, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was zoning applications. A zoning application for Donovan Thomas was read for a fence at 40 East Broadway for an approximate cost of \$1000. Gerry Roth moved to approve the zoning application as long as the Town Ordinances are applied. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney Hope Freeman reported the new Judge Bert Kraft is doing a fine job. Bert Kraft also added Diane Keller has been hired as the new Court clerk.

Chief Mike Buechler reported on the month. It has been busy.

Tim Goldsberry Public Works Director reported that the picnic roofing in the parks are in need of replacing. It will cost approximately \$1300 to do the work. The Area Park and Recreation Committee might be willing to help pay for this expenditure. The Council felt that Tim Goldsberry ought to get a price for steel to redo the roofs for the picnic areas. Tim Goldsberry also brought up the idea of Ray Bemis attending Water school to be a certified water operator. George Wilm moved to send Ray Bemis to the Water School to get certified. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Deanna Hay, Town Clerk asked about getting the Town's Ordinances re-codified. An estimate was received from the Municode Corporation for approximately \$552.50. Town Attorney Hope Freeman reminded the Council that by law; Ordinances are to be re-codified no less than every 5 years. George Wilm moved to move ahead with re-codifying the Ordinances. Randy Novakovich seconded and vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Scott DeRudder reported that the crow's nest at the rodeo grounds is in great need of repair. There are people willing to help get the repairs done, it just needs to happen.

There being no further business Gerry Roth moved to adjourn at 8:29 PM. Cliff Shultz seconded.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk