

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL/WORK MEETING MAY 13, 2014

The May 13, 2014 Special/Work Meeting of the Bridger Town Council was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:00 PM. Council members present were George Wilm, Gerry Roth, and Randy Novakovich. Others present were Julia Jones and Austin Jenkins of Republic Services, Dennis Johnson and Brandon Sandbak of Mackenzie Disposal and Clerk Deanna Hay.

Gerry Roth started out the discussion with questions about recycling, and whether or not volume will decrease with recycling. The Town has 10- 96 gallon containers in the parks, but only for 6 months of the year. What happens when containers are burned up? The Council may not put a 4 yard dumpster at the rodeo grounds and there was also mention of not having a 4 yard at the Fire hall, but a 96 gallon container.

Mackenzie Disposal takes recycling to a recycling center, only small volume will show up. Mackenzie also said they would work with work orders as is done presently to reduce and increase containers and fix lids and broken container. The park containers could be picked up and the charges would cease for months not used. If a container is destroyed, the container replacement will be charged to the Town.

Republic Services does their own recycling and a stipend may be given to the recipient of the Town's choice. Recycling volume is not great, as Montana is not as recycle minded as other states. Republic Services will work with the Town monthly, quarterly or however they wish to keep correct count for billing. Republic Services does not charge for destroyed containers, they figure it is the cost of doing business. Lids and broken containers will be fixed promptly.

Now Landfill charges will be figured into the garbage contract, garbage companies pay for the landfill charges themselves not the city or town. Billings Landfill has the lowest landfill charges in the State and probably the Nation.

The Council felt the proposals were essentially the same.

The Council felt they would like to go with a 5 year contract instead of a 10 year contract.

Gerry Roth moved to accept Republic Services contract proposal for 5 years. This contract will be officially accepted at the regular meeting June 3, 2014. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the water meter issues, and will get the figures for County taxes compared to Town taxes. The matter will be on the June 2014 agenda.

There being no further business, George Wilm moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk