

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 7, 2013

The May 7, 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, Gerry Roth and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Steve Kroll, Krystal Zentner, Crystal Schober, Doug Asbury, Town Attorney Hope Freeman, Tim Goldsberry Public Works Director, Police Chief Mike Buechler, and Town Clerk Deanna Hay.

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

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

Under Committee Reports, the Area Park and Recreation Committee reported that after receiving complaints and suggestions about regulation swimwear for lifeguards, the Committee felt it should be mandatory for them to wear solid red one piece suits for females; and solid red trunks for the males. This regulation clarifies who is lifeguarding and each pool employee will be reimbursed \$50 by the Area Park and Recreation Committee.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

There was no public comment.

The Demolition Derby was the next item on the agenda. Crystal Schober and Doug Asbury were in attendance to ask that the Council approve the event. The Demolition Derby will have to provide \$1,000,000 worth of spectator insurance. They will also need to pay for Law Enforcement. Since the Matt's lease the rodeo grounds and pay the electric bill, the Derby committee needs to check with Matt's about helping with the electric bill.

The next item on the agenda was the Baseball complex electricity bill. The baseball complex was constructed independently of the Town and the electric bill has been paid by the baseball fundraisers. The property belongs to the Town. The Town mows the grounds, and has been paying for the sprinklers to be winterized. The Town Council was asked by Steve Kroll if they would take over paying the electric bill from now on; as it is hard to get anyone to help fundraise to pay expenses. A valve had to be replaced by Steve Kroll in the concession stand. The electric bill goes up every year when the irrigation is done. Gerry Roth moved to pay the electricity from now on, and pay for repairs at the baseball complex. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Steve Kroll then explained that Northwestern Energy parked some trucks at the complex and it was felt that the money donated for that reason would be given to the baseball complex. Doug Hayes Northwestern Energy employee talked to Steve Kroll about it. The Town signed a contract with Northwestern Energy for \$1200 to store construction materials & equipment, parking of vehicles, staging area and portable toilets on the baseball complex property belonging to the Town. Jerry Roth moved to pay \$500 to the baseball complex. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was the 2nd reading of Ordinance #24. Mayor DeRudder read Ordinance #24 Amending Section 6.04.055 (Permit criteria and pasture grass) to exempt property owners who own a plot of land that equals five (5) or more acres within the Town limits from the requirements of this section. George Wilm moved to approve Ordinance #24. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor conducted the 2nd reading of Ordinance #25. Ordinance #25 Amending section 6.04.080 (permits) to exempt property owners who own a plot of land that equals five (5) or more acres within the Town limits from the requirements of this section. Randy Novakovich moved to approve Ordinance #25 as read. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to hire summer help and swimming pool employees. The Mayor will hire the lifeguards and supervisor/s. The Area Park & Recreation was concerned about the number working at the pool each session. The Council then discussed the Swimming Pool fees. The Family Season Pass will be \$60, Individual Season is \$25, Adult monthly \$15, Child monthly \$10 and Daily ticket adult or child will be \$1.00. Lessons will be \$10 + the purchase of a family, individual, monthly or daily ticket. Pool parties will be \$35 + the cost of the lifeguards that must be in attendance. Gerry Roth moved to approve the change of fees at the swimming pool to start June 2013. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Tim Goldsberry, Public Works Director asked to hire on the 15th of May until the last day of August. The Council decided Tim Goldsberry could hire two summer employees.

The Carbon County Planning Board representative still has to be filled. The Clerk will check into County requirements for the position.

The next item on the agenda was a zoning application. A zoning application was presented from Christine Colleran for a deck at 411 S 4th for an approximate cost of \$3500. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the zoning application. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was Group Health Insurance. Gerry Roth moved to table this item until the June agenda. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Sewer Lagoon Bonding/refinancing, and interim loan. Clerk Hay explained about the interim loan that would need to be obtained to pay the engineering costs incurring. Also, the refinancing of the present sewer lagoon loan needs to be done as soon as possible and the Council will need to decide if using the sewer fund reserve to pay Bond Council fees, to pay off Rural Development load, also have a ½ year payment for the WDL Loan reserve. The Town has a total reserve of \$21,214.00. Randy moved to pay \$18,621 out of reserve for the new WDL Loan from DNRC and refinance as soon as possible and also do the interim loan to pay Engineering costs that will be done in a drawdown procedure. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was the Montana Department of Transportation and their recommendations for Main Street speed limit. Gerry Roth moved to table the D.O.T. recommendations until the June meeting. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

There was no Public comment.

Town Attorney Hope Freeman felt that the Town ought to include the major event requirements in the Town Policy rather than do an Ordinance. Attorney Freeman recommended having Insurance, using MMIA recommendations, security requirements, portable toilets, etc., added to the Town Policy. Adding to the Town Policy makes it easy to implement the major Event requirements quickly.

Town Clerk Deanna Hay reported the audit for the Fiscal years - 2011 and 2012 was complete. Two findings concerning the Area Parks and Recreation Fund each year were addressed. In 2011 the revenue was not received by the Town before the fiscal year ended. In the future the Town needs to do accounting for a “due to” if that should happen again. Also in 2012, the budget for the Area Parks and Recreation was overspent by \$2672. In the future the Town needs to raise the budget to meet State requirements. The Town Attorney was asked if she would respond to the audit to the Montana Department of Administration.

Chief Buechler reported the Neighborhood Watch meeting went very well. Also, Chief Buechler also reported that he had been misrepresented and that arrangements had been made with a deputy to cover the day he was at a meeting. Mayor DeRudder read a letter from the school commending & appreciating the work and effort from Chief Buechler. Mayor DeRudder stated he visited with Margi McClurg about a mass mailing of a Neighborhood Watch newsletter. The Town no longer has a bulk mailing permit.

Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry reported the locks are changed at the Civic Center. Letters were sent to owners adjacent to the alley that will be constructed north of the Cenex. A dead-end sign will be put up and a gate will be installed at the Roark property line. Carbon County has offered dirt to the Town to use at the lagoon. The Civic Center floor is done. They sanded for 3 days. The Mayor approved cleaning the Civic Center. The Civic Center rules now need to state that a damp mop with very little water is to be used and dust mop the floor as often as possible. It is recommended to re-varnish the floor fairly soon.

There being no further business Gerry Roth moved to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Randy Novakovich seconded.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk