

## BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 1, 2013

Mayor Scott DeRudder opened the Public Hearing over the Town of Bridger special Events Policy at 6:00 PM. Council members present were George Wilm, Gerry Roth and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Gary Jacobson, Jerry Thomas, Jerry Keller, Sonya and Ross Oyler, Val Williams, Bill Asbury, Town Attorney Hope Freeman, Krystal Zentner, Gene Koch, Delphine Coon, Ben & Kirstin Sweet, Ronny Aasterud, Tim Goldsberry Public Works Director, Police Chief Mike Buechler, and Clerk Deanna Hay.

The Mayor stated the Council wanted to get people's opinions about the proposed Special Events Policy. Most all Towns' have a policy for special events. Extra police security is needed for an event. There is liability to a community with special events. Concerns were voiced from the Jim Bridger Days Committee about vague wording & needing definition of any event beyond normal needing coverage, recycling requirement, commercial use, public health clause-who will impose any condition?, the application process, etc. There was much discussion of this matter including fireworks and rodeos needing insurance. There was mention of liability from lifting the Open Container for the entire Town for Jim Bridger Days. The bars are certainly willing to help with the cost of security for Jim Bridger Days. The Jim Bridger Days Committee asked the Town if they would be willing to help with the costs of Jim Bridger Days. Mayor DeRudder felt that the Town has always helped with costs of the toilets and the extra garbage containers and the cleanup, it is always good to get input from the public. Town Attorney Hope Freeman and Eugene Sticka will meet again and take into consideration the exchange of ideas in drafting changes to the Special Events Policy. Gerry Roth moved to adjourn the hearing at 6:50 PM. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The October 1, 2013 meeting of the Bridger Town Council was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:00 PM.

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

George Wilm moved to accept the claims. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

There were no Committee Reports

There were no Citizen Advisory Reports.

There was no public comment.

The rodeo grounds were the next item on the agenda. Mayor DeRudder read a comment from Eugene Sticka (unable to attend the meeting), that stated the Town has an obligation to maintain the Rodeo grounds and control those properties as one of our parks. This would help in getting supporting funds from the Parks and Recreation board and our own Town funding for needed equipment and upkeep. Eugene Sticka felt the Rodeo grounds should not be rented at this time. There was much discussion over the lease of the Rodeo grounds by Jess and Lana Matt. The grounds look better each year the Matt's have had the lease, the arena is worked up and ready to go. Those wanting to use the grounds are able to, and the electric bill is paid by Jess and Lana Matt also. There have been complaints about Town property being leased and animal permits. The Town's new animal Ordinance deems areas 5 acres or more exempt from animal permits. The Rodeo grounds are approximately 8 acres. Randy Novakovich moved to allow the lease for 1 year at the rodeo grounds and also exclude animal permits from the lease also. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was an Employee raise. A written comment was read from Eugene Sticka (unable to attend the meeting) that stated he felt in the best interest of the Council and the Mayor to not give a raise at this time to the managers of all departments (unless they have a raise scheduled in the laws of the Town of Bridger. Eugene Sticka felt that with cost related to the Sewer project might be higher than expected. He felt incremental raises be given to those on the wage schedule. There was much discussion over wages. It was felt that employees should not go backwards with the additional 1% PERS mandate. There was discussion that all employees except Department Heads will be getting 10% if first year employees, and a 5% for the next 6 years. Department Heads are capped. Randy Novakovich moved to allow a .50 cent raise/hour for Department Heads retro to July 1, 2013, and no raise for those already receiving anniversary raises allowed

by the wage resolution. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was the Family Dollar Store. Gene Koch who is the representative for Bridger on the Carbon County Planning Board was present to update the Council. Gene Koch reported the board approved a variance to allow the water line to go halfway across the property. The legal description is needed to put in the change of use publication. The Preliminary plat was approved and will now go to the County Commissioners for approval. The Final plat is then done up and has to go back to the County Commissioners for approval. The "change of use" zoning from open to commercial by the Town can be done when the legal description is recorded by the County Clerk and Recorder and published in the paper for a public hearing.

The next time on the agenda was Resolution #167 to revise the Sewer Fund #5310 Budget to include construction of the Sewer lagoon ultra-violet system upgrade. The Sewer Fund #5310 Budget revision amounts to \$501,175.00 to include all costs relating to the construction, engineering, refinancing present loan, loan fees, Bond Counsel, audit fees, legal costs, loan reserves, and contingency costs. Gerry Roth moved to accept Resolution #167 to revise the Sewer lagoon budget by \$501,175.00. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was a zoning application for Kirt McCulley at 206 South 2<sup>nd</sup> to build a shop, sidewalk and curbs. Kirt McCulley's plan is to build 5 feet from the alley that is not in compliance with the Town Ordinance. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the application with the zoning variance as long as signatures from property owners 300 feet direction from his property are obtained before construction.

There was no public comment.

Town Attorney Hope Freeman stated she will rework the Special Events policy and get together with Eugene Sticka in doing so.

Chief Mike Buechler reported that citations are up. They have taken part in DUI and Drug Task Force meetings. The speed limit signs are up and the crosswalk signs also.

Clerk Deanna Hay had nothing to report.

Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry reported he got the pickup from Clarks Fork Valley Auto. The caulking for the swimming pool was purchased, but the crew will probably wait until next spring to caulk the swimming pool.

There being no further business, Gerry Roth moved to adjourn at 8:27 PM. George Wilm seconded.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk