

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 7, 2014

The October 7, 2014 Minutes 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 Lori Adkins, Dale Bemis, Jackie Rieger, Police Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry and Clerk Deanna Hay.

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

The Claims were the next agenda item. A question was asked about the claim for True North Steel. Culverts have been ordered from this company for the repair on West Carbon Ave. Gerry Roth 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.

The Area Parks & Recreation District Committee report was the next item on the agenda. Clerk Hay reported on behalf of the committee. The Area Park and Recreation Committee plans to put up new playground equipment at the swimming pool park. With matching grant funds, the playground equipment will cost either \$34,479 or \$28,200. The Fire Department will be helping assemble the playground equipment. The one item that may need attention is the fact that the area is not to be watered. The Public Works Director stated it would be nice to have underground sprinklers installed to avoid the watering issue. The Area Park and Recreation committee will be informed of the Council discussion.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

There was no public comment.

Under correspondence Mayor DeRudder read a thank you note from Assistant Clerk Signe Stevens thanking the Council for the funeral arrangement for her father.

The next item was metered water rates. The Council held discussion of the metered water rates. The biggest issue is the overcharge for out of district water (bulk water) and should be lowered to approximately .02 cents per gallon. Also the base rate for meters ought to be raised to at least \$30.85. The apartments would need to pay for the number of housing units. The Mayor will look into the matter further and have information for the November 2014 meeting. Gerry Roth moved to table the matter until the November 2014 meeting. Randy Novakovich 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 1st reading of Ordinance #28 amending the animal ordinance with a kennel being defined. There was discussion about the number of days to be able to reduce the dog numbers to the original 8 with a kennel license. Also the Council will be considering the number of dogs past 4 with larger kennel license fees in the table of fees ordinance. The Council revised Ordinance #28 by changing the original animal number from 3 to 8. Also the number of days to reduce animal numbers from 45 days to 56 days. Randy Novakovich moved to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance #28 with the corrections made. 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 zoning applications. A zoning application was read from Ron and Shawn Kapor at 204 S Main for a new roof for an approximate cost of \$8,000. A zoning application for a new roof at 116 W Sunnyside for an approximate cost of \$2500 was read. A zoning application for a shed on skids at 203 S 3rd for an approximate cost of \$11,731 was read. George Wilm moved to accept all zoning applications. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Court issues was the next item on the agenda. Gerry Roth stated that he felt the Council has not done anything wrong concerning the salary of Jackie Rieger. Council members George Wilm and Cliff Shultz concurred, however, Cliff Shultz was concerned how much money it will cost to prove the Council is right. The Mayor stated that in his research, the information for a Municipal Judge is a very grey area. The Town did find out that once payroll records have been recorded, filed and closed; they should not be opened for a matter such as this. The Mayor feels that the Town has not done anything wrong. Council member Randy Novakovich felt someone else ought to make a decision. The Mayor was sad that it has come down to this. The Judge compensation is set by Resolution and was passed in the Town meetings. Gerry Roth moved to "not" act on the proposal from Jackie Rieger about compensation back pay. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Town Attorney Hope Freeman was not present.

Clerk Deanna Hay reported that a couple of leases need to be addressed at the November 2014 meeting.

Chief Mike Buechler introduced Dale Bemis to the Council as a new reserve and he is watching the cross-walks. Chief Buechler is promoting the use of pedestrian flags at the cross-walks that can be carried from one side of the street to the other. The Highway Department is not responsible, and told Chief Buechler to report back to them on how they work. The Neighborhood Watch is making the flags for the pedestrians to use. A school assembly will be done to educate the school children and others about the cross-walk flags.

Tim Goldsberry Public Works Director reported that culverts had to be custom ordered for the hole on West Carbon Avenue from True North Steel for a cost of \$2084. The automatic system went out at the pumps. The pumps will need new relays that will cost \$300 each. The 96 gallon containers will be picked up at the parks the 15th of October and the water in the campground will be shut off at time also. The weeds at the basketball court and around the swimming pool need attended to. There was some discussion about using some concrete at the bridges to help patch the holes.

Mayor DeRudder reported State-Line has a back hoe for sale for \$22,000. The Town needs to look at it.

There being no further business George Wilm moved to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Gerry Roth seconded.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk/Treasurer