

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2016**

The December 6th, 2016 meeting of the Bridger Town Council was held at 108 South D Street in Bridger. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was brought to order by Mayor Shultz at 7:00 pm. Council members present were George “Butch” Wilm, Shala Cullum, Mark DeRudder and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Sue Taylor from Beartooth RC&D, Laura McElhiney, Alex Tommerup from AT Architecture, Mark Olson from AT Architecture, John Atkinson from AT Architecture, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Judge Bert Kraft, Police Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment on the agenda. There was no public comment from the gallery.

Next was a presentation from AT Architecture. They gave an overview of their firm, answered questions and clarified some portions of their feasibility study proposal. That led to Sue Taylor’s presentation of a grant application she started for the Town. This grant would help cover the costs of the feasibility study. Sue suggested asking AT Architecture for a second proposal that included everything in the first proposal as well as a cost analysis of staying in the buildings we currently occupy. She also asked that we provide a grant match letter for the grant application.

The next item on the agenda was action to be taken on providing a grant match letter. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to provide Sue with a grant match letter and to give Mayor Shultz authority to sign the letter on behalf of the council for up to \$15,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the November meeting. Councilman Wilm motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The next item of business was the approval of claims. Councilman Wilm moved to approve claims. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

No committee reports.

No correspondence.

There was one zoning application for consideration. Mayor Shultz read an application from Arlo Edelman. The application was for a fence at 307 N Main St. Councilman Novakovich motioned to approve the zoning application, seconded by Councilman Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Next on the agenda was the need to appoint representatives to the Historical Preservation Commission Board, Airport Board (2 positions available) and Planning Board. Clerk Sweet informed the council that Judy Steffan was interested in serving another term on the Historical Commission, Lonnie Sanford and Merrill Pfeifer were both interested in serving another term on the Airport Board and Jann Christman was interested in replacing Gene Koch on the Planning Board. Councilman DeRudder motioned to make the appointments just outlined by Clerk Sweet. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Next was discussion regarding the pay scale for the new public works position. The position of Assistant Public Works Director has been created and Mayor Shultz would like to start the position at a higher rate of pay than the General Laborer on our current pay Resolution. Discussion ensued regarding appropriate wages and job duties for the position. Councilman Wilm motioned to set the wage for the new Assistant Public Works Director position at \$15.50/hour with a raise to \$16.00/hour after the probation period is complete. The motion was seconded by Councilman Novakovich. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Next on the agenda was the newspaper ads for the new public works position. There was discussion about which newspapers to advertise with as well as potential online venues. It was thought that we should advertise in

several papers including the Carbon County News, The Cody Enterprise, The Powell Tribune and The Laurel Outlook as well as any online venues that would allow free advertisement. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to allow up to \$750.00 for advertising of the Assistant Public Works Director position. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

Attorney Freeman was not present.

Judge Kraft explained some new laws that will go into effect due to the November election.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

PWD Goldsberry had nothing to report.

Chief Buechler presented the council with stats for the month of November.

Clerk Sweet asked about dates for the annual Christmas Open House. It will be held December 20, 2016 from 2pm to 5pm.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Cliff Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk