

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2017**

The August 1, 2017 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 7:02 pm. Council members present were George "Butch" Wilm, Shala Cullum, Mark DeRudder and Chris Miller. Others present were: Julia Jones from Republic Services, Dawne Campbell from Dry Creek Saloon, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Judge Bert Kraft, Attorney Hope Freeman, Police Chief Mike Buechler, Assistant Public Works Director Randy Novakovich 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 on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the July meeting. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

The next item of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding claims. Councilwoman Cullum moved to approve the claims with the associated check numbers #30815 to #30857. Also, electronic checks # -98509 to -98506. 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 Miller – aye.

The next item was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the Payroll Summary including check numbers #30731 to #30742 and #30797 to 30814 (30813 is a void). Also, electronic checks #-87971 to #-87946. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

No committee reports.

No correspondence.

Zoning applications were the next order of business. The first was an application from the Bank of Bridger. Mayor Shultz read the application and the council members reviewed it. Due to the fact that the proposed shed would be on skids, thus not a permanent structure, a motion to approve is not needed due to the building being exempt from the zoning requirements. The second zoning application was for a deck at 102 S 3rd St. Mayor Shultz read the application and the council members reviewed it. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

The next item was an Inter-Local Agreement with the Area Parks and Recreation Board. Attorney Freeman put to together an interlocal agreement rather than a memorandum of understanding for the swimming pool. She would like the Council and the Area Parks and Recreation Board to review the agreement and have it back on the September agenda.

Next on the agenda was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the ice skating rink. Attorney Freeman put to together a MOU for the ice rink. She would like the Council and the Area Parks and Recreation Board to review the MOU and have it back on the September agenda.

Next was Resolution #197 to approve loan repayment from sewer and garbage fund to the general fund. Mayor Shultz read the resolution, Clerk Sweet answered questions regarding the Resolution. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve. 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 Miller – aye.

Next was Resolution #198 to approve a transfer from the water and sewer funds to the general fund to cover health benefits for employees paid out of the water and sewer funds. Councilwoman Cullum read the resolution, Clerk Sweet answered questions regarding the Resolution. Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

Next was Resolution #199 to approve the base wage scale for Library employees. Mayor Shultz read the resolution. Discussion was had regarding the history between the library board and the council. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – nay, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Miller – aye.

Next was Resolution #200 to approve the base wage scale for Town employees. Councilwoman Cullum read the resolution. Discussion was had regarding the wages and some possible conflicts that may arise from this wage scale. There was one correction made to the wage scale. \$17.03 was changed to \$17.04. Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to approve. 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 Miller – aye.

Next was Resolution #201, a notice of intent to cancel the general election. Mayor Shultz read the resolution, Clerk Sweet answered questions regarding the Resolution. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve. 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 Miller – aye.

Updates on the factory building was next on the agenda was next. Councilwoman Cullum explained some information from Sue at Beartooth RC & D. Councilwoman Cullum also suggested that we make a decision and move forward with some type of plan for the building. The suggestion was made by Mayor Shultz that we have an appraisal done on the building so we know the retail value of the building and suggested that we look into doing the feasibility study as well.

Next on the agenda was long term projects for the Public Works Department. Some discussion was had regarding projects that could be potentially be contracted out so as to save time for the public works employees.

The next agenda item was public comment. Julia Jones from Republic Services was present and asked the council how the Republic Services is doing. The response was all high praise for the company employees. Mrs. Jones asked if the council would like to schedule a fall cleanup weekend. She will get the Town pricing information if we are interested. Next Dawne Campbell spoke on behalf of the Dry Creek Saloon. The Dry Creek will be having a customer appreciation day and would like to close the alley between the bar and the parking lot as they will be having activities in the parking lot for kids and they don't want anyone driving through the alley with people walking so frequently back and forth. The council agreed that it was a safety concern. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to allow the Dry Creek Saloon to block the alley between their bar and their parking lot. 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 Miller – aye. Next Councilman Wilm informed the council that the Fire Department is considering purchasing a newer structure truck. The Fire Department would like the council to keep this in mind going forward.

Attorney Freeman presented her proposed variance and zoning ordinances and explained how it would all work should it be implemented.

Judge Kraft presented his reports and stats for July.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

APWD Novakovich had nothing to report.

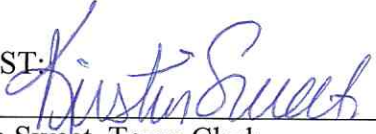
Chief Buechler presented the council with stats for the month of July.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

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 Miller – aye. Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

ATTEST:


Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk


Cliff Shultz, Mayor