

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2018**

The December 4, 2018 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 called to order by Mayor Shultz at 7:01 pm. Council members present were George "Butch" Wilm, Shala Cullum, Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were Gordon Serrine, Ben Sweet, Attorney Hope Freeman, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

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

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the November meetings. Clerk Sweet stated some changes that needed to be made, Hope was not present and she was listed as present and Judge Kraft was present but was missing from the list. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the minutes of the regular meeting with the changes and the public hearing minute. 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 Asbury – aye.

The next item of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding claims. Councilman DeRudder moved to approve the claims with the associated check numbers #31694 to #31728. Also, electronic checks #-98443 to #-98440. 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 Asbury – aye.

The next item was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the Payroll Summary including check numbers #31649 to #31651 and #31687 to #31693. Also, electronic checks #-87535 to #-87497. 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 Asbury – aye.

Committee reports was the next item on the agenda. No committee reports.

Next was the lease for the dump grounds. Carbon County Commissioners were not present but the agreement that Commissioner Bullock revised was reviewed and discussed by the council. A motion to approve the lease with a start date of December 15th was made by Councilman DeRudder, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next was a proposal from Nittany Grantworks for the factory building. Clerk Sweet explained what Nittany was proposing. Councilman DeRudder asked that we be sure that everyone is on the same page. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Asbury with the contingency that the cost on the first proposal be reduced by the cost of the second proposal. 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 Asbury – aye.

Personnel Policy changes was next on the agenda. Mayor Shultz explained that the Town's public works employees have typically taken emergency services calls during normal business hours without loss of pay. However, Clerk Sweet has been taking vacation time to take emergency services calls. It was suggested that changes be made to the personnel policy that would allow all Town employees to take emergency services calls during regular business hours without loss of pay or using vacation time. It was agreed that Clerk Sweet may have back the vacation that she took for previous ambulance calls. Clerk Sweet will do some research about language for the personnel policy.

Attorney Freeman had nothing to report.

Judge Kraft was not present. He left his stats for the month of November for the council to review.

Library Director Zentner informed the council that the carbon county library board is defunct. The commissioners will spearhead getting the board functioning properly again.

Public Works Director Goldsberry informed the council that the pump for the pool will need to be rebuilt or a new one will need to be purchased.

Chief Buechler presented the stats for the month of November.

Clerk Sweet asked the council to set the date of the Christmas open house. The date are December 20th from 2pm – 5pm. Also, she informed them of a training that is coming up in May. The January meeting will be on January 8th.

Mayor Shultz asked if the winter council meetings could be at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm. Discussion was had regarding changing the meeting time when daylight savings time switches.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

ATTEST:



Cliff Shultz, Mayor



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk