

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 6, 2023**

The June 6, 2023 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 at 7:00 pm by Mayor Shultz. Other council members present were Dustin Taylor, Shala Cullum, Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were Wade and Kellie Hoskin, Brooklynn Berg, Ryan Cason, Dennis and Sheila Oakes, Steven Fendler, Angela Kallevig, Reserve Officer Kevin Olson, Sargent Codi Peters, Judge Bert Kraft, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, Chief Mike Buechler, and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. No public comment was offered.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the May 2, 2023 regular meeting. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding the claims. Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to approve the claims including check #34209 to #34249. Also, electronic checks #-98139 to #-98133. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #34204 to #34207. Also, electronic checks #-85686 to #-85654. Councilman Asbury seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was two items that DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen had wished to discuss with the council. She was unable to attend the meeting and since no action was needed the meeting moved on to the next item.

The next item on the agenda was Special Events Applications. The first was for a Schwend Family Reunion. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. Discussion was had regarding insurance. Attorney Kuntz confirmed that if they have any alcohol on public property, they need to meet the insurance requirements set forth in the special events application. A motion to approve the application with the noted insurance requirements was made by Councilman DeRudder and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye. The second application was from the Bridger Youth Rodeo for their annual rodeo. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilwoman Cullum and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye. The third application was from the Bridger Volunteer Fire Softball Game. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. Discussion was had regarding the alcohol. Steven Fendler, the Bridger Fire Chief commented that they had decided to hire the Dry Creek Saloon to handle the alcohol. A motion to approve the application with noted changes regarding the Dry Creek was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye. The fourth application was from the Bridger Saddle Club for their summer events. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was board appointments. the first was for the Bridger Library Board. A motion to reappoint Lynn White was made by Councilman DeRudder, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye. The second appointment was for the Ambulance Board. Councilman Asbury agreed to be appointed for that. A motion to appoint Councilman Asbury was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye. The third appointment was for the Carbon County Planning Board. We do not have an appointee yet so that will be on a future agenda.

The next item was the Application for Variance from Ryan Carson at 309 S 4th St. Discussion was had regarding the comments at the public hearing from earlier in the evening. All comments were positive. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion

carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was Resolution # 256A to set zoning for the annexation of property described as S21, T06 S, R23 E, Family Dollar Store Subd Lt 3 Blk 1 Plat 2344 & Tr 2 COS 1528 AM. Mayor Shultz reviewed the resolution. A motion to approve was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Resolution #257 to reestablish a base wage scale was next on the agenda. Mayor Shultz reviewed the resolution. Discussion was had regarding the wages that had been previously set and ones that needed to be updated. All wages were filled in and a motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilwoman Cullum and seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Resolution #258 to reestablish the library base wage scale was next. Mayor Shultz reviewed the resolution. Discussion was had regarding the wages that had been previously set and ones that needed to be updated. All wages were filled in and a motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman DeRudder and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Resolution # 259 to set a pay increase for capped employees was next. Mayor Shultz reviewed the resolution. Discussion was had regarding past wage increases as well as the current COLA for our area. A wage increase of 4% was agreed upon and that was filled in on the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman DeRudder, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Resolution #260 to call for an election was next. Mayor Shultz reviewed the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Attorney Kuntz reported that the TCT lease is still pending as well as other projects he has worked on this month.

Judge Kraft presented the stats for the month of May.

Library Director Zentner reported that the Library will be having a book sale on June 12-15.

Public Works Director Novakovich updated the council on projects the public works crew is working on.

Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of May.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: Free Food Delivery will be July 6, 2023 in Bridger.

There being no further business, Councilman Taylor motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.



Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk