

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JULY 5, 2023**

The July 5, 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 Council president DeRudder, Mayor Shultz was absent. Other council members present were Dustin Taylor, Shala Cullum and Doug Asbury. Others present were Lonna Weiss, Melissa Scianna, Sarah Douglas, Patricia Grebo, Dana Zier, Angela Kallevig, Eric Reichert, 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. Patricia Grebo presented the council with the historical society goals for the upcoming year.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the June 6, 2023 regular meeting and two public hearings. A motion to approve all three meeting minutes was made by Councilwoman Cullum, 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 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 #34250 and #34279 to #34307. Also, electronic checks #-98132 to #-98126. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. 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 #34208 and #34251 to #34268. Also, electronic checks #-85653 to #-85612. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. 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 Special Events Applications. The first was an application from Amber Lambright for a wedding reception. Councilman DeRudder reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application 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.

Lease agreements was next on the agenda. Councilman DeRudder reviewed the lease. Discussion was had regarding public access to the grounds and special events. A motion to approve the lease 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 lease agreement for TCT will not be voted on as TCT is not ready yet.

The next item on the agenda was board appointments. The first appointment was for the Carbon County Planning Board. A motion to approve Angela Kallevig was made by Councilman Taylor, 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 a discussion regarding a potential grant application for the newly annexed property's utility services. Eric Reichert was present and explained how the grants would help promote growth for the Town of Bridger. Much discussion was had regarding the growth of the Town and how such growth would affect the Town. Clerk Sweet will reach out to Great West Engineering and report back.

Next on the agenda was Resolution #261 to allow for a hardship variance pursuant to section 76-3-207 (5). Councilman DeRudder reviewed the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Asbury, 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 was a discussion regarding the need for a new town hall building. Clerk Sweet explained that the discussion needs to start now so that in a few years we can have something in place. The current Town hall will not last forever! Discussion was had regarding location and what could be done with the old Town hall building. This item will remain on the agenda so that we continue to work on this.

Attorney Kuntz gave the council an update on the issues surrounding the joint airport board agreement. The City of Red Lodge is potentially wanting to be removed from the joint agreement.

Judge Kraft presented the stats for the month of June.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

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 June.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

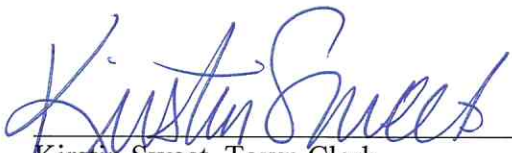
Mayor and Town Council: Free Food Delivery will be August 10, 2023 in Bridger.

There being no further business, Councilman Taylor motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.



Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk