

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2023**

The October 10, 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 Dylan Sedlacek, Leza Vargas, Aspen Webb, DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen, Judge Bert Kraft, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, Chief Mike Buechler and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

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

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the August 29, 2023 budget hearing, the September 5, 2023 regular meeting and the September 19, 2023 special meeting. A motion to approve all the minutes 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 – aye 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 #34445 to #34472. Also, electronic checks #-98113 to #-98106. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #34438 to #34444. Also, electronic checks #-85513 to #-85476. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the committee reports. No reports were offered.

DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen will be late, and a motion was made to move her agenda item to after second reading of ordinance 2023-01. That motion was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman DeRudder.

Next on the agenda was Special Events Applications. The first is for a benefit to be held at the Civic Center. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application 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 – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The second is for a Candy Cane Festival to be held on Main Street and the Civic Center. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application 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 – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Resolution #269 to allow the negotiation of an easement for a new house being built in the Town. Mayor Shultz reviewed the resolution. Discussion was had regarding the lots and whether they should eventually be a street right of way. A motion to approve the resolution 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 – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Resolution #270 for a water rate increase. Mayor Shultz reviewed the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Taylor, 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.

Resolution #271 for a sewer rate increase. 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 – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Resolution #272 for a garbage rate increase. Mayor Shultz reviewed the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Taylor, 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 second reading for Ordinance 2023-01 was next on the agenda. Mayor Shultz reviewed the ordinance. A motion to approve the ordinance 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 – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen was not present yet and a motion was made to move her agenda item to after the employee reports. That motion was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman DeRudder.

The next item for discussion was for investment of the Town’s money. Clerk Sweet explained the options available to the Town. She asked the council to think about the investment options and be ready to decide next month.

The next item was a discussion regarding the need for a new town hall building. Clerk Sweet gave an update. She is still trying to find a time for everyone to get together with the engineer and grant writer.

Attorney Kuntz had nothing more to report.

Judge Kraft presented the stats for the month of September.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

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 September.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Next was Carbon County DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen. She presented a completed application regarding the Sand Creek Canal Project. She explained the changes made to the report since we approved it last month. A motion to approve the application 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 – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Mayor and Town Council: Free Food Delivery will be October 12, 2023 in Bridger. Free Food will not be happening regularly during the winter.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Cullum motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. 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 7:46 pm.



Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk