BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023

The November 7, 2023 public hearing 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 Council President Mark DeRudder at 6:30 pm. Mayor Shultz was absent. Other council members present were Dustin Taylor, Shala Cullum and Doug Asbury. Others present were Jenn Appell, Ryder Watson, Tiffany Hobson, Gerry Roth, Troy Severson, Kathy Brown, Ben Sweet, Sergent Codi Peters and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

Council President asked for public comment regarding the change of use requested for lots located at for Bridger Tracts S21, T06 S, R23 E, Bridger Tracts LT J & PT NP Row E of TR F & G. The application requests a change be made from partially residential A and partially residential B to Residential B for the entire parcel. These lots are owned by Troy Severson & Kathy Brown. There were several comments from the public in favor of the change to Residential B.

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. Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

ATTEST:

Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023

The November 7, 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 Mark DeRudder. Mayor Shultz was absent. Other council members present were Dustin Taylor, Shala Cullum and Doug Asbury. Others present were Gerry Roth, Ben Sweet, Tiffany Hobson, Kathy Brown, Troy Severson, Jennifer Appell, Ryder Watson, Angela Kallevig, Melva Lightburn, Denise Rivette, Sergent Codi Peters, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich 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 October 3, 2023 public hearing and the October 10, 2023 regular meeting. A motion to approve all the minutes 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 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 #34477 to #34502. Also, electronic checks #-98105 to #-98099. 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 #34473 to #34475. Also, electronic checks #-85475 to #-85439. Councilman Asbury 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. Angela Kallevig gave an update on the recent items discussed at the planning board. Councilman Asbury and Councilman DeRudder gave brief update on the ambulance board meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a change of use application from Troy Severson & Kathy Brown. Council President DeRudder reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application 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.

The next item was a franchise agreement for Tri County Telephone (TCT). Council President DeRudder reviewed the franchise lease agreement. Attorney Kuntz gave a brief summary regarding the franchise agreement. A motion to approve the franchise agreement with TCT 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 for discussion was for investment of the Town's money. Clerk Sweet explained that a motion to move \$600,000 to a CD with the bank of Bridger is needed to be able to invest the money. A motion was made by Councilman Taylor to allow Clerk Sweet to open a CD with the Bank of Bridger and transfer \$600,000 to said CD. 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 next item was a discussion regarding the need for a new town hall building. Clerk Sweet gave an update. There will be a meeting with the grant writer, the engineer, the members of the senior center and town council. We hope that meeting will take place on November 14.

Attorney Kuntz had nothing more to report.

Judge Kraft was not present.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

Public Works Director Novakovich updated the council on projects the public works crew is working on. Some discussion was had regarding the pool roof and the possibility of solar panels on the new roof.

Chief Buechler was not present.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: Councilwoman Cullum asked about the lease for the rodeo grounds.

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 7:28 pm.

Clifford Shultz, Mayor

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