

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

The December 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 Mayor Shultz. Other council members present were Mark DeRudder, Dustin Taylor and Doug Asbury. Others present were Angela Kallevig, Clinton Geisick, Ron Allen, Dustin Thomas, Dylan Sedlacek, Lonna Weiss, Cheryl McCarten, Brad Caton, Angela Getchel, Kristen Hobson, Ben Sweet, Attorney Ray Kuntz, Judge Bert Kraft, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Police Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Angela Getchel was present to introduce the Workforce Housing Committee to the council and explain what plans they have in the months and years to come. Brad Caton was present to speak to the council about using the Bridger baseball field for a high school baseball team.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the November 7, 2023 public hearing and the November 7, 2023 regular meeting. A motion to approve all the minutes was made by Councilman DeRudder, seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – 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. Councilman Asbury made a motion to approve the claims including check #34506 to #34530. Also, electronic checks #-98098 to #-98092. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the Payroll Summary. Councilman Taylor motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #34476 and #34503 to #34504. Also, electronic checks #-85438 to #-85405. Councilman Asbury seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the committee reports. Clinton Geisick was present for the Carbon County Conservation District to speak the Council regarding some flood updates.

The next item on the agenda was the Bridger Beautification Committee. Committee members Lonna Weiss and Cheryl McCarten were present to ask the council about the potential of having murals painted to replace the window coverings on the front of the Civic Center. A motion to allow this project was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #273 to annex property into Bridger Town limits. Mayor Shultz reviewed the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman DeRudder, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item for discussion was approval of eligible project for the money we will be getting from HB 355. A discussion was had that all streets in Town should be a priority. The streets that were primarily discussed were 2nd Street, 3rd Street, 4th Street and 5th Street. However, the other east to west streets should not be ruled out depending on how far we can stretch the money.

The next item was a discussion regarding the need for a new town hall building. Clerk Sweet gave an update regarding the meeting with Great West Engineering and the Senior Center members.

Next on the agenda was to swear in the elected officials whose terms will start on January 1, 2024.

Attorney Kuntz had nothing more to report.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for the month of November.

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 stats for the month of November.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: Nothing to report.

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 was adjourned at 7:58 pm.



Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk