

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA  
PUBLIC HEARING TIME IS 6:30 PM AT BRIDGER TOWN HALL, 108 S D STREET**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC HEARING ON VARIANCE APPLICATION FOR 211 S 5<sup>th</sup> STREET:

ADJOURN:

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PUBLIC HEARING ON CHANGE OF USE APPLICATION: Submitted for property described as S21, T06 S, R23 E, Plat 269 Less Hwy. Also known as 2646 Highway 310 Bridger, MT 59014

ADJOURN:

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**APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE**  
**Town of Bridger, Montana**

*\*\* Under Ordinance No. 43, when a proposed construction project does not conform to the zoning regulations contained in the Zoning Title, the applicant may apply for a variance as set forth below. \*\**

**Name:** Donald C. SKORUPA

**Mailing Address:** PO BOX 501 Bridger MT 59014

**Phone Number:** 406-662-3659

**Physical Address:** 211 SOUTH 5th Street

**Zoning Classification of Property:** Residential A

**Description of Variance:** to allow the removal of existing trailer and replacement with a 2024 model trailer

**Provide with application the following documentation:**

- A legal and general description of the property lot upon which the construction, addition, relocation of a structure, or erection of fence or permanent sign will take place.
- A site plan, project description, to-scale diagram with measurements of proposed building, etc. These materials must clearly set forth the nature of the requested variance. A legal survey may be requested if setbacks are in question.

After completing this application, submit the application and accompanying documentation to the Town Clerk at the Bridger Town Hall and pay the application fee. The Clerk will forward the application to the Zoning Administrator for investigation and recommendation. The Town Council shall hold a public hearing on each application for variance. Notice of the hearing on the property in question shall be posted in three public places within the town at least seven days prior to the hearing. **The applicant is responsible for sending notice of the requested variance to the adjoining landowners.** At the hearing, the Town Council shall take testimony from persons interested in the application.

The undersigned agrees that the information provided in this application is true and correct. The applicant understands that if any of the information is false, misleading or in error, this may be grounds for denial of the zoning variance application.

Donald C. Skorupa  
Signature

Dec 14 - 2023  
Date

1" = 20' scale

↑  
North

Donald C. SKORUPA  
Lots 13-14-15-16-17 in  
Block 6

Edelman

↕ 9'

↔ 30'

proposed  
trailer

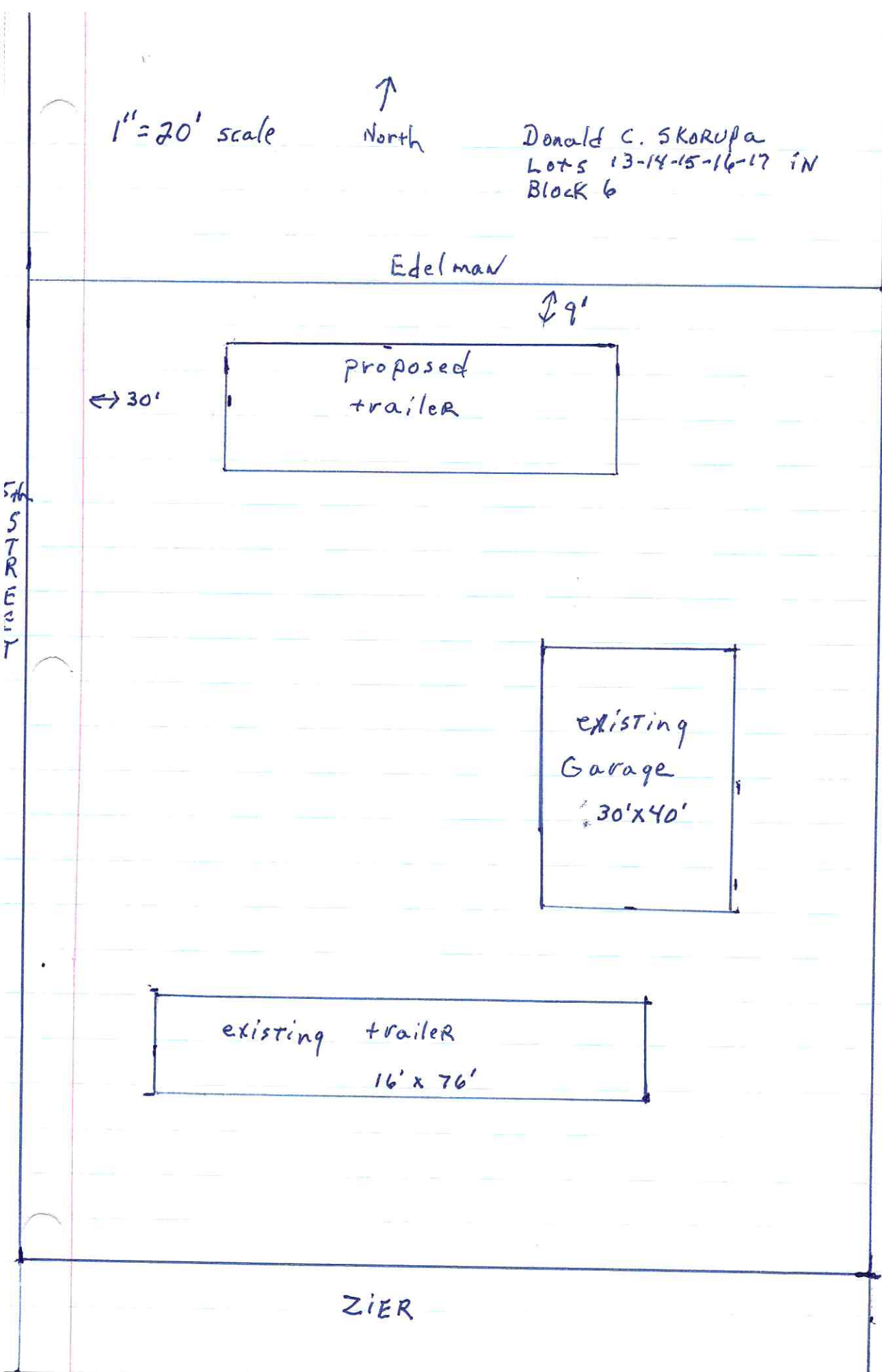
existing  
Garage  
30' x 40'

existing trailer  
16' x 76'

Alley

ZIER

STREET



**RESOLUTION NO. 273A**

**A RESOLUTION FOR CHANGE OF USE FROM AN OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO A COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, on December 5, 2023, the Town of Bridger boundaries were extended to include the property described as S21, T06 S, R23 E, Plat 269 Less Hwy. Also known as 2646 Highway 310 Bridger, MT;

**WHEREAS**, per Section 30-392 of the Bridger Municipal Code the annexed property was assigned as Open Space District upon annexation and within a reasonable time the annexed property will have a zoning change to conform with the use anticipated.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 76-2-305 Montana Code Annotated (MCA) Amendments or changes to the zoning ordinance must follow the same public notice and hearing requirements for adoption, and the statute provides for a protest provision to any such changes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council may override such a protest by a two-thirds vote of the present and voting members, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has considered the zoning change is in substantial compliance with the growth policy and the change in zoning:

1. Was designed in accordance with the growth policy;
2. Will secure safety from fire and other dangers;
3. Will promote public health, public safety, and the general welfare;
4. Will facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, and other public requirements;
5. Will provide adequate light and air;
6. Considers the effect on motorized and nonmotorized transportation systems; Promotes compatible urban growth;
7. Gives reasonable consideration to the character of the district;
8. Gives consideration to the peculiar suitability of the property for particular uses;
9. Was adopted with a view to conserving the value of buildings; and
10. Will encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout such municipality.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town Council of the Town of Bridger, herby adopts a zoning district of Commercial for the following property:

S21, T06 S, R23 E, Plat 269 Less Hwy. Also known as 2646 Highway 310 Bridger, MT 59014

**DULY** passed and adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Bridger Town Council this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

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Mark DeRudder, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk / Treasurer

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**MEETING TIME IS TUESDAY JANUARY 9, 2024 AT 7:00 PM,**  
**BRIDGER TOWN HALL, 108 S D STREET**

Tuesday January 9, 2023

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPOINT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- 12-05-2023 Regular Meeting

APPROVE CLAIMS:

APPROVE PAYROLL SUMMARY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Area Parks & Recreation District Report
- Planning Board
- Historic Preservation Commission Board
- Carbon County Conservation District
- Beartooth RC & D

SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION:

- Dry Creek Saloon
- Jim Bridger Days Committee

APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE:

- Donald Skorupa

BRIDGER BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE: Murals for the Civic Center

RESOLUTION #273A: to set zoning for the annexation of S21, T06 S, R23 E, Plat 269 Less Hwy. Also known as 2646 Highway 310 Bridger, MT 59014

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GARBAGE CONTRACT:

DISCUSSION REGARDING A NEW TOWN HALL:

TOWN ATTORNEY: Ray Kuntz

TOWN JUDGE: Bert Kraft

LIBRARY DIRECTOR: Krystal Zentner

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Randy Novakovich

POLICE REPORT: Mike Buechler

TOWN CLERK: Kirstin Sweet

MAYOR / TOWN COUNCIL:

- This is a time when the Mayor or the Council members can bring a concern before the council that is not otherwise listed on the agenda. No action can be taken at this time. If action is necessary, the item will be put on the next meeting agenda.

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**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 255. A discussion was had that all streets in Town should be a priority. The streets that were primarily discussed were 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk

Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
COMA HOURS (Comp Time Accumulated)	22.50		
COMP HOURS (Comp Time Used)	31.25		631.80
HOL HOURS (Holiday Pay)	108.84		2,097.79
REG HOURS (Regular Time)	1,359.25		27,576.54
SICK HOURS (Sick Time)	48.01		971.96
VACA HOURS (Vacation Time Used)	94.56		1,841.63
VOLN HOURS (Volunteer Fireman)	49.00		7,350.00
GROSS PAY	33,119.72	0.00	
NET PAY	25,685.28	0.00	
NET PAY (CHECKS)	3,016.06		
NET PAY (DIRECT DEPOSIT)	22,669.22		
DENTAL	0.00	389.00	
FIT	911.65	0.00	
GROUP HEALTH	445.00	8,912.00	
LIFE INSURANCE	0.00	19.60	
MEDICARE	480.25	480.25	
P.E.R.S.	2,430.11	2,790.02	
SIT	1,114.00	0.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	2,053.43	2,053.43	
UNEMPL. INSUR.	0.00	110.65	
VISION HEALTH	0.00	81.50	
WORKERS' COMP	0.00	1,278.26	
ALTANA FED CRED	1,986.28	0.00	
BANK OF BRIDGER	8,445.16	0.00	
FIRST INTERSTAT	245.34	0.00	
STOCKMAN BANK	2,442.33	0.00	
US BANK-MT	2,051.00	0.00	
WELLS FARGO BAN	4,534.57	0.00	
WESTERN SECURIT	2,964.54	0.00	
FIT/SIT BASE	30,689.61	0.00	
MEDICARE BASE	33,119.72	0.00	
PERS BASE	30,760.80	0.00	
SOC SEC BASE	33,119.72	0.00	
UN BASE	31,619.72	0.00	
WC BASE	40,469.72	0.00	

Total 16,114.71  
 Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions): 49,234.43  
 \*\*\* PAYROLL REGISTER + VOLUNTEER PAYROLL REGISTER = PAYROLL SUMMARY \*\*\*  
 Total Discounts: 0.04  
 Total Payroll Expense (Less Discounts): 49,234.39

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$1,106.91
Payroll Checks Issued	\$15,983.31
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$0.00
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$17,090.22

Electronic Checks \$35,312.43

Deductions Accrued	Carried Forward From Previous Month	Deduction Checks Issued	Difference	Liab Account
Social Security	4106.86	4106.86		212000
Medicare	960.50	960.50		212001
P.E.R.S.	5220.13	5220.13		212203
Unempl. Insur.	110.65	330.07	-0.07	212202
Workers' Comp	1278.26	3120.15	0.04	212201
FIT	911.65	911.65		212002
SIT	1114.00	1114.00		212200
DENTAL	389.00	389.00		212502
LIFE INSURANCE	19.60	19.60		212502
VISION HEALTH	81.50	81.50		212502
GROUP HEALTH	9357.00	9357.00		212502
<b>Total Ded.</b>	<b>23549.15</b>	<b>25610.46</b>	<b>-0.03</b>	

\*\*\*\* Carried Forward column only correct if report run for current period.

Checks: 34505 and 34531 to 34536

Electronic Checks: -85404 to -85368

**TOWN OF BRIDGER  
SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION**

Name/ Purpose of Special Event: Valentine's Day / Dance

Area Proposed for Special Event: Bridger Civic Center

Date and Time of Special Event: February 10, 2024 5pm - 10 pm

Number of People Anticipated to Attend: 200

Please check the requirements applicable to your special event:

**Street/Alley Closure Requested.** (If a street closure is requested, the applicant must provide evidence that the applicant has notified each property owner or its authorized representative abutting the proposed use area of the special event)

**Security Needed.** (In the event that alcohol is present, the event holders must arrange and pay for security. Contact the Bridger Police Chief for details).

**Alcohol will be sold during special event. Please specify the location and size of the area where alcohol will be sold/consumed with a map per #6 on page 1.** Dry Creek

**Waiver of Open Alcohol Prohibition Requested.**

**Proof of Insurance Provided.** (In the event that alcohol, fireworks or rodeo are involved in the special event, the event holders must provide proof of liability insurance as required in Bridger's special events policy). **Proof of Liability Insurance must be presented to the Bridger Town Clerk at least two weeks prior to the scheduled event. Failure to present proof of liability insurance is grounds for revocation of the special events permit.**

**Refundable Clean-up Deposit Paid in the Amount of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Indemnification and Waiver of Subrogation.** Applicant hereby agrees to indemnify and defend the Town of Bridger against all claims arising from, or related to, the Special event. Applicant hereby agrees that applicant's insurance is primary and waives all rights of subrogation against the Town of Bridger.

**Deadline for Filing.** The deadline for filing a completed application shall allow for at least two council meetings to take place prior to the scheduled special event. The council meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

12/27/23  
Date

  
Signature of Applicant

Address: PO Box 171  
Bridger, MT 59014

Phone #: 406-426-8380

**TOWN OF BRIDGER  
SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION**

Name/ Purpose of Special Event: Spring Fling

Area Proposed for Special Event: Civic Center

Date and Time of Special Event: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 7pm-Midnight

Number of People Anticipated to Attend: 300 +/-

Please check the requirements applicable to your special event:

**Street/Alley Closure Requested.** (If a street closure is requested, the applicant must provide evidence that the applicant has notified each property owner or its authorized representative abutting the proposed use area of the special event)

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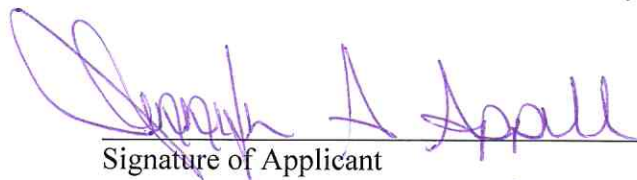
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12/20/23  
Date

  
Signature of Applicant

Address: 119 S. Main Street  
Bridger, MT

Phone #: (406) 662-3208

End of Period Disbursement Detail  
 Bank Account: Bank of Bridger - 110582  
 From 12/19/2023 to 12/19/2023  
 Total Only

Check Number: None

Date	Description	Case Number	Payer	Citation No.	Amount
<b>Account 200-177 - Criminal Conviction Surcharge 7467 MCA 3-1-318</b>					
<b>Account 200-177 Total:</b>					\$30.00
<b>Account 200-210 - Fines / Forfeitures - 1000 &amp; 7451 (50/50 Split)</b>					
<b>Account 200-210 Total:</b>					\$1,307.31
Bank Reconciliation Journal Entry: Move Nov Interest to Fines & Forfeitures					
<b>Account 200-250 - Misdemeanor Surcharge</b>					
<b>Account 200-250 Total:</b>					\$75.00
<b>Account 200-340 - Technology Surcharge - 7458</b>					
<b>Account 200-340 Total:</b>					\$30.00
<b>Check Total:</b>					<b>\$ 1,442.31</b>
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# Bridger City Court 2023 Summary Report

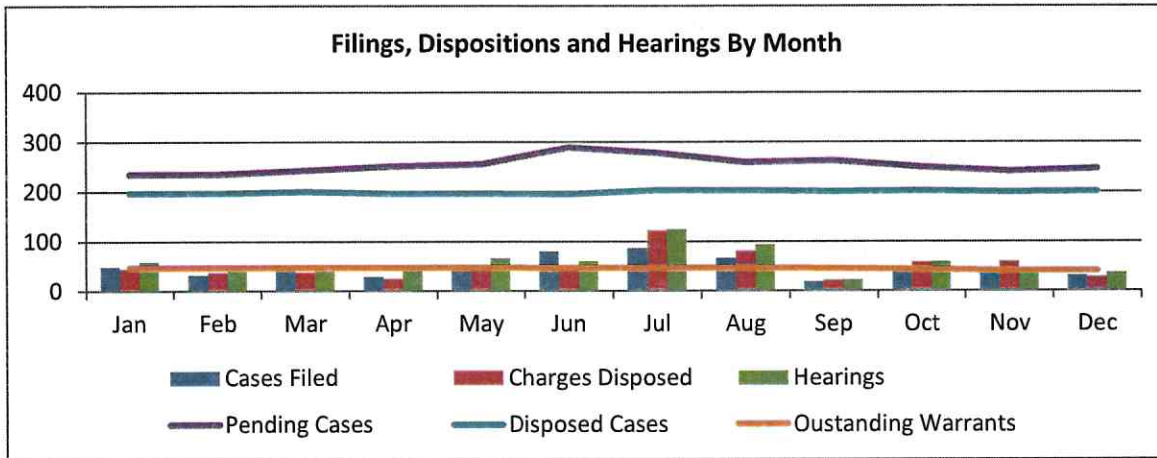
January 2, 2024

by Bert Kraft, Bridger City Judge

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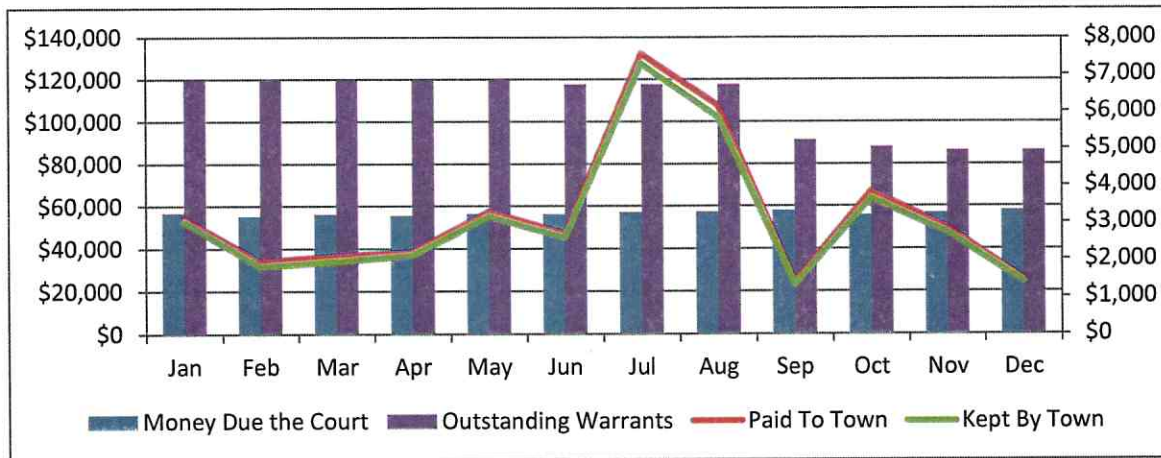
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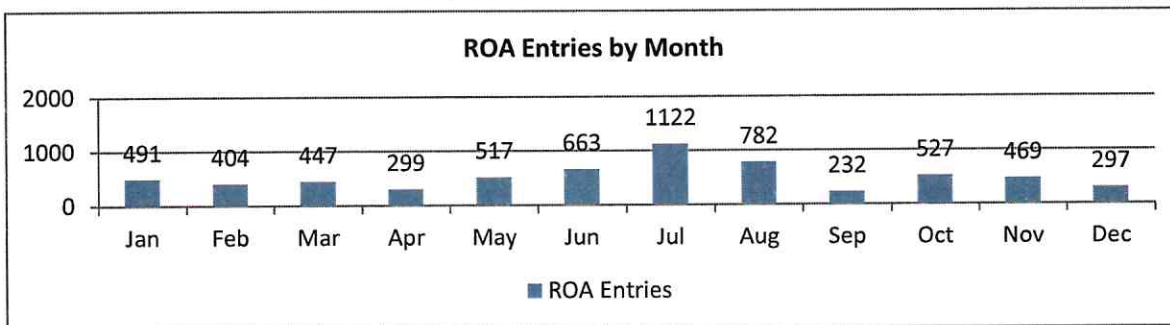
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PAID: \$38,252.96



Docket

TOT: 6,250





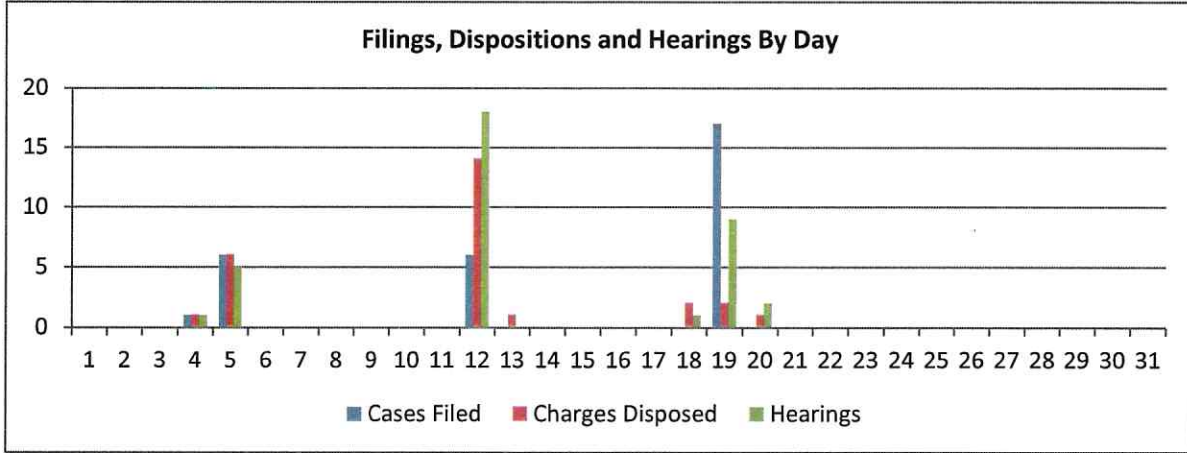
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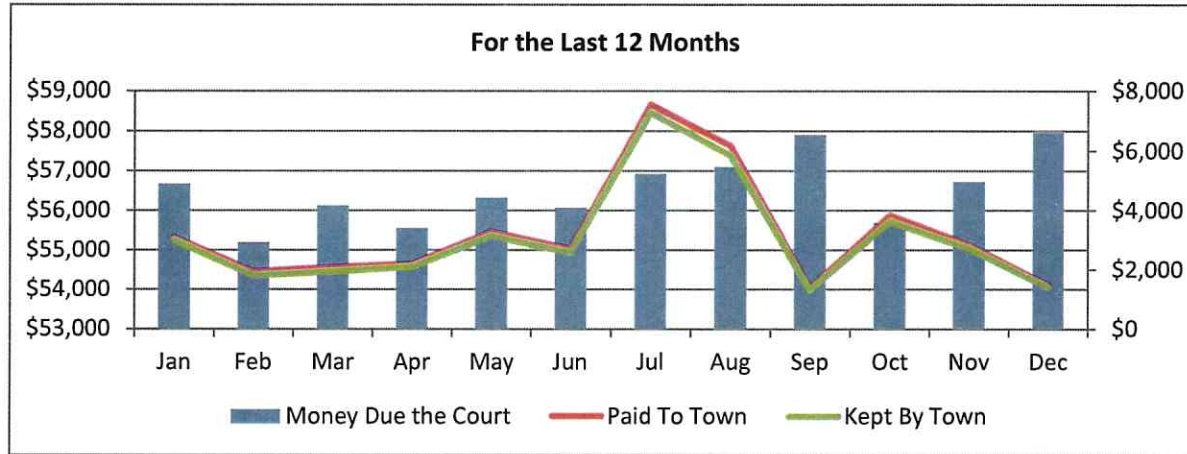
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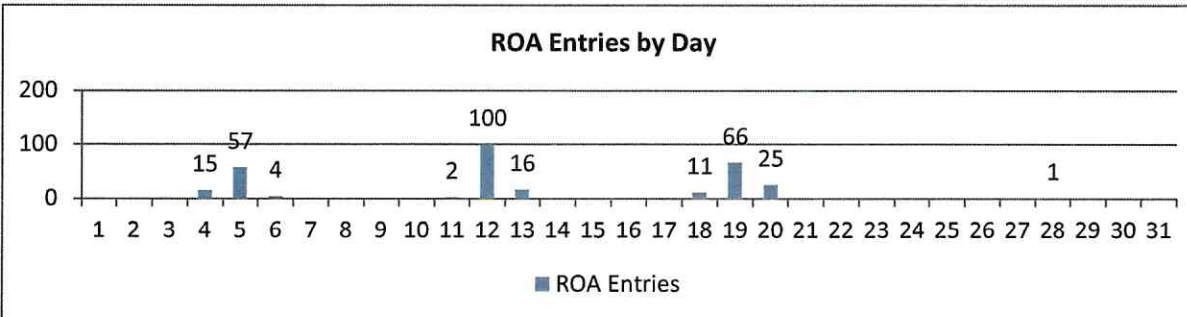
## Financials

PAID: \$1,442.31    DUE: \$57,947.24    W: \$86,199.00



## Docket

TOT: 297



# Journal

Entry	Hours	63
12/4/2023 Office	7	
12/5/2023 Open Court	7	
12/6/2023 Compliance Court	7	
12/11/2023 Office	7	
12/12/2023 Open Court	7	
12/13/2023 Compliance Court	7	
12/18/2023 Office	7	
12/19/2023 Open Court	7	
12/20/2023 Compliance Court	7	

BRIDGER POLICE STATS FOR MONTH ENDING 12-31-23

TRAFFIC

Speeding 47

/SUSPENDED 1

WARNINGS 30

X\_WALK 1

NO DL 1/NO REGISTRATION 1

AGANCY ASSIST (INCLUDING AMBULANCE) 16

WELFARE CHECK 8

CITIZEN ASSIST 20

BAR WALK THRU 40

Candy cane stroll went well no problems

QUESTIONS????

*Happy  
New Year*

