

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2024**

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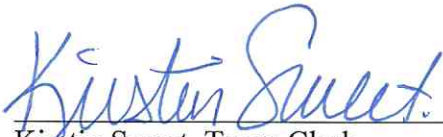
Mayor DeRudder asked for public comment regarding the variance at 211 S 5th Street. Clerk Sweet explained the progression of the property since 1974. No other public comment was offered.

There being no further business Councilman Shultz motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.



Mark DeRudder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk

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HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2024**

The January 9, 2024 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 Mayor DeRudder at 6:45 pm. Council members present were Dustin Taylor, Shala Cullum, Cliff Shultz and Doug Asbury. Others present were Phil Lambert, Deana Kilfoy, Don and Linda Skorupa, Sargent Codi Peters, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, Police Chief Buechler and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

Mayor DeRudder asked for public comment regarding the change of use for property described as S21, T06 S, R23 E, Plat 269 Less Hwy. Also known as 2646 Highway 310 Bridger, MT 59014. Clerk Sweet explained that the owners asked for commercial zoning when they petitioned for annexation. No other public comment was offered.

There being no further business Councilman Asbury 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 Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.



Mark DeRudder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2024**

The January 9, 2024 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 DeRudder. Other council members present were Shala Cullum, Dustin Taylor, Cliff Shultz and Doug Asbury. Others present were Deana Kilfoy, Don & Linda Skorupa, Phil Lambert, Brenda & Mike Wham, Dana Zier, Tom Mudd, Patricia Grabow, Matt Stump, Lonna Weiss, Sargent Codi Peters, Police Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Phil Lambert was present to ask the council about the possibility of passing an ordinance so that engine brakes are not allowed in town limits. He also asked about how one might go about reducing the speed limit between the Town limits and the junction of highway 310 and highway 72. Members of the Bridger Historical Society were present and wanted to make the council aware of some grant funding for restoration of historical buildings. They feel this could be used for the old Town Hall. Patricia Grabow also presented the council with a letter she had written for them regarding historical buildings.

The next item on the agenda was to appoint a new council president. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cullum to appoint Cliff Shultz as he has seniority on the council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2023 regular meeting. A motion to approve all the minutes was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Shultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – 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 #34538 to #34561. Also, electronic checks #-98091 to #-98085. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #34505 and #34531 to #34536. Also, electronic checks #-85404 to #-85368. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

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

Next on the agenda was Special Events Applications. The first one was from the Dry Creek Saloon for a dance at the Civic Center on March 23, 2024. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman Shultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The second application was from the Jim Bridger Days Committee for a Valentines Dance at the Civic Center to be held February 10, 2024. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Shultz, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next agenda item was a variance application from Donald Skorupa. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman Shultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was the Bridger Beautification Committee. Committee member Lonna Weiss was present to present drawings of murals that they would like to be placed on the front exterior wall of the civic center. Once the murals are provided the Town Public Works Crew will install them. A motion to allow this project, the cost of which will be covered by the beautification committee, was made by Councilman Shultz, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #273A to set zoning for the annexation of property described as S21, T06 S, R23 E, Plat 269 Less Hwy. Also known as 2646 Highway 310 Bridger, MT 59014.

Mayor DeRudder reviewed the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next agenda item was request for proposals (RFP) for a garbage contract. The current contract expires on June 30, 2024. Clerk Sweet asked the council to review the last RFP from 2014. She hopes to have a RFP for approval at the next meeting.

The next item was a discussion regarding the need for a new town hall building. Clerk Sweet had nothing new to report for this item.

Attorney Kuntz was not present.

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.

Chief Buechler presented stats for the month of December as well as year-end information for 2023.

Clerk Sweet spoke to the council about the audit that was just completed.

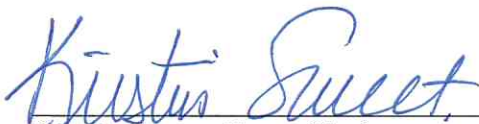
Mayor and Town Council: Free Food Delivery will likely return Bridger in the future.

There being no further business, Councilman Taylor motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.



Mark DeRudder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk