

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2014

The February 4, 2014 Meeting of the Bridger Town Council was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:00 PM. Council members present were George Wilm, Cliff Shultz, Gerry Roth and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Doug VanValkenburgh, Hope Freeman Town Attorney, Ross Oyler, Julia Jones, and Austin Jenkins of Republic Services.

Clerk Deanna Hay read the minutes of the previous meeting. Gerry Roth moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the claims. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the claims. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports.

Under citizen advisory reports, the Area Park and Recreation Committee wants to hire two supervisors for the swimming pool next year. There is also a question concerning the payment of claims. There is also a question over the floor at the pool bath house that is peeling, whether the material or application, it needs to be fixed.

There was no public comment.

The next item on the agenda was Republic Services, and Austin Jenkins and Julia Jones were present to ask about the Town's solid waste contract. Republic Services is interested in putting in a bid for the contract. Republic Services can incorporate recycling and might be able to partner with the school. Republic Services will include any services the Town would wish to incorporate in the contract. The Town will be advertising for bids soon, as the present solid waste contract is up June 30, 2014. Republic Services gave references to contact to validate the quality of their service. The Solid Waste bid will be on the March agenda.

The next item on the agenda was water services question. Doug VanValkenburgh was asked to join in on the discussion with Town Attorney Hope Freeman and the Council. Doug VanValkenburgh has been given a court order to install a curb stop for his new residence. He must pay the \$500 for the tap fee. The Town Ordinances state that all single family residences require a curb stop. Mr. VanValkenburgh intends to use a cistern and bulk water. No private wells are allowed in the Town limits. The Town Attorney recommends that the Water Ordinance be amended to avoid this matter in the future. A delinquent bill exists presently on the properties, and Mr. VanValkenburgh asked that the water be shut off to the property. The Council stated that because of public safety and until there is physical evidence that the water pipes have been cut from the Town's service line and certified as such by the Town Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry, no bulk water may be obtained.

The next item on the agenda was proposed Spay & Neuter Clinics in the Civic Center. There was discussion over this matter. Alternatives for the clinics were given for the Fire Department and/or the Town Shop.

The next item on the agenda was zoning applications. There were none to consider.

The next item on the agenda was the Local Government Review Resolution #170. This Resolution allows residents to decide if they want a Study Commission on the present "form of government" in Bridger. Residents will vote on the ballot in the June 2014 election. There is a cost to this if residents vote for this Study. This study is for 3 study commission members and 1 ex-officio member to study the Town's form of government for 3 years and is expected to cost \$12,000 over the three year period. This cost concerns training meetings in Bozeman for meals, mileage, and motel expenses for all 4 people concerned over the 3 years. If residents vote for this study, this cost will be "additional mills" added to their taxes for three years. Randy Novakovich moved to accept Resolution #170 to put this issue on the ballot in June 2014. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The Special Events Policy was the next item on the agenda. Town Attorney, Hope Freeman discussed her proposal for the policy. There was discussion and recommendations made. Attorney Hope Freeman will redo the proposal for the March Town Council Meeting.

The Family Dollar Store Subdivision Improvements Agreement was the next item on the agenda. George Wilm moved to approve the Family Dollar Store Subdivision

Improvements Agreement. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Muth Donation. Mayor DeRudder read each suggestion for the \$10,000 that the Muth family donated to the Town of Bridger. Gerry Roth moved to table the decision concerning the donation until the March meeting.

The audit contract for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 was discussed. Paul Strom and Associates were the only ones to apply for the audit contract. Strom and Associates have previously done audits for the Town and have done a good job. George Wilm moved to approve the audit contract for Strom and Associates for the bi annual audit for the years 2013 and 2014 for a cost of \$8400. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was public comment. It was brought up to the Council if a special event charged admission they would need an application. Mayor DeRudder reported on an email the Town received from a group that wanted to have a "Shoot-Out", in Bridger. The information was given to Ross Oyler to pursue.

Police Chief Mike Buechler asked the Council to approve a meeting on February 13, 2014 for LEPC. Tom Kohley will be conducting the meeting on emergency procedures. Chief Buechler also reported the radios have to be reprogrammed to be compatible with the County radios.

Town Clerk Deanna Hay gave information to the Council members from Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority that implements financial tools for the Workers Comprehensive Program that the Town subscribes to. This matter will be on the March 2014 agenda.

Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry was not present.

Mayor Scott DeRudder asked that the fire suppression be checked at the factory building.

There being no further business George Wilm moved to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Gerry Roth seconded.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk