

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MARCH 5, 2013

The March 5, 2013 Meeting of the Bridger Town Council was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:00 PM. Council Members present were George Wilm, Eugene Sticka, Gerry Roth, and Randy Novakovich. Others present were Krystal Zentner, Kirstin Sweet, Chad Hanson, Great West Engineering, Dian Giesick, Delphine Coon, Valerie Williams, Carol Nash, Ross Oyler, Ryan Zentner, Austin Rysavy, Xander Kraft, Chance Coon, Vanesse Petersen, Amy Kraft, Dusty Coon, Bert Kraft, Tim Goldsberry, Public Works Director, and Deanna Hay, Town Clerk.

George Wilm moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Gerry Roth moved to approve the claims. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Randy Novakovich moved to include and approve the Library claims. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

Under public comment it was stated that the Town has not yet heard about the results of the Department of Transportation traffic survey for the Town of Bridger. The Clerk will contact the DOT and ask about the matter.

Chad Hanson of Great West Engineering was present to report on the financing options for the Town concerning the sewer lagoon project. Randy Novakovich moved to approve Scenario #2 2B SRF with the existing loan being refinanced at the same time for a 3% interest rate. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

George Wilm moved to have Great West Engineering move ahead with the sewer project. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a sewer problem for Les Roark. The problem has been taken care of.

The next agenda item was the Northwestern Energy laydown site at the ball field north of the road until May 1, 2013. The Mayor reported he was given a check by Northwestern Energy. Gerry Roth moved to allow the laydown site until May 1, 2013. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Bridger Re Act group who came to ask to put signs in the parks to encourage folks to be considerate about smoking in the parks around children. The Bridger Re Act group received a grant to purchase the signs. Town Attorney Hope Freeman was asked if the signs would be acceptable. The Mayor stated that he understood what the group wanted to do. It's very hard to enforce no smoking in a public park. Gerry Roth moved to put signs in the park with the notation of the signs being sponsored by the Bridger Re Act Group and permission by the Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry as to where the signs would be placed in each park. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. Amy Kraft asked the Council for a swimming pool pass for incentive to encourage funding of the After School Program. Eugene Sticka moved to approve a full family pass for the After School Program. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. The Council thanked the group for coming.

The next item on the agenda was the Truck Pull. Quentin Taylor was present to ask for approval for the Truck Pull June 29, 2013, Saturday at 4PM under the lights. The Buckeye is catering the event. The Open Container will need to be lifted. With an evening event, the light bill ought to be reimbursed to Jess & Lana Matt. The Truck Pull profits are hopefully going to be used to construct a new crow's nest at the Rodeo grounds. George Wilm moved to lift the Open Container for the Rodeo Grounds on Saturday, June 29th at 4:00 PM until closing. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was Jim Bridger Days and 1) the use of the area by the old Town Shop for the circus in June 2013, 2) the use of the ball fields for the Fireworks display July 19, 2013, 3) on July 20, closing the street East of Sunnyside from Main Street to the alley, leaving access through the alleys at all times. Closure from 6:00 AM on July 20, 2013 to 12:00 PM July 21, 2013. Also the Buckeye Bar will have a street closure Friday July 19th from Main

Street to the alley-keeping the alley open. 4) Jim Bridger Days vendors need to contact Delphine Coon. Gerry Roth moved to lift the open container and bars are to use cans & not bottles from Friday night 6:00 PM July 19, 2013 to 9:00 PM Sunday July 21, 2013. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Dian Giesick asked about the Civic Center floor. With the Mile of Pennies helping, the floor could be partially funded. Gerry Roth moved to refinish the Civic Center floor when the weather warms up. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Farmers Market. Carol Nash was present to ask for permission to have a Farmers Market at Jim Bridger Park. Mayor DeRudder read the Ordinance concerning the Farmers Markets stating that a \$25 license would be needed. The tentative dates are from June-October. George Wilm moved to allow the Farmers Market in Jim Bridger Park from June-October. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the new website access. Bert Kraft explained that the Town's present website was not accessible by the Clerk. Bert Kraft has updated a site for the Library and the Police Department. The website can be shared. It will cost approximately \$150 to set up the website. Gerry Roth moved to upgrade a second website. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor read the correspondence from the lawyer from WBI (formerly Williston Basin Pipeline) stating that the pipe stored at the site west of Bridger has no asbestos. George Wilm moved to sign the lease agreement to continue to store the pipe. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. Town Attorney Hope Freeman will keep the letter on file.

The next item on the agenda is a representative for the Carbon County Planning Board. A notice will be posted for a representative needed.

The next item on the agenda was a zoning application for Michal Birrer for a new steel roof for an approximate cost of \$6,000. Gerry Roth moved to approve the zoning application. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Under public comment Gerry Roth asked if the Council would like to have him report to the Park and Recreation committee the need for snow removal at the ice skating rink and also ask about the swimming pool fees. Also there was discussion about rewriting the animal ordinance with larger acres to have a variance. The change would be permitting of animals when they have more than 5 acres. This Ordinance will be listed at the next meeting. Eugene Sticka moved to have the Town Attorney write up a variance of 5 acres and over to be exempt from animal permits. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Tim Goldsberry, Public Works Director reported he received his credits for certification. The Town bid \$700 for a 1979 GMC pickup from the County surplus. There will be additional testing for lead and copper, disinfection by-products, etc. that will be an additional cost to the Town. The tests have to be driven to Billings as there is a hold time. Tim Goldsberry also recommended that the Town not allow latrine dumping in the lagoon as the chemical from the latrines can interfere with the lagoon natural breakdown and sludge build up from septic tank dumping. Eugene Sticka moved that a deadline of March 31, 2013, the Town would no longer accept any latrine dumping and a letter will be sent to Michal Goldsberry and Ron Gunn. Gerry Roth seconded the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Deanna Hay, Town Clerk reported that the ACH survey resulted in 14 signatures. That is not enough to set up the program with Black Mountain. Deanna Hay also reported she is expecting to return to work March 18, 2013.

There being no further business, the Gerry Roth moved to adjourn at 9:05 PM. George Wilm seconded.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

