

## BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR MAY 5, 2015

The May 5, 2015 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 Town Attorney Hope Freeman, Fred Teeters, Lilly Reamy, Diane Lesser, Mike Thompson, Tim Goldsberry Public Works Director, Police Chief Mike Buechler and Clerk Deanna Hay.

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

Gerry Roth moved to approve the claims. Cliff Shultz 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.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

There was no public comment.

Under correspondence Mayor DeRudder read a letter sent from the Carbon County Commissioners. The letter referred to the upgrades for the communication equipment for the dispatch services & calls for the County. The payments can be spread out over a five year or three year period. An Interlocal agreement from the County charges the Town of Bridger with 70% of the actual cost based on call volume and amounts to \$26,257.58 for 3 years or \$18,498.59 for 5 years. The Council had discussion over the cost and other communities are unhappy with the charges as well. A meeting with the Commissioners with all parties present to discuss the matter may be arranged. A letter concerning a legal issue between the Bank and Roger Snyder's property was brought to the attention of the Council. Town Attorney Hope Freeman stated this is a civil matter, however alleys may be used by everyone, so exclusive use is not up for claim.

Great West Engineering explained a bill for the 11 month walk through of the sewer lagoon project.

The next item on the agenda was planting grass and a prairie dog problem. Lilly Reamy was present to explain that a prairie dog had been on their property, but is no longer there. Also the Senior Citizens would like to pick rock and plant grass on their property to the south of their building and parking lot. The Council did not have a problem with them cleaning up the property and planting grass there.

The next item on the agenda was a Petition for Change of Use Zoning for the David Colvin property above the airport. If residences are put there the sewer will have to be bored underneath the airport. This Change of Use Zoning from Open to Residential will need to have a public hearing and will need to be published in the newspaper twice before the hearing. The Council felt that Residential C allowing mobile homes might be best for the area.

The next item on the agenda was the Sewer Bond Loan. Great West Engineering will be obtaining new aerators for the lagoon, so the Town will be drawing the remaining amount of the sewer lagoon loan. Randy Novakovich moved to draw out the rest of the Sewer Bond amounting to \$71,866. Gerry Roth 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 renewal of the liability insurance for pollution. The Town has several properties listed for this liability insurance. Randy Novakovich moved to renew the pollution insurance. George Wilm 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 zoning applications. The Mayor read a zoning application from Dana Zier at 120 S Main for an awning for an approximate cost of \$200. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the zoning application for Dana Zier. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. A zoning application was read for Eugene Sticka for an addition at 501 E Carbon Ave for an approximate cost of \$3000. George Wilm moved to approve the zoning application for Eugene Sticka. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. A zoning application was read for Pat Salveson at 504 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St for replacing the roof for an approximate cost of \$3000. Gerry Roth moved to approve the zoning application for Pat Salveson for a roof replacement. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. A zoning application was read for Tracy McSweyn at 313 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St. for a new garage for an approximate cost of \$25,000. Cliff Shultz moved to approve the zoning application for Tracy McSweyn at 313 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for a new garage. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. A zoning application was

read for Deb Imlay at 301 W Park Ave for an addition to the garage for an approximate cost of \$3000. George Wilm moved to approve the zoning application for Deb Imlay at 301 W Park. 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 election information and whether to use mail ballot or not for the Municipal Election in November. Clerk Deanna Hay reported that filing for the upcoming Municipal Elections is May 4, 2015 and closes July 2, 2015. Gerry Roth moved to use mail ballot for the upcoming Election in November 2015. 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 Labor Rulings. The item was moved to the end of the agenda.

Town Attorney Hope Freeman cautioned the Council to get all the facts concerning the communication equipment that the County is charging for.

Deanna Hay, Town Clerk reported that eight people have signed up for the ACH payment set up for utility bills. The ACH payments will start this month. Others may still sign up if they wish, and can contact the Town to do so. The Clerk also reported the County overpayment of County Option taxes is fulfilled this month. The Town will be receiving the amount of \$895.12 that has been withheld from the County option taxes each month. Clerk Hay asked the Council when to schedule Budget meetings. The Preliminary and Final Budget Hearings need to be advertised. The initial meeting will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15 PM, before the Regular Meeting, The Preliminary Meeting will be held July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, before the Regular Meeting, and the Final Budget Hearing will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, before the Regular Meeting.

Police Chief Mike Buechler reported the door on his patrol car was run into.

Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry reported the 2007 backhoe arrived that the Town purchased for \$45,000. It was delivered from California and has 3000 hours on it. The spring cleanup has had some negative feedback about scheduled times.

Mayor Scott DeRudder is asking about concrete that needs to be added at the bridges in Town.

At 8:18 PM Town Attorney Hope Freeman asked for closed Executive Session to discuss a pending claim against the Town. At 8:32 PM the Council came back into session and the decision was to authorize the Town Attorney to attempt to mediate the claim.

There being no further business George Wilm moved to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Gerry Roth seconded.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk