

## BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

The September 2, 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: Leila Taylor, Barbara Berumen, Glenda Corkins, Jackie Rieger, Brent Moore and Dave Dixon of CTA Architects and Carbon County Planning, Tim Goldsberry Public Works Director and Clerk Deanna Hay.

The Minutes of the Final Budget Hearing and the work meeting of the Bridger Town Council were read by Mayor Scott DeRudder. Randy Novakovich moved to accept the Final Budget Meeting minutes August 19, 2014 and was seconded by George Wilm. The vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. Cliff Shultz moved to accept the minutes of the work meeting August 19, 2014. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. The Minutes of the August 5, 2014 meeting were read by Clerk Deanna Hay. George Wilm moved to approve the minutes as read. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The Claims were the next agenda item. It was noted that a payment to Republic Services was not included. Gerry Roth moved to approve the claims in addition to the payment of Republic Services for \$5969.20. Randy Novakovich 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.

The next item was Court issues. Jackie Rieger presented a letter to say that other employees got raises on their anniversary hiring dates and she found no reason why she was being discriminated against by not getting the same raises as other employees and on the same dates. In MCA Title 2 an officer gets anniversary raises. She asked to be treated as the other judges. The Mayor stated the Town cannot fire you. The judge is not a regular employee. The judge is hired with a monthly salary "by Resolution" with no restriction of hours worked. Jackie Rieger proposed a calculation of what she felt she should have received with Public Employee Retirement System calculated also. Jackie Rieger stated her court clerk gets the anniversary raises as other employees. The Judge was hired at \$700/month. Mayor DeRudder stated every person has the ability to refuse the set amount upon hiring. That amount raised to \$925/month, then \$950/month, and now \$969/month. After much discussion it was stated that the Judge position will be completely defined so there is no misunderstanding in the future. The Council wants assurance that with a payment comes a signature that this is the end of this matter and no further action will be taken against the Town. The Council feels they have not done anything wrong and have not acted with any malicious intent in this matter. Randy Novakovich moved to table the matter until the October 2014 meeting. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Brent Moore of CTA Architects and Carbon County Planning has a Growth Policy that is updated every 5 years. The Town has the ability to obtain a new zoning map from Great West Engineering. This zoning map is important to have available for residents and developers who want information about the Town. The Town needs to adopt the County Growth Policy and also obtain the zoning map and also write up a planning policy for future land use.

The metered water rates were the next agenda item. Gerry Roth moved to table the metered water rates until the October 2014. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The Mayor conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #26 An Ordinance amending the number of animals to three (3) of the same kind. If the owner wants to keep more than three dogs, the owner must pay a kennel fee as set forth in the Table of Fees. Gerry Roth moved to accept Ordinance #26. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. A kennel license will be defined.

The Mayor conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #27 amending the Table of Fees, providing for an infrastructure fee for a property owner vacating a building or residence of \$10 per month for water and \$10 per month for sewer. The infrastructure fee will continue to be assessed until the owner requests that the water and sewer be turned back on and pays the turn-on charge. Randy Novakovich moved to approve Ordinance #27. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Zoning applications were the next item on the agenda. A zoning application from Dallas Decker at 509 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for a gravel semi-circular driveway following all set-backs of the Town was read. Randy Novakovich moved to accept the zoning application for Dallas Decker.

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

Town Attorney Hope Freeman suggested the Council add a Correspondence section to the agenda. Also the Attorney asked about the bulk water, and the Council stated that the out of Town charge should lower to approximately 2 cents per gallon.

Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry reported the culvert on Carbon Ave needs to be replaced at a \$1200 cost. Tim Goldsberry also sent out weed letters. Tim Goldsberry asked about a backhoe for the Town and whether he could research backhoes that are for sale. The Council felt that he could look into equipment that is for sale.

Clerk Deanna Hay had nothing to report.

Chief Buechler was not present, but had a report prepared for the Council.

Mayor DeRudder reported he had been called about property up at the airport. The property in question does not belong to the Town.

George Wilm moved to adjourn at 9:14 PM. Randy Novakovich seconded.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk