

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MAY 3, 2016**

The May 3rd, 2016 meeting of the Bridger Town Council was held at 108 South D Street in Bridger. The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:02 pm. Council members present were George “Butch” Wilm, Cliff Schultz, Mark DeRudder and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Library Director Krystal Zentner, Melva Lightburn, Joan Miller, Lillie Reamy, Michelle and Jim Green, Desiree Frietas, Lorie Adkins, Emily Adkins, Jenna Kallevig, Ken Beggs, Delphine coon, Ross Oyler, Town Attorney Hope Freeman, Police Chief Mike Buechler, and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

Clerk Sweet read the minutes of the previous meeting. Corrections were made as to which wall of the Civic Center was cracked. It is the North wall that is cracked. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Councilman Novakovich seconded and the motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The claims were the next item on the agenda. It was motioned by Councilman Wilm to approve the claims. The motion was seconded by Councilman Novakovich. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

No committee reports.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

No public comment on items on the Agenda.

And no correspondence.

The Council was presented with one zoning application from Bill Kraft for a fence along the west side of his driveway. Councilman Novakovich motioned to approve the zoning application for Bill Kraft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The next item on the agenda was the 1st reading of Ordinance #34. After some discussion the item was tabled for Attorney Freeman to prepare a resolution rather than an ordinance to address the change of pay for Council and Mayor. Attorney Freeman will also prepare an Ordinance for the amendment of Title 2 of the Bridger Municipal Code.

Next was Resolution #186: Base Wage Pay Scale and Annual Raise Schedule. After some discussion a motion was made by Councilman DeRudder to table this resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Ken Beggs addressed the council in regards to the WWI monument and Doughboy statue in the park. Mr. Beggs informed the council that the feet have begun to rot and he would like permission to have them re-carved and possibly put the statue on a cement pedestal. Mr. Beggs has spoken with the V.F.W. and Legion organizations and both are willing to help with the restoration. The council would be delighted if Mr. Beggs would look into the matter further and report back.

The Bridger Garden Club was next on the agenda. Lillie Reamy asked the council’s permission to put a “Welcome to Bridger” sign at the south end of town, possibly in Lion’s Park. She also informed the council that the cedar bushes in that park are in need of attention, possibly removal and that may create a space for the sign to go. Mrs. Reamy has a youth organization that would be interested in helping remove the bushes or put up the sign. There was some discussion about Mrs. Reamy’s plan, a permit from the Highway department would be needed due to the proximity to the highway. Mrs. Reamy and the garden club will look into a permit and report back to the council.

Next Emily Adkins and Jenna Kallevig presented the council with a business proposal for selling concessions at the swimming pool this summer. The council asked if they needed power or a building for their business. The girls said they would not, they plan to have a mobile shack for selling out of. The council reminded them they would need a business license from the Town. Councilman Novakovich motioned to allow Emily Adkins and Jenna Kallevig to sell concessions at the swimming pool. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The next item on the agenda was the factory building lease to Kussmaul Seeds. The lease is for a term of 36 months. Councilman Novakovich motioned to accept the lease as written for Kussmaul Seeds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Jim Green addressed the council asking for permission to put a tap on State-Line Contractors' water line that connects to the Town's main water line. This line would be used for water in his garden and lawn. Mr. Green reminded the council that this would not be a tap on a city line but a private line that runs out to Mark DeRudder's business. Councilman Wilm motioned to allow a no premises tap on State-Line's water line. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Next the Jim Bridger Day's committee presented and explained their draft agenda and map of events for this year's celebration. The council looked over the agenda and map and agreed everything looked good.

Next, Library Director Zentner asked the council to approve the appointment of Jim Havens to the Library Board to replace Kea Fisher. Councilman Novakovich motioned to accept the appointment of Jim Havens. The motion was seconded Councilman Schultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The next item on the agenda was the 1st reading of Ordinance #34: Mayor DeRudder read Ordinance #34: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.24 Bonds And Salaries Of Officers And Employees To Designate Resolutions As The Method For Changing Salaries And Wages Of Officers And Employees. Councilman Schultz motioned to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance #34. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilm. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

Next was the 1st reading Ordinance #35. Mayor DeRudder read Ordinance #35: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.20.040 Waste Disposal Fees and Charges to Designate Resolutions as the Method for Changing Fees and Charges for Water, Sewer, And Health and Sanitation Services and Referring to the Appendix for Current Fees and Charges. Councilman DeRudder motioned to accept the 1st reading of Ordinance #35. The motion was seconded by Councilman Novakovich. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution # 186. Before reading the resolution, Mayor DeRudder asked Attorney Freeman if these Resolutions should wait until Ordinance #34 and #35 are passed and approved by the council. Attorney Freeman said to wait on Resolutions #186-189. Councilman Novakovich motioned to table Resolutions #186-189. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye.

There was no public comment on items not on the Agenda.

Attorney Freeman informed the council that court is picking up and Judge Kraft is doing very well.

Public Works Director Goldsberry informed the council that the rim around the swimming pool will need attention before the 2017 pool season. The concrete will need some work as well. Mr. Goldsberry also informed the council that each of the bridges that cross the canal will need some work this summer. The council asked how the lagoon was doing. Mr. Goldsberry informed them that it was looking better and the “bugs” were a good choice. Mr. Goldsberry informed the council of an incident that occurred last week. A resident claimed that a window was broken on their home when the Town was mowing the grass in the park. Mr. Goldsberry informed the council that he looked at the window and measured the distance the rock would have flown. It would have flown 84’ and the break in the window was 8’ above the ground. Attorney Freeman advised we have the property owner put the claim in writing and we can call M.M.I.A. at such time we receive the claim from the property owner. Mr. Goldsberry informed the council that his crew always mows with the injection port facing into the park for the first 2-3 rounds, however on this occasion, Mr. Bemis mowed with the injection port facing into the park for 4 rounds.

Police Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of April and informed the council that Officer Peters was gone for a few days, teaching at the academy.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to discuss.

Mayor DeRudder informed the council that he talked to Bryce, a project estimator, at Jones Construction. He will need a list from each entity containing a wish list of items they would need in the new facility. Once he has those he can begin to accurately estimate what the cost of this project will be.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Novakovich. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilman Schultz – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Novakovich – aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

ATTEST:

Scott DeRudder, Mayor

Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk