

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A BUDGET HEARING
HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2019**

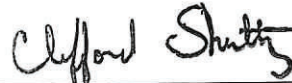
The August 20th, 2019 budget hearing of the Bridger Town Council was held at 108 South D Street in Bridger. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was brought to order by Mayor Shultz at 7:00 pm. Council members present were George "Butch" Wilm, Shala Cullum, Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were: Dustin Taylor, Judge Bert Kraft, Police Chief Mike Buechler and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

Clerk Sweet went through the Revenue Budget and explained all the changes from the previous year.

Next Clerk Sweet went through the expenditure side of the budget and explained any changes made. After Clerk Sweet finished her explanation of the expenditure budget she went over some information on reserves and the overall financial state of the Town. Discussion was had regarding a wage raise for the employees whose pay is now capped under Resolution #200. Discussion about Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) being used in the future on a yearly basis was had. Clerk Sweet explained that she ran some numbers for 2.4%, 3% and 3.5% for the three capped employees. The council agreed that the capped employees should get a 3% raise retroactive to July 1, 2019. Clerk Sweet will prepare a Resolution for the next meeting to reflect the pay increase and incorporate the changes into the budget for final approval.

There was no public comment from the gallery.

There being no further business Councilman Wilm motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Wilm – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.



Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk