

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2020**

The January 7, 2020 meeting of the Bridger Town Council was held at 108 South D Street in Bridger. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order by Mayor Shultz at 7:00 pm. Council members present were Dustin Taylor, Shala Cullum, Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were County Commissioner Bill Bullock, County Commissioner Pits DeArmond, Sergeant Codi Peters, Officer Robert Trask, Steven Fendler, Dillon Thomas, Attorney Hope Freeman, Judge Bert Kraft, Chief Mike Buechler and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The next item on the agenda was public comment. Commissioner Bullock reported that the Bridger senior Center had been awarded a grant from the Coal Board to fully fund the repairs needed for their building. The grant award was \$57,500.000. Councilman DeRudder asked the commissioners about the new radio system. They reported that the radio system is not fully functional yet. Councilman DeRudder also asked about the public hearing for the proposed detention center. They stated that the meeting will take place in Bridger at the Senior Center on January 23, 2020. Sergeant Peters reported that her car is broke down and she will be using the reserve car.

The next item on the agenda was election of a council president. Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to elect Councilman DeRudder as the new council president. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the December 3, 2019 meeting. Councilwoman Cullum asked for a correction to be made to the minutes under public comment. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. It was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding the claims. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve claims with check numbers #32425 to #32455. Also, electronic check numbers #-98375 to #-98369. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the Payroll Summary including check numbers #32411 to #32421. Also, electronic checks #-87131 to #-87104. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Committee reports was the next item on the agenda. No committee reports.

The lease with the county commissioners was next on the agenda. The Commissioners would like to fence a one-acre portion so that some vehicles can be secured. Commissioner Bullock stated they just wanted to get permission from the council before moving forward with the fence. A motion to approve the fence was made by Councilman DeRudder, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Special events application was next on the agenda. There was one application from the Jim Bridger Days committee. It was for Brew Fest/February Fiesta. Mayor Shultz read the application. Clerk Sweet explained the change from a brew fest to a February fiesta. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item of business was appointment of Mark DeRudder to the Carbon County Airport Board. A motion to appoint Mark DeRudder was made by Councilwoman Cullum and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – abstain and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The fire department was next on the agenda. They were here last month asking about money to purchase new fire equipment. Steve Fendler and Dillon Thomas spoke to the council regarding the need for new fire equipment and the possibility of a new structure truck. There was much discussion regarding the number of calls in town versus out of town as well as the amount of use that turnouts get in fires and for other calls such as motor

vehicle accidents. There was also discussion regarding the town's structure truck and at what age does it need to be replaced. Mayor Shultz suggested that we deal with the equipment purchases for now and deal with the structure truck another time. More discussion ensued regarding the air packs and extra bottles as well as discussion regarding the possible need for a fire mill in city limits. The Fire department figures if they save \$12,000.00 per year, they won't be in this position again as they would always have the funds needed to purchase replacement equipment. Ultimately, we need to operate within the set budget for this year. Clerk Sweet suggested they purchase 2 sets of turnouts for this fiscal year, even though it will stretch that budget to do so, and then deal with the rest of it at budget time. Councilman Asbury motioned to allow the firemen to purchase 2 sets of turnouts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the capital improvements plan. We started working on this last month and just need to keep thinking about what needs to be on the list. There was discussion regarding a community needs survey to get the public involved. Clerk Sweet has an example of one from another town. She will send it out to the council for review and we can discuss it next month.

Rodeo grounds was next on the agenda. There was discussion regarding the best way to manage the grounds and how to provide access to the public in such a way that also protects the town's property. Attorney Freeman will draft a use agreement for review at the next meeting.

Attorney Freeman had nothing to report.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for December as well as his yearend stats.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

Public Works Director Goldsberry was not present.

Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of December as well as yearend stats.

Clerk Sweet informed the council that there is an elected officials workshop in May.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilwoman Cullum motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

ATTEST:



Clifford Shultz, Mayor



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk