

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MAY 5, 2020**

The May 5, 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 via phone, Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were Matt Boggio, Gordon Serrine, Judge Bert Kraft, Chief Mike Buechler, Assistant Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The next item on the agenda was public comment. No public comment.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2020 meeting. Councilmen DeRudder, Councilmen Asbury motioned to approve the minutes, 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. We had claims from March to approve as well as April due to the April meeting being cancelled. The department heads answered questions regarding the claims. Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the March claims including check #32359 to #32549 and #32551 to #32569 and void check #32550. Also, electronic checks #-98359 to #-98353. 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. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the April claims with check numbers #32577 to #32604. Also, electronic check numbers #-98352 to #-98348. 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 Payroll Summaries for March and April. Councilman Asbury motioned to approve the March payroll summary including check #32497 to #32499 and #32528 to #32535. Also, electronic checks #-87053 to -87025. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. Councilman Asbury motioned to approve the April Payroll Summary including check numbers #32536 to #32538 and #32570 to #32576. Also, electronic checks #-87024 to #-86989. 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.

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

Next on the agenda was Special Events Applications. The first one is from Yellowstone Sports Car Club of America. They want to hold an event at the airport at the end of May. (Due to COVID-19 and the lack of an April meeting, the “2 meetings before” was not required for this event.) Mayor Shultz read the application, all of which was discussed at the March meeting. A motion to approve with the application, with the listed restrictions, was made by Councilman Asbury, 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 second application was from Joann Peters for an anniversary party at the civic center. (Due to COVID-19 and the lack of an April meeting, the “2 meetings before” was not required for this event.) Mayor Shultz read the application. A motion to approve with the application, with the listed restrictions, 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 third application was from Tracy Kroll (Agenda was misprinted as Stacey) for a wedding. Mayor Shultz read the application. A motion to approve with the application, with the listed restrictions, was made by Councilman DeRudder, 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. It was also decided that if these events needed to be rescheduled due to COVID-19 restrictions, they would be allowed to hold the event within 6-weeks of the original date.

The next agenda item was renewal of two lease agreements at the factory building. Discussion was had regarding an annual increase on lease payments. A motion to renew the Kussmaul lease with no increase in rent was made by Councilman DeRudder, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – nay, Councilman DeRudder – aye, Councilman Asbury – abstain and Mayor Shultz – aye. A motion to renew the R & M Solutions lease with no increase in rent was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as

follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – nay, Councilman DeRudder – aye, Councilman Asbury – abstain and Mayor Shultz – aye.

Next on the agenda was the hiring of the Public Works Director. A motion to approve Randy Novakovich as the Public Works Director was made by Councilman Asbury, 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.

The next order of business was to discuss the RFP for attorneys. Mayor Shultz explained what had been done so far. With the first request, we did not get an adequate pool of candidates. A motion to reopen the RFP process for another couple weeks 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.

Resolution #224 regarding the campground was next on the agenda. Mayor Shultz read the Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution 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.

Resolution #225 regarding surplus property was next on the agenda. Mayor Shultz read the Resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Asbury, 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.

Attorney Freeman was not present.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for April. Judge Kraft informed the council that the court had been sued along with all other courts for violation of the disability act. Judge Kraft responded and the Supreme Court ruled against the lawsuit.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

Assistant Public Works Director Novakovich reported that the pool park water valve is being repaired and then the sprinklers can be put in.


Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of April.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilwoman Cullum motioned to adjourn. 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. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

ATTEST:



Clifford Shultz, Mayor



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk