

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 2, 2020**

The June 2, 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 Daran Schafer, Attorney Ray Kuntz, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Judge Bert Kraft, Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The next item on the agenda was public comment. Daran Schafer was present to discuss approval for a truck pull with short notice due to the COVID-19 circumstances.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the May 5, 2020 meeting. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the minutes, 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 item of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding the claims. Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to approve the claims including check #32617 to #32652 and #32654 to #32655 and void check #32653. Also, electronic checks #-98347 to #-98344. 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 Summary for May. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #32605 to #32616. Also, electronic checks #-86988 to #-86963. Councilman DeRudder seconded the motion. 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 application was from the Jim Bridger Days Committee for the celebration on July 16-18. This application was withdrawn prior to the meeting. The celebration was cancelled due to COVID-19 circumstances.

Next on the agenda was the appointment of Town Attorney Ray Kuntz. A motion to appoint Ray Kuntz as the town attorney was made by Councilman DeRudder and 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.

The next agenda item was discussion regarding the capped employees' wages. Mayor Shultz explained the need for guidance from the council regarding a wage increase for capped employees. Discussion was had regarding COLAs for our area, the impact on the budget and the use of pay plans in the future. The general idea was 2% for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

Resolution #226 regarding the special gas tax money was next on the agenda. Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to approve the resolution. 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.

Attorney Kuntz had nothing to report.

Judge Kraft was not present but left his stats for May.

Library Director Zentner reported that the library may open soon as health precautions have been put in place.

Public Works Director Novakovich reported they have been working on streets and the pool.

Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of May.

Clerk Sweet explained to the council when the pool will open and how hiring of employees is going.

Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman DeRudder 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 8:10 pm.



Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk