

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

The July 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 Gordon Serrine, Jeremy Langendorff, Gaila and Jerry Brandon, Scott and Christine Miller, Attorney Ray Kuntz, Judge Bert Kraft, Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The next item on the agenda was public comment. Shala Cullum reported on the farm to table project and how it will help our town residents. They will be delivering on Friday in Bridger. Clerk Sweet reported on wind farm community service project. Gordon Serrine reported he is running for county commissioner.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the June 2, 2020 meeting. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the minutes, 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 item of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding the claims. Councilman Asbury made a motion to approve the claims including check #32671 and #32692 to #32724 and void check #32691. Also, electronic checks #-98343 to #-98338. 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.

Next on the agenda was the Payroll Summary for June. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #32656 to #32669 and #32672 to #32690 and void check #32670. Also, electronic checks #-86960 to #-86929. 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.

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

Next on the agenda was Special Events Applications. The first application was from Rock Creek Motor Sports for a truck pull at the rodeo grounds on July 18, 2020. Per the discussion at the last meeting the council will allow for approval without the 2 meetings advance notice. A motion to approve the application 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 second application was for the Seth and Micheal Memorial Softball tournament in August. 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.

Next on the agenda was the public hearing for the 2019-2020 budget amendment. Clerk Sweet explained the budget amendment. Mayor Shultz asked for public comment. There was no public comment on the amendment.

The next agenda item was discussion on some new software for the Clerk's office. Clerk Sweet explained and the council would like to wait a month or two to decide.

Next was the approval of the audit contract for fiscal years 2020, 2021 and 2022. A motion to approve the audit contract 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.

Resolution #227 regarding a wage increase for capped employees. Councilman Asbury made a motion to approve the resolution. 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.

Resolution #228 regarding the budget amendment for the 2019 – 2020 fiscal year. Councilman Taylor 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 was moved to the top of the agenda with public comment and reported that things have gone well so far.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for June. He also explained that the court will now be requiring masks to be worn in the court room.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

Public Works Director Novakovich reported that they are working on the bleachers at the rodeo grounds and they will be done soon.

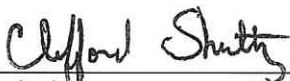
Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of June.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor Shultz asked for an update on the paving of D Street. PWD Novakovich gave an update.

There being no further business Councilman DeRudder motioned to adjourn. 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. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

ATTEST:



Clifford Shultz, Mayor



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk