

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2020**

The December 8, 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 Commissioner Bill Bullock, Ben Sweet, Monique Haney, Joshua Haney, Chad Cullum, Attorney Ray Kunz, Judge Bert Kraft, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, Assistant Public Works Director Dale Bemis and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The next item on the agenda was public comment. Commissioner Bill Bullock informed the council that the coal board grant received for the senior center is funded and they will move forward with the project.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the November 10, 2020 regular meeting. Councilwoman Cullum 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. The department heads answered questions regarding the claims. Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to approve the claims including check #32952 to #32991. Also, electronic checks #-98319 to #-98314. 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. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #32946 to #32950. Also, electronic checks #-86796 to #-86769. 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.

Next Joshua Haney was sworn in as a Reserve Police Officer of the Bridger Police Department.

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

The next agenda item was lease agreements. The first is a lease to Carbon County for the dump grounds. Commissioner Bill Bullock was present to discuss the lease. The county would like to place secure indoor storage as well as some fencing on that property. It would be a net asset for the Town of Bridger but paid for out of the county's junk vehicle fund. Chief Buechler talked with the council about the possibility of a gun range for law enforcement on that property. Since further changes need to be made to the lease to allow for the changes discussed there was a motion to table the agenda item. The motion 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. The next lease was for Country Bum, Shannie DeRudder for a portion of the factory building. There was an increase in rent from the last lease. This was due to "evening out" the square footage price at the building. The council decided to continue with one-year term. Councilman Asbury motioned to approve the lease with a one-year term. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – abstain and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was the second reading of Ordinance #54 regarding a speed limit in the Town's alleyways. Mayor Shultz read the ordinance. Councilman Taylor motioned to approve the second reading, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. 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 a discussion regarding no premises water taps. Discussion was had by the council and members of the public regarding no premises taps, what they are, how they came about, what the charges are, how it should be used if allowed going forward. Chad Cullum expressed a need for a clear answer in the ordinances regarding this topic. We will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Attorney Kuntz gave the council an update on the Hardin vs Town of Bridger lawsuit.

Judge Kraft presented stats for November. He also updated the council regarding common law and how that may pertain to the Bridger City Court.

Library Director Zentner informed the council that the library board will need a new member to be appointed to finish a term.

Public Works Director Novakovich had nothing to report.

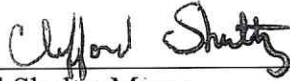
Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of November.

Clerk Sweet informed the council that a town resident bought 3 Christmas decorations to donate to the town. Thank you Leza Vargas!

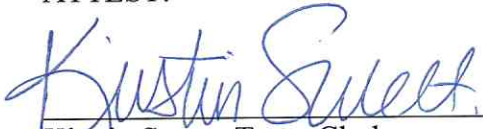
Mayor Shultz had nothing to report.

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 8:32 pm.

ATTEST:



Clifford Shultz, Mayor



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk