

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 9, 2021**

The March 9, 2021 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 (arrived late), Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were Steve Fendler, Dillon Thomas, Ben Henry, John Price, Matt Boggio, Carl Jones, Sargent Codi Peters, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, Police Chief Mike Buechler 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 February 9, 2021 regular meeting and public hearing. Councilman Taylor motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – 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 DeRudder made a motion to approve the claims including check # 33073 as well as check #33077 to #33110. Also, electronic checks #-98304 to #-98299. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the Payroll Summary. Councilman Asbury motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #33038 and #33074 to #33075. Also, electronic checks #-86707 to #-86679. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

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

The next item on the agenda was special events applications. The first was from the Bridger Volunteer Fire Department for a retirement party at the civic center on April 10th, 2021. Mayor Shultz read the application. Councilman DeRudder made a motion to approve the application with restrictions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The second application was from the Yellowstone Region SCCA for an event at the airport on May 22 and 23, 2021. Councilman Asbury made a motion to approve the application with restrictions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Councilwoman Cullum arrived.

A few members of the Bridger Volunteer Fire Department were present to discuss with the council options for additional funding for the fire department. The department members explained to the council the process of annexation into the rural fire district. Another option would be to ask the voters for a “fire tax” on the properties in town limits. The third option would be for the Town to allocate more general fund money to the fire department. Discussion was had regarding the different options, prices of equipment and trucks as well as how the different options would work moving forward. The council would want to represent the public and will do so when the time comes.

The next item on the agenda was the MMIA property renewal. Clerk Sweet presented the valuations for vehicles, mobile equipment and locations. A motion to approve the valuations was made by Councilwoman Cullum, 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 on the agenda was to set a time line for the water, sewer & garbage rate increase. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the time line schedule with the proposed changes. 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.

Attorney Kuntz was not present.

Judge Kraft presented was not present but left the stats for February.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

Public Works Director Novakovich updated the council on projects that are ongoing.

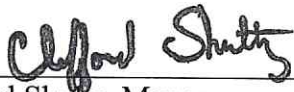
Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of February.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: Councilwoman Cullum reported that Free Food Delivery will be March 23, 2021 at 2:00 pm at the factory building.

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 8:28 pm.

ATTEST:



Clifford Shultz, Mayor



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk