

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2021**

The August 3, 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. Other council members present were Dustin Taylor, Shala Cullum (late but joined as noted below), Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were Gary Knopp, Sargent Codi Peters, Judge Bert Kraft, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Attorney Ray Kuntz, Police Chief Mike Buechler, and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. No public comment was offered.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the July 6, 2021 regular meeting. Councilman Asbury motioned to approve the minutes. 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 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 #33332 to #33374. Also, electronic checks #-98277 to #-98274. 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 Taylor motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #33313 to #33331. Also, electronic checks #-86517 to #-86488. Councilman DeRudder 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 the proposal from Midco Diving to recoat the water tank. Discussion was had regarding the project. Councilman Asbury motioned to approve the proposal, Councilman Taylor seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Councilwoman Cullum entered the meeting.

The next item was a decision regarding the paving project at the Bridger school. Mayor Shultz explained the project. Discussion was had regarding the project. Councilman Asbury motioned to approve the bid from Askin Construction. 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.

The next item of business was Resolution #238 request the special gas tax money. Mayor Shultz read the resolution. Councilwoman Cullum 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.

The second reading of Ordinance #2021-01 was the next item on the agenda. Mayor Shultz read the ordinance. A motion to approve the second reading 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 first reading of Ordinance #2021-02 was the next item on the agenda. Mayor Shultz read the ordinance. Discussion was had as well as explanation by Attorney Kuntz. A motion to approve the first reading with amendments 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.

Attorney Kuntz was moved to the bottom of the agenda due to the need for a closed session to discuss litigation strategy.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for the month of July and updated the council on updated traffic data and the number of cars that travel through town on any given day.

Library Director Zentner updated on the council on a grant the library received.

Public Works Director Novakovich was not present.

Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of July.

Clerk Sweet asked the council to hold the budget hearing on August 31, 2021 this year.

Mayor and Town Council: Councilman DeRudder reported that he had been asked by a few people about the pool being closed on Jim Bridger Days.

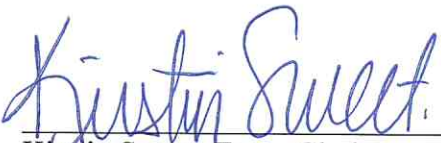
Attorney Ray Kuntz asked that the council enter into closed session to discuss litigation strategy. Closed session was started at 8:01 pm. Closed session ended at 8:50

There being no further business Councilwoman Cullum 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 8:50 pm.



Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk