BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2021

The October 5, 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 Council President Mark DeRudder (Mayor Shultz was absent) at 7:00 pm. Other council members present were Dustin Taylor, Shala Cullum and Doug Asbury. Others present were Gaila Brandon, Carbon County DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen via phone, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, Chief Mike Buechler, Judge Bert Kraft 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 September meetings. A motion to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2021 regular meeting. A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman 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 #33442 to #33470. Also, electronic checks #-98268 to #-98264. 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 #33396 and #33435 to #33441. Also, electronic checks #-86453 to #-86404. Councilman Asbury 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.

The next item on the agenda was a special events application for the Jim Bridger Days Committee for a fundraiser, Wreaths of Winter, at the Civic Center on December 3, 2021. Council President DeRudder reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Taylor, 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 Sand Creek Canal project award letter was the next on the agenda. Carbon County DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen was present via phone to explain the details of this potential project. She spoke to the Sand Creek Canal President Mark Giesick and he is agreeable to moving forward with engineering for the project. He is not interested in changing the canal itself but understands the need for mitigation of flooding in the winter months when ice and snow may block the ditch and cause flooding. Discussion was had regarding the potential project. A motion to approve the grant and commit \$5,000 was made by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Taylor motioned to table the agenda item until next month. Councilman Asbury seconded the motion. 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 Resolution #242 regarding watering hours. Council President DeRudder read the Resolution. Discussion was had regarding the hours and months that water should be restricted. Councilman Asbury motioned to table the resolution and make some amendments for the November agenda. 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.

Clerk Sweet informed the council that the Montana League of Cities and Towns conference started today and she will be attending virtually.

Mayor and Town Council: Councilwoman Cullum informed everyone that the next Free Food Delivery will be November 4^{th} , 2021 at 1:00 pm.

There being no further business Councilwoman Cullum motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk