

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2021**

The December 7, 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, Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were Ben Sweet, Michael Keys, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, Chief Mike Buechler, Judge Bert Kraft, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Attorney Ray Kuntz and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Michael Keys with Sweet Grass Dispensary addressed the council regarding dispensaries in town limits. He wanted to discuss with the council the possibility of changing ordinances to allow dispensaries in other zoning areas in town, specifically commercial zones.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the November meeting. A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes 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. Closed session minutes from November 23, 2021 also needed approved. A motion to approve those was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded 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 #33516 to #33547. Also, electronic checks #-98260 to #-98254. 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. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #33478 and #33514 to #33515. Also, electronic checks #-86372 to #-86344. Councilman DeRudder 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 to swear in the elected mayor and council members. Clerk Sweet swore in councilmembers elected in November 2021, Shala Cullum and Doug Asbury, as well as Mayor Clifford Shultz.

Approve the settlement agreement for Hardin versus the Town of Bridger was next on the agenda. Attorney Kuntz explained the settlement to the council. A motion to approve the settlement 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 reported on additional items that he is working on.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for the month of November.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

Public Works Director Novakovich spoke with the council regarding the water tank recoating project. The roof structure is potentially corroded beyond repair. PWD Novakovich will continue to work with the contractor and figure out what the roof structures needs to function properly. He will keep the Mayor apprised of the situation.

Chief Mike Buechler presented the stats for the month of November.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: They had nothing to report.

There being no further business Councilman Taylor motioned to adjourn. The motion was 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. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.



Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk