

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 5, 2022**

The April 5, 2022 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 (via phone), Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were Mike and Kristin Keys, Dylan Sedlacek, Matthew Boggio, Carl Jones, Dana Zier, Alastair Baker, Carbon County DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen, Judge Bert Kraft, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, Chief Mike Buechler and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

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

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the March regular meeting and public hearing. A motion to approve both meeting's minutes was made by Councilman Taylor, 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 of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding the claims. Councilman Asbury made a motion to approve the claims including check #33661 to #33690. Also, electronic checks #-98235 to #-98230. 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.

Next on the agenda was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #33617 and #33654 to #33660. Also, electronic checks #-86246 to -86196. 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 were the next item on the agenda. There were no committee reports.

The next item on the agenda was special events applications. The first was from Yellowstone SCCA for an event at the airport on May 21-22, 2022. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Asbury, 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 was from Tura Gruel for a graduation party at the Civic Center on May 6, 2022. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application 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.

The next item was a lease renewal for R & M Solutions at the factory building property. Mayor Shultz reviewed the lease. Clerk Sweet explained that she had already anticipated the 2% increase and changed the rent amount accordingly. A motion to approve the lease agreement was made by Councilman Asbury, 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 Sand Creek Canal mitigation project was the next item on the agenda. Carbon County DES Coordinator was present and presented a proposal for the engineering portion of the project. A motion to approve the proposal 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.

Second reading on Ordinance #2022-02, an ordinance to adopt our new municipal code, was next on the agenda. Mayor Shultz reviewed the ordinance. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Asbury and 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.

Second reading on Ordinance #2022-03, an ordinance regarding zoning for marijuana businesses, was next on the agenda. Mayor Shultz reviewed the ordinance. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman DeRudder and seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye, and Councilman Asbury – nay.

Second reading of Ordinance #2022-04, an ordinance to regulate business licenses for marijuana businesses, was next on the agenda. Mayor Shultz reviewed the ordinance. A motion to approve the ordinance

was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye, and Councilman Asbury – nay.

The next agenda item was Resolution #244 regarding the employee pay schedule. Clerk Sweet explained the need to change the pay schedule due to an increase in minimum wage. Discussion was had regarding general labor. They should be the same as the temporary summer help. A motion to approve the resolution as amended in the discussion was made by Councilman Taylor and 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 agenda item was Resolution #245 regarding the marijuana business licensing. Mayor Shultz reviewed the resolution. Discussion was had regarding the fee amount that should be established with this resolution. It was decided that \$375.00 would be appropriate. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Asbury and 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.

A discussion regarding the Town boundary was next on the agenda. Clerk Sweet explained the small discrepancies between what the Town considers its’ boundary and what the County shows as the boundary. Clerk Sweet asked the council if they would like her and possibly Carbon County GIS Coordinator Tom Kohley to look into the matter further. The council advised to look into it and report back at a later date.

Black Mountain Software purchase. Clerk Sweet presented two options for new programs to handle auto pay customers. Discussion was had regarding the two option and which would suit our needs better for the cost. A motion to purchase the Black Mountain Software Utility Billing ACH Module was made by Councilman Taylor and 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.

Attorney Kuntz updated the council on pending matters that he is handling.

Judge Kraft presented his stats for March.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

Public Works Director Novakovich updated the council regarding the water tank, the pool and other items that they are working on. A discussion was had regarding a power outage that occurred a few weeks ago and one of properties, located outside of town but is on Town water and utilizes a booster pump. During the power outage, the line that feeds that particular property and its’ booster pump, did not have water and the pump ultimately burned up. The property owner would like the town to replace his pump. A discussion was had regarding the fact that we don’t pay for things like this. The proper procedure is allowing the property owner to file a claim with M.M.I.A. Clerk Sweet or PWD Novakovich will advise the property owner.

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

Clerk Sweet informed the council that the town is now signed up with DPHHS Water and Wastewater assistance program. Customers who qualify can contact DPHHS or the Town Clerk to get signed up.

Mayor and Town Council: Free Food Delivery will be April 21, 2022.

There being no further business, Councilman Taylor 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 and Councilman Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.



Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk