

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 9, 2022**

The August 9, 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, Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were Wade & Kellie Hoskins, Sargent Codi Peters, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Attorney Ray Kuntz, Judge Bert Kraft, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Wade & Kellie Hoskins commented that the smell that is coming from the property located 305 S 4th Street.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the July regular meeting. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Councilman Asbury 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 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 #33843 to #33881. Also, electronic checks #-98211 to #-98203. 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 #33831 to #33837. Also, electronic checks #-86068 to -86048. 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 the public hearing on the budget amendment for fiscal year 2021-2022. Mayor Shultz called for public comment on the budget amendment. No comment was offered.

Next was Resolution #248 regarding a wage raise for capped employees. Mayor Shultz reviewed the resolution. Discussion was had regarding inflation and the current cost of living increase for our area of the country. The council decided to give a 4% raise to all capped employees. Mayor Shultz updated the resolution. Councilman Asbury made a motion to approve the resolution with a 4% raise. 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.

Resolution #249 regarding the 2021-2022 budget amendment was next on the agenda. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the resolution and Councilwoman Cullum seconded. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder -aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The memorandum of understanding to the Bridger pool was an error in posting on the agenda and was not discussed at the meeting.

The memorandum of understanding for the ice rink was next on the agenda. Clerk Sweet explained that this would also need approval from the Area Parks and Recreation Board. Clerk Sweet also explained that this was put into place in 2017 and just needs renewed every five (5) years. Councilman Asbury motioned to approve the memorandum of understanding for the ice rink. The motion as 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.

An interlocal agreement with the Bridger Area Parks and Recreation board was next on the agenda. Clerk Sweet informed the council this is similar to the ice rink. It is renewed every five (5) years and will need approval from the board. Councilman Taylor motioned to approve the interlocal agreement. 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 updated the council on the water court case.

Judge Kraft presented the stats for the month of July.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

Public Works Director Novakovich reported on current projects that the department is working on.

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

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: Free Food Delivery is August 25, 2022.

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, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.



Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk