

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2022**

The November 1, 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 Council President Mark DeRudder at 7:00 pm. Mayor Clifford Shultz was absent. Other council members present were Dustin Taylor, Shala Cullum and Doug Asbury. Others present were Dale Bemis, Judge Bert Kraft, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, 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 October regular meeting. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Councilwoman Cullum 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. Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to approve the claims including check #33963 to #33987. Also, electronic checks #-98188 to #-98182. 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 #33960 to #33962. Also, electronic checks #-85942 to #-85910. 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 to renew the contract for the Bridger City Court Judge. Bert Kraft presented a letter asking to be reappointed as Judge. A motion to approve the judge contract 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.

Resolution #255 to resolve a discrepancy in the chain of title related to property deeded to the Town of Bridger. Attorney Kuntz explained the chain of custody for the title and the location of the property. Attorney Kuntz advised that the council should release any interest in the property in the resolution so as to allow the discrepancy to be fixed. A motion to approve Resolution #255 was made by Councilwoman Cullum, 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 resolution of the water court case with the Montana Water Court. He also reiterated what Judge Kraft's letter stated about our court being a leader in remote appearances and alternative options for posting bonds.

Judge Kraft presented the stats for the month of October. He also thanked the council for the reappointment.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

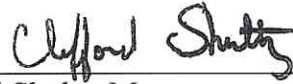
Public Works Director Novakovich reported on projects they are working on.

Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of October.

Clerk Sweet informed the council that we are in need of representatives for all our county boards.

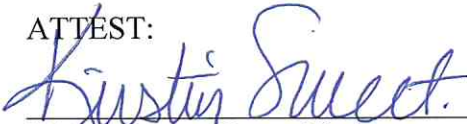
Mayor and Town Council: Free Food Delivery is November 15, 2022.

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 7:23 pm.



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Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk