

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MAY 2, 2023**

The May 2, 2023 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 at 7:00 pm by Mayor Shultz. Other council members present were Dustin Taylor, Mark DeRudder and Doug Asbury. Others present were Daran Shafer, Angela Getchell, Sargent Codi Peters, 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 April 4, 2023 regular meeting and the April 11, 2023 special meeting. A motion to approve both meeting minutes was made by Councilman Taylor seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – 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 #34172 to #34203. Also, electronic checks #-98147 to #-98140. The motion was seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the Payroll Summary. Councilman DeRudder motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #34168 and #34170 to #34171. Also, electronic checks #-85719 to #-85687. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Committee reports were the next item on the agenda. No committee reports.

The next item on the agenda was Special Events Applications. The first was from the Jim Bridger Days Truck Pull and Demolition Derby. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman DeRudder and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The second application was from the Jim Bridger Days committee for the annual celebration. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Asbury and seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The third application was from the Bruce Herden Memorial Team Roping. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The fourth application was for a wedding reception at the civic center. Mayor Shultz reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman DeRudder and seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next agenda item was Lease Agreements. The first was for Tri County Telephone (TCT). Clerk Sweet informed the council that Ben Walker from TCT asked us to change the potential lease to a 40 by 40 square of ground instead of the 1/3 of an acre that was previously proposed. The location of the lease would be somewhere within the original 1/3 of an acre. Discussion was had regarding the lease and the terms. A motion to table the agenda item was made by Councilman DeRudder and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The second lease was for R & M Solutions. Mayor Shultz reviewed the lease. Clerk Sweet and Attorney Kuntz explained the need for the changes to part 7, the changes were highlighted in yellow and red on the lease. A discussion was had regarding the changes. A motion to approve the lease with both the red and yellow highlights was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Attorney Kuntz had nothing further to report.

Judge Kraft presented the stats for the month of March. He also informed the council that there may be legislation that mandates the fines and forfeitures to go to the state instead of the Town. Attorney Kuntz and Judge Kraft are working on a plan to keep the fines in the Town's budget.

Library Director Zentner had nothing to report.

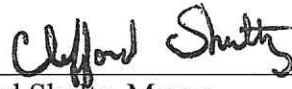
Public Works Director Novakovich updated the council on projects the public works crew is working on.

Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of March.

Clerk Sweet informed the council that we are in need of a council member to serve on the ambulance board. We can decide officially at the next meeting. She also informed the council that the filing for the upcoming elections will be open soon and will be open until June 19.

Mayor and Town Council: Free Food Delivery will be May 4, 2023 in Bridger and May 18, 2023 in Joliet.

There being no further business, Councilman DeRudder motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.



Clifford Shultz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk