

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA  
PUBLIC HEARING TIME IS 6:30 PM AT BRIDGER TOWN HALL, 108 S D STREET**

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC HEARING ON HOUSE BILL (HB) 355 FUNDING:

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**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA  
MEETING TIME IS TUESDAY MARCH 5, 2024 AT 7:00 PM,  
BRIDGER TOWN HALL, 108 S D STREET**

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- February 6, 2024 Meeting

APPROVE CLAIMS:

APPROVE PAYROLL SUMMARY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Area Parks & Recreation District Report
- Planning Board
- Historic Preservation Commission Board
- Carbon County Conservation District
- Beartooth RC & D

APPROVE PROPERTY RENEWAL SCHEDULE:

RESOLUTION #275: HB 355 Priority Project

DISCUSSION REGARDING A NEW TOWN HALL:

TOWN ATTORNEY: Ray Kuntz

TOWN JUDGE: Bert Kraft

LIBRARY DIRECTOR: Krystal Zentner

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: Randy Novakovich

POLICE REPORT: Mike Buechler

TOWN CLERK: Kirstin Sweet

MAYOR / TOWN COUNCIL:

- This is a time when the Mayor or the Council members can bring a concern before the council that is not otherwise listed on the agenda. No action can be taken at this time. If action is necessary, the item will be put on the next meeting agenda.

### **Conduct at Public Meetings**

The public is invited to speak on any item under discussion by the Council, after recognition by the presiding officer.

The speaker should stand, and for the record, give his/her name and address, and, if applicable, the person, firm or organization he/she represents. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes unless approval by the presiding officer, and citizens requesting to speak shall limit him or herself to matters of fact regarding the issue of concern.

Prepared statements are welcomed and should be given to the Clerk of the Council. Prepared statements that are also read, however, shall be deemed unduly repetitious. All prepared statements shall become part of the hearing record.

While the City Council is in session, those in attendance must preserve order and decorum. A member shall not delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the Council, nor disturb any member while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the Council or its presiding officer.

Any person making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks or who shall become boisterous or disruptive during the Council meeting shall be forthwith barred from further presentation to the Council by the presiding officer, unless permission to continue be granted by the presiding officer or a majority vote of the Council.

The Bridger Town Council reserves the right to amend these rules of procedure as deemed necessary.

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

The January 9, 2024 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 DeRudder. Other council members present were Shala Cullum, Dustin Taylor, Cliff Shultz and Doug Asbury. Others present were DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen, Ron All, Justin Ericksen, Justin Pape, Brad Caton, Angala Getchel, Phil Lambert, Dana Zier, Sgt. Codi Peters, Judge Bert Kraft, Library Director Kyrsta Zentner, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Dana Zier spoke to the council regarding grants for historical buildings. Mayor DeRudder asked that Dana provide some more information. Cyrina Allen, Carbon County DES Coordinator gave a quick update on the Sand Creek Canal Project. Angel Getchell from Red Lodge Area Community Foundation updated the council regarding the workforce housing study that they plan to start in the Bridger area. Phil Lambert updated the council on the response that he received from the MDT and the Carbon County Commissioners. He also wanted to express his frustration with the engine brakes. He asked that the council consider moving the 25-mph sign to the edge of Town limits. Some discussion was had regarding the engine brakes.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the January 9, 2024 regular meeting and two public hearings. A motion to approve all the minutes was made by Councilman Shultz, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – 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 #34565 to #34596. Also, electronic checks #-98084 to #-98079. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #34537 and #34562 to #34563. Also, electronic checks #-85367 to #-85334. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Correspondence was next on the agenda. Clerk Sweet presented the two letters of correspondence to the council.

Next on the agenda was the committee reports. No committee reports.

The Bridger Baseball Complex was next on the agenda. Brad Caton from Red Lodge Area Community Foundation was present and spoke to the council regarding surveys that have been done and the upgrades that would be necessary if Bridger would be the host site. He asked that the council consider being the host site for Carbon County Baseball. A motion to approve the Bridger Baseball Complex being the host for the Carbon County Baseball pending the draft and passing of an agreement was made by Councilwoman Cullum and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Lease Agreements were next on the agenda. Discussion was had regarding the utility clause in the lease agreements as the total utility bills are higher than the clause allows. Discussion was had regarding the utilities and what the percentage increase should be for rent for the upcoming year. A motion to raise the rent amount 5% for each renter was made by Councilman Shultz. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #274 calling for an election on the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission to do so. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the resolution and noted a date correction. A motion to approve the resolution as amended was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next agenda item was request for proposals (RFP) for a garbage contract. The current contract expires on June 30, 2024. Clerk Sweet presented the RFP to the council. Discussion was had regarding a 10-

year contract versus a 5-year contract. A motion to approve the RFP with the change from a 10-year contract to a 5-year contract was made by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. Clerk Sweet presented the RFP to the council.

Next on the agenda was the property renewal schedule. Discussion was had regarding some of the listed values. Clerk Sweet and PWD Novakovich will work on it and bring it back to the council next month. A motion to table the item was made by Councilman Taylor and seconded by Councilman Shultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item was a discussion regarding the need for a new town hall building. Clerk Sweet had presented the letter from the Bridger Senior Center during correspondence. Some discussion was had regarding the letter and where we go from here. Clerk Sweet will again reach out to the grant writer at Great West Engineering and she will mention the tourism grant suggested by Dana Zier.

Attorney Kuntz updated the council on items he has been working on.

Judge Kraft presented his stats from February.

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 was not present but left his stats from February for the council to review.

Clerk Sweet asked the council for dates they would be available for a work session with the County Commissioners. She will reach out to the Commissioners and set a date.

Mayor and Town Council: None.

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 Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

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Mark DeRudder, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk

Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
COMA HOURS (Comp Time Accumulated)	40.88		
COMP HOURS (Comp Time Used)	14.50		308.34
HOL HOURS (Holiday Pay)	148.84		2,860.38
REG HOURS (Regular Time)	2,049.50		40,121.99
SICK HOURS (Sick Time)	122.50		2,525.64
VACA HOURS (Vacation Time Used)	71.07		1,429.61
GROSS PAY	47,245.96	0.00	
NET PAY	36,186.52	0.00	
NET PAY (CHECKS)	3,534.51		
NET PAY (DIRECT DEPOSIT)	32,652.01		
DENTAL	0.00	389.00	
FIT	1,947.36	0.00	
GROUP HEALTH	445.00	8,912.00	
LIFE INSURANCE	0.00	19.60	
MEDICARE	685.09	685.09	
P.E.R.S.	3,635.26	4,173.64	
SIT	1,417.48	0.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	2,929.25	2,929.25	
UNEMPL. INSUR.	0.00	165.34	
VISION HEALTH	0.00	81.50	
WORKERS' COMP	0.00	1,388.56	
ALTANA FED CRED	3,069.42	0.00	
BANK OF BRIDGER	11,610.13	0.00	
FIRST INTERSTAT	404.29	0.00	
STOCKMAN BANK	3,349.93	0.00	
US BANK-MT	3,041.67	0.00	
WELLS FARGO BAN	6,732.64	0.00	
WESTERN SECURIT	4,443.93	0.00	
FIT/SIT BASE	43,610.70	0.00	
MEDICARE BASE	47,245.96	0.00	
PERS BASE	46,015.71	0.00	
SOC SEC BASE	47,245.96	0.00	
UN BASE	47,245.96	0.00	
WC BASE	47,245.96	0.00	
Total		18,743.98	
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions):		65,989.94	

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$0.00
Payroll Checks Issued	\$13,381.61
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$0.00
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$13,381.61
Electronic Checks	\$51,054.43

	Carried Forward	Deduction	Difference	Liab Account
Deductions Accrued	From Previous Month	Checks Issued		

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Social Security	5858.50		5858.50	212000
Medicare	1370.18		1370.18	212001
P.E.R.S.	7808.90		7808.90	212203
Unempl. Insur.	165.34	164.47		212202
Workers' Comp	1388.56	1382.12		212201
FIT	1947.36		1947.36	212002
SIT	1417.48		1417.48	212200
DENTAL	389.00		389.00	212502
LIFE INSURANCE	19.60		19.60	212502
VISION HEALTH	81.50		81.50	212502
GROUP HEALTH	9357.00		9357.00	212502
Total Ded.	29803.42	1546.59	28249.52	3100.49

\*\*\* Carried Forward column only correct if report run for current period.

Checks: 34564 and 34597 to 34599

Electronic Checks: -85333 to -85282

## Locations

Location Number	Territory	Name	Street 1	Insured Building Value	Insured Contents Value
013BLD0025	013 - SOFTBALL COMPLEX	BALL PARK	WEST PARK AVE	67,315.00	0.00
013BLD0004	013 - RODEO BLEACHERS	BLEACHERS	20 CEMETERY ROAD	50,039.00	0.00
013BLD0022	013 - WATER TOWER	BRIDGER WAER TANK	OLD MINE ROAD	697,998.00	0.00
013BLD0010	013 - OLD	CITY OFFICES	201 SOUTH B STREET	0.00	0.00
013BLD0013	013 - CIVIC CENTER	COMMUNITY CENTER	210 S. MAIN STREET	698,207.00	0.00
013BLD0003	013 - RODEO BLEACHERS	CONCESSION	20 CEMETERY ROAD	36,550.00	0.00
013BLD0034	013 - RODEO BLEACHERS	Crows Nest	20 Cemetery Road	35,000.00	0.00
013BLD0017	013 - NEW TOWN SHOP	EQUIPMENT SHOP	302 S Sugar Ave	195,517.00	22,575.00
013BLD0032	013 - MANUFACTURING BLDG	Factory Building STORAGE SHED	204 NORTH D STREET	10,750.00	0.00
9999		Generic Location			
013BLD0005	013 - POOL	HEATER & FILTER	201 C STREET	12,829.00	45,000.00
013BLD0029	013 - BRIDGER PARK	KIOSK	E. FAIRLANE AVE.	0.00	0.00
013BLD0018	013 - MANUFACTURING BLDG	LIGHT INDUSTRIAL	206 NORTH D ST	1,987,578.00	32,250.00
013BLD0028	013 - VETERANS PARK	MONUMENT	2ND & BROADWAY	0.00	0.00
013BLD0026	013 - TWIN CARE COTTAGE MODUL	NEW CITY OFFICES	108 SOUTH D STREET	199,346.00	112,875.00
013BLD0009	013 - OLD	PARK ENTRANCE	201 SOUTH B STREET	0.00	0.00
013BLD0002	013 - LIBRARY	PUBLIC LIBRARY	113 W. BROADWAY	223,368.00	604,325.00
013BLD0006	013 - POOL	PUBLIC POOL	201 C STREET	622,593.00	0.00
013BLD0020	013 - SEWER LAGOON	SEWER TREATMENT	EAST OF F STREET	1,829,354.00	0.00
013BLD0021	013 - SEWER BLOWER BLDG.	SEWER TREATMENT	EAST OF F STREET	3,862.00	39,384.00
013BLD0030	013 - BRIDGER PARK	SHELTER	E. FAIRLANE AVE.	3,063.00	0.00
013BLD0007	013 - BRIDGER PARK	SHELTERS	300 E BROADWAY	6,131.00	0.00
013BLD0008	013 - POOL	SHOWER BUILDING	207 E Park Ave	157,752.00	0.00
013BLD0027	013 - VETERANS PARK	STATUE	2ND & BROADWAY	0.00	0.00
013BLD0031	013 - BRIDGER PARK	STATUE	E. FAIRLANE AVE.	26,875.00	0.00
013BLD0012	013 - STORAGE GARAGE	STORAGE GARAGE	206 C STREET	87,576.00	5,644.00
013BLD0001	013 - STORAGE BLDG	TV District Building	101 W BROADWAY	17,405.00	0.00
013BLD0033	013 - SEWER LAGOON	UV BUILDING	68 EAST BRIDGER ROAD	368,551.00	0.00
013BLD0016	013 - FIREHOUSE	VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION #1	212 SOUTH C ST.	231,125.00	112,875.00
013BLD0014	013 - FIREHOUSE	VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION #2	212 SOUTH C ST.	693,375.00	395,063.00
013BLD0015	013 - FIREHOUSE	VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION #3	212 SOUTH C ST.	231,125.00	56,438.00
013BLD0024	013 - PUMP HOUSE #1	WELL HOUSE #1	SOUTH B SREET.	20,000.00	50,000.00
013BLD0023		WELL HOUSE #2	SOUTH B STREET	58,314.00	16,650.00
013BLD0019	013 - PUMP HOUSE #3	WELL HOUSE #3	EAST CARBON ST.	47,859.00	16,650.00







**RESOLUTION NO. 275**

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING A FUNDING PRIORITY LIST FOR STATE-LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIP ACT TO THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**WHEREAS**, H.B. 355 created “The State-Local Infrastructure Partnership Act of 2023” (Ch. 771, 2023) (“the Act”);

**WHEREAS**, the Act created a state-funded program to fund the maintenance or repair of existing infrastructure on a partnership basis, with the city or town supplying a cash match;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5(2) of the Act requires the legislative body of the city or town to hold a public hearing and, based on the information received at the hearing, prepare and submit a recommendation for funding in priority order to the Montana Department of Commerce;

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing before the Bridger Town Council was held on March 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm wherein the Town Council considered the proposed projects for Act funding.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:***

Section 1. The Bridger Town Council has identified the following infrastructure project(s) in priority order for Act funding:

**Streets Improvements**

Section 2. The application for each project is attached to this resolution

Section 3. This Resolution shall be submitted to the Montana Department of Commerce.

**DULY** passed and adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Bridger Town council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**ATTEST:**

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Mark DeRudder, Mayor

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Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk / Treasurer