

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MAY 6, 2025**

The May 6, 2025 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 Ryan Carson, Shala Cullum, Cliff Shultz and Doug Asbury. Others present were Tyler Anthony, Joni Giovetti, Shirley Schwend, Ty Schwend, Nick Teesdale, Cheryl & Tom McCarten, Peach Weiss, Susan Lindshield, Craig Lundvall, Richard Newton, Brenda Racki, Dylan Sedlacek, Angela Getchell, John Price, Eugene Sticka, Annie Halland, Clinton Giesick, Angela Kallevig, DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen, Assistant Public Works Director Dale Bemis, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, Attorney Ray Kuntz, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Judge Bert Kraft, Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Richard Newton asked about the coal cart that the historical society wants to place in the park. Public Works Director Novakovich will work with them to place the cart. Peach Weiss asked about the MDT sidewalk project on Main Street.

The next item was correspondence. No correspondence.

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

Fair Haven RV Park Subdivision preliminary approval was next on the agenda. Mayor DeRudder asked Town Attorney Kuntz to explain the laws regarding subdivision approval. Public comment was allowed. The following list of people made comments or asked questions: John Price, Joni Giovetti, Gene Sticka, Peach Weiss, Ty Schwend, Brenda Racki, Richard Newton, Tyler Anthony, Shirley Schwend, Angela Kallevig, Clinton Giesick. Dawn Bonar and Scott Smith Sent a letter as they were unable to attend. Property owner Annie Halland and Attorney Ray Kuntz answered questions and gave comments throughout. Mayor DeRudder read the 14 conditions set forth by the Carbon County Planning Board. Having reviewed and considered the application materials, project memorandum, public comments, Planning Board recommendation, and all of the information presented, Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to approve the Fair Haven Subdivision RV Park, with the findings and conditions included in the project memorandum. And with the additional condition #15 stating the retention pond will be located in such a way so as to allow access to F St as platted, if feasible in the future. Councilman Shultz seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Adopt the Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was next on the agenda. DES Coordinator Cyrina Allen explained the plan to the council. The actual adoption will require a resolution. Clerk Sweet will have a resolution at the June meeting.

Resolution #289 to call for an election was next on the agenda. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Shultz, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Resolution #290 to set the library wage scale was next on the agenda. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the resolution. Discussion was had regarding input from the Library Director who was unavailable to attend. A motion to table the resolution was made by Councilman Shultz, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Discussion regarding the old town hall was next on the agenda. Clerk Sweet and PWD Novakovich updated the council regarding a meeting with the engineers and architects. Discussion was had regarding that information.

Next was discussion regarding a new town hall. There was nothing new to report.

The consent agenda was next. Department heads answered questions regarding the claims. Clerk Sweet informed the council of updates to the minutes since sending out the packet. A motion to approve the consent agenda with changes to the minutes was made by Councilwoman Cullum and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye. The items included were minutes from 04-08-24 regular meeting, 04-17-24 and 04-28-24 special meetings. Claim checks #35253 to #35278 and electronic checks #-97964 to #-97956 for April. Payroll checks #35248 to #35252 and electronic checks #-84795 to #-84767 for April.

Attorney Kuntz updated the council regarding items he is working on.

Judge Kraft presented is stats for the month of April.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

Public Works Director Novakovich updated the council regarding projects he is working on.

Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of April.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: nothing to report

Closed session pursuant to § 2-3-203(4)(a) MCA started 8:45pm, closed session ended at 9:20pm.

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 Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Attest:



Mark DeRudder, Mayor



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk