

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA
MEETING TIME IS TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2025 AT 7:00 PM,
BRIDGER TOWN HALL, 108 S D STREET

Tuesday November 4, 2025

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CLARKS FORK VALLEY AMBULANCE:

DISCUSSION / DECISION REGARDING THE OLD TOWN HALL:

- 206 S C St – old town shop
- 201 S B St – old town hall/shop

DISCUSSION REGARDING A NEW TOWN HALL:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - October 7, 2025
- Approve Claims
- Approve Payroll Summary
- Approve Journal Vouchers

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.

ADJOURN:

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.

**SERVICE AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE TOWN OF BRIDGER AND THE
CLARKS FORK VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE**

This Service Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") is entered into this ____ day of _____ 2025 between the Town of Bridger Montana, a municipal corporation of the State of Montana (hereafter, "Town"), through its Mayor, and the CLARKS FORK VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE (hereafter, "CFVA"), together referred to hereafter as "the parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The Clarks Fork Valley Ambulance is legally organized and is authorized by the Town of Bridger to act on its behalf by providing emergency medical services as its primary function to the community of Bridger, and

WHEREAS, Since 1955 the Town and CFVA have provided emergency medical services to the Town and surrounding areas, with CFVA using the Town's tax identification number, and the Town providing financial and administrative support and insurance coverage to CFVA and CFVA providing emergency medical services, and

WHEREAS, the bylaws of CFVA provide that two Town Council Members shall be on the Board of Directors of CFVA, and

WHEREAS, the Town and CFVA have jointly and cooperatively provided volunteer based emergency medical services continuously since 1955 and provided Ambulance services as defined in §§ 7-34-101 et seq., MCA, and pursuant to the provisions of §7-34-104, MCA, and

WHEREAS, the Town and CFVA want to ensure that the historical, mutually beneficial and cooperative provision of emergency medical services to continue, and

WHEREAS, to address the ability of the Town to provide liability, workers' compensation, and/or property coverage for the CFVA, and to make clear the manner by which the Town and the CFVA will provide mutual support, the parties intent to set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding the Town and the CFVA's respective rights and obligations, specifically as they relate to the provision of insurance such as to ensure that they are clearly-defined and understood.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARTIES

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements and covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Agreement is to provide stability and a framework of the roles, responsibilities and relationships of the Town and CFVA as it relates to the efficient operation and management of emergency medical services for the benefit of the community.

2. **TERM:** This Agreement shall commence beginning November 1, 2025 and shall continue through and include June 30, 2025. The Agreement will automatically renew for each subsequent fiscal year unless one party provides written notice to the other at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of the term, of its intention to not renew the same.

3. **THE Town will provide:**

3.A. **Insurance Coverage:** The Town agrees to provide coverages such as liability, workers' compensation, and/or property coverage to CFVA.

3.B. **Financial and Administrative Support:** Financial contributions and administrative services and mutually agreed upon by the parties, including operations under or pursuant to the Town's tax identification number.

4. **THE CFVA will provide:**

4.A. **Emergency Medical Services:** CFVA will provide emergency medical services and operations to the Town according to the historical past practice of the parties.

5. **MODIFICATIONS:** Any modifications sought to be made to this Agreement shall be agreed to by both parties and will be memorialized in writing, signed by both parties.

6. **NOTICE:** Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be deemed sufficiently given or serviced if sent by mail or hand delivered to:

Town
108 S D Street
Bridger, MT 59014

CFVA
P.O. Box 94
Bridger, MT 59014

Either party may, by written notice at any time during the term of this Agreement, designate a different address to which notices hereunder shall subsequently be sent. Written notice hereunder shall be deemed to have been given as of the time the same is deposited in the United States mail.

7. **TIME OF ESSENCE:** Time shall be of the essence of this Agreement and all the terms, covenants and conditions hereof shall be performed at or before the times herein set forth. Any forbearance on the part of either party in the enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall in no way be construed as a waiver of default thereof or waiver of the obligatory effect of such provision.

8. **CONSTRUCTION AND BINDING EFFECT:** This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Montana and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective parties, their heirs, executors, successors and assigns.

9. **SEVERABILITY:** If any term of this Agreement should hereafter be declared or becomes void or unenforceable by judicial decree or operation of law, all other terms of this Agreement shall continue to be effective unless the void or unenforceable terms materially defeats the manifest intent and purpose of this agreement.

10. **BINDING:** This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party certifies that the individuals listed in this document as representatives of the individual parties are authorized to act in their respective areas for matters related to this Agreement, and the parties hereto approve and execute this Agreement.

TOWN OF BRIDGER

Mark DeRudder, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Raymond G. Kuntz III, Town Attorney

CLARKS FORK VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

Board Chairman

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2025**

The October 7, 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 (via phone) and Doug Asbury. Others present were Nan Knight with Beartooth RC&D, Angela Kallevig, Tyler & Brittany Anthony, Dana Zier, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Attorney Ray Kuntz, Judge Bert Kraft, Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The next item on the agenda was public comment. No public comment offered.

The next item was correspondence. No correspondence.

A motion to move the agenda item for Discussion / Decision Regarding the Old Town Hall to after correspondence. The motion was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye. Nan Knight from Beartooth RC&D spoke to the council and public regarding options for funding the clean up of asbestos at the old town hall. She went over various items including testing, structural engineering and potential community vision events. A motion to approve the Beartooth RC&D agreement to access the building pending Attorney Kuntz’s approval was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the committee reports. Dana Zier gave a report for the historic preservation commission board regarding the old town hall in Bridger.

Discussion / decision on CD money was next on the agenda. Clerk Sweet explained that this item is no longer needed as she had determined the notice from the Bank of Bridger was sent in error.

Resolution #297 to set the terms of compliance with § 28-118 related to water line extension from 2646 US Highway 310 to the Debruycker Property. Discussion was had regarding a shop/barn structure that was to be included in resolution. The amendment was made. A motion to approve the amended resolution was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Resolution #298 to set the per diem rates for travel. Clerk Sweet asked the council to set the meal rates so that the resolution would be complete. Discussion was had regarding the meal rates and the resolution was amended to reflect the discussion. A motion to pass the amended resolution was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next was discussion regarding a new town hall. There were no new updates.

The consent agenda was next on the agenda. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Cullum and seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye. Minutes included were August 5, 2025 public hearing and regular meeting, September 2, 2025 budget hearing and September 9, 2025 regular meeting. Claim checks #35481 to #35512 and #35564 to #35565. Electronic checks #-97921 to #-97914 for September. Payroll checks #35554 to #35563 and electronic checks #-84618 to #-84588 for September.

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

Judge Kraft presented his reports for the month of September as well as the legislative updates effective on October 1, 2025.

Library Director Zentner has nothing to report.

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

Chief Buechler presented his stats for the month of September.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: nothing to report.

Closed session pursuant to § 2-3-203(4)(a) MCA started at 7:54pm, closed session ended at 8:14pm.

There being no further business Councilman Asbury motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Attest:

Mark DeRudder, Mayor

Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk

11/03/25
17:06:23

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Payroll Summary For Payrolls from 10/01/25 to 10/31/25

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Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
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COMA HOURS (Comp Time Accumulated)	25.50		
COMP HOURS (Comp Time Used)	78.50		1,942.67
HOL HOURS (Holiday Pay)	77.29		1,770.73
REG HOURS (Regular Time)	1,397.00		32,076.07
SICK HOURS (Sick Time)	26.00		711.36
VACA HOURS (Vacation Time Used)	51.50		1,364.45
GROSS PAY	37,865.28	0.00	
NET PAY	28,878.65	0.00	
NET PAY (CHECKS)	4,351.14		
NET PAY (DIRECT DEPOSIT)	24,527.51		
DENTAL	0.00	473.00	
FIT	1,669.04	0.00	
GROUP HEALTH	545.00	13,201.00	
LIFE INSURANCE	0.00	18.90	
MEDICARE	549.05	549.05	
P.E.R.S.	2,828.88	3,247.84	
SIT	1,047.00	0.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	2,347.66	2,347.66	
UNEMPL. INSUR.	0.00	170.38	
VISION HEALTH	0.00	108.40	
WORKERS' COMP	0.00	1,071.51	
ALTANA FED CRED	2,107.86	0.00	
BANK OF BRIDGER	9,452.80	0.00	
SEGFCU	2,277.08	0.00	
STOCKMAN BANK	2,669.54	0.00	
WELLS FARGO BAN	4,410.95	0.00	
WESTERN SECURIT	3,609.28	0.00	
FIT/SIT BASE	35,036.40	0.00	
MEDICARE BASE	37,865.28	0.00	
PERS BASE	35,808.81	0.00	
SOC SEC BASE	37,865.28	0.00	
UN BASE	37,865.28	0.00	
WC BASE	37,865.28	0.00	

Total	21,187.74
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions):	59,053.02

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$415.58
Payroll Checks Issued	\$18,697.44
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$0.00
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$19,113.02
Electronic Checks	\$39,113.69

	Carried Forward	Deduction	Difference	Liab Account
	From Previous Month	Checks Issued		
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Payroll Summary For Payrolls from 10/01/25 to 10/31/25

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Social Security	4,695.32		4,695.32		212000
Medicare	1,098.10		1,098.10		212001
P.E.R.S.	6,076.72		6,076.72		212203
Unempl. Insur.	170.38			170.38	212202
Workers' Comp	1,071.51			1,071.51	212201
FIT	1,669.04		1,669.04		212002
SIT	1,047.00		1,047.00		212200
DENTAL	473.00		473.00		212502
LIFE INSURANCE	18.90		18.90		212502
VISION HEALTH	108.40		108.40		212502
GROUP HEALTH	13,746.00		13,746.00		212502
Total Ded.	30,174.37	0.00	28,932.48	1,241.89	

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

Checks: #35479 to #35480 and #35567 to #35569

Electronic Checks: #-84587 to #-84560

Bridger City Court

October 2025 Summary Report

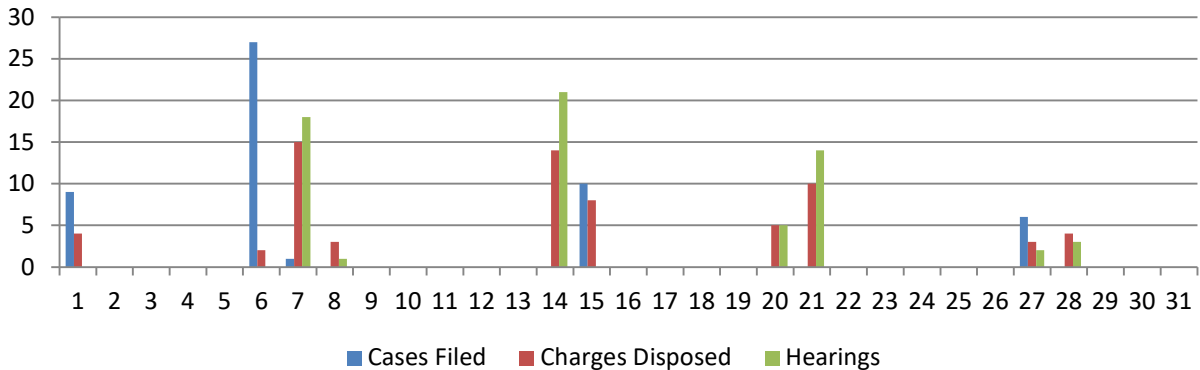
November 3, 2025

by Bert Kraft, Bridger City Judge

Activity

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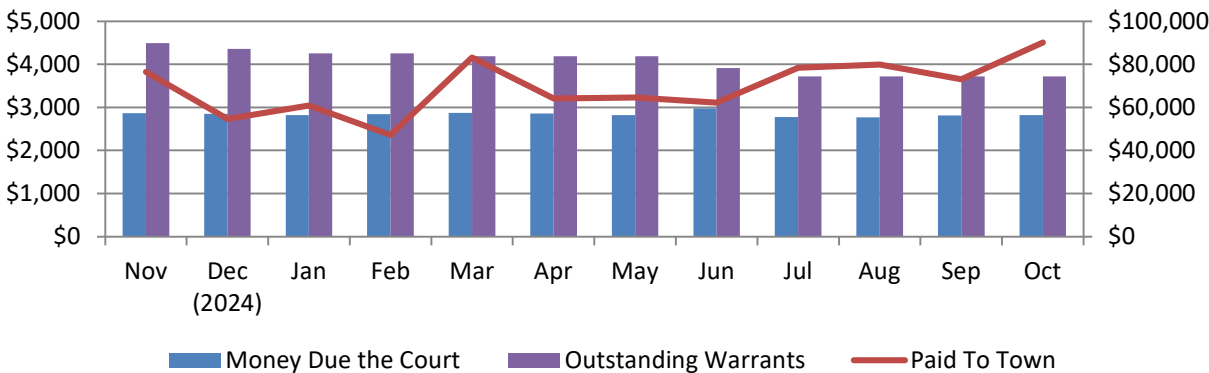
Filings, Dispositions and Hearings By Day



Financials

PAID: \$4,506.76 DUE: \$56,365.10 W: \$74,404.00

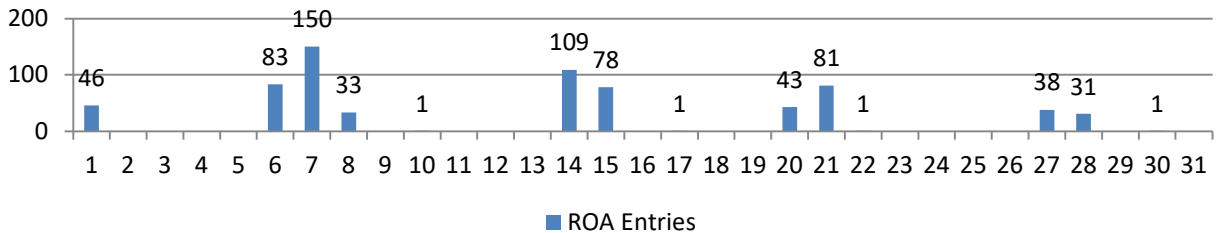
For the Last 12 Months



Docket

TOT: 696

ROA Entries by Day



Journal

Entry	Hours	77
10/1/2025 Compliance Court	5	
10/6/2025 Office	7	
10/7/2025 Open Court	7	
10/7/2025 Town Council Meeting	1	
10/8/2025 Compliance Court	7	
10/14/2025 Open Court	7	
10/15/2025 Compliance Court	7	
10/20/2025 Office	7	
10/21/2025 Open Court	7	
10/22/2025 Compliance Court	7	
10/27/2025 Office	7	
10/28/2025 Open Court	6	
10/29/2025 Compliance Court	2	

Bridger City Court

2025 Summary Report

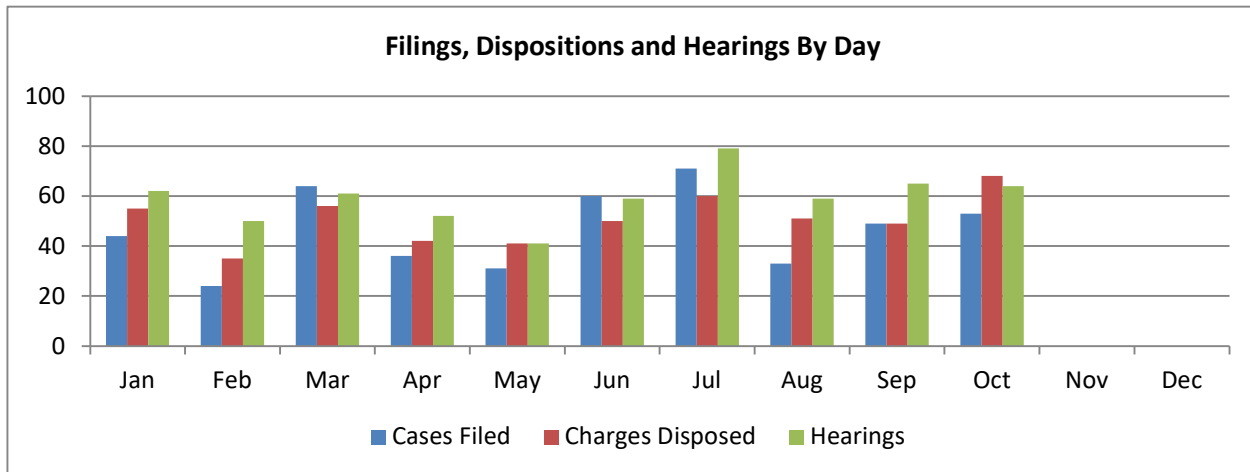
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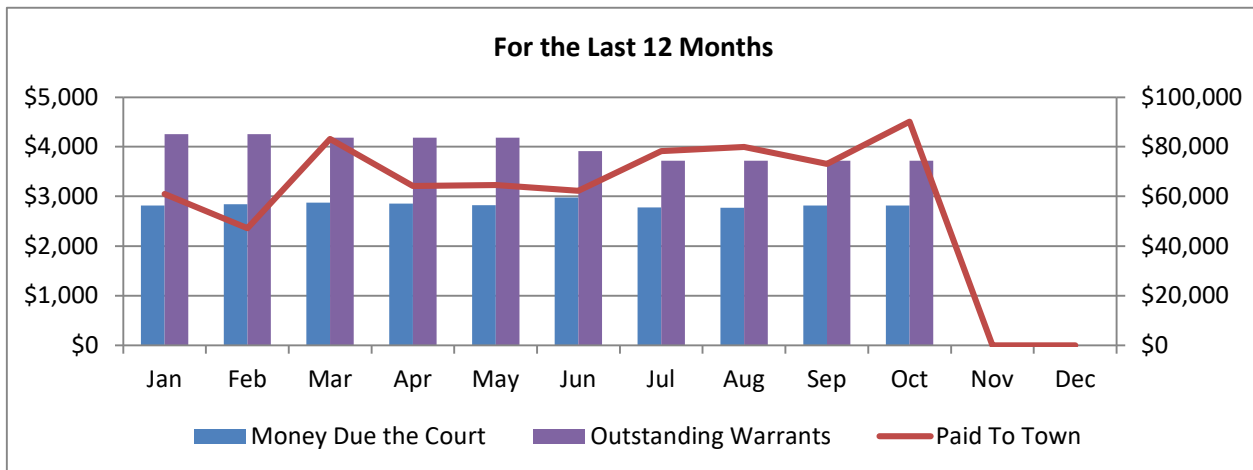
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Activity



Financials

PAID: \$35,181.60



Docket

TOT: 5540

