

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

The November 4, 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 (via phone), Shala Cullum, Cliff Shultz and Doug Asbury. Others present were Angela Kallevig, Tyler Anthony, Dana Zier, Lonna Weiss, Dale Bemis, Sharee Larsen, Cheryl McCarten, Steven Fendler, Quentin Taylor, Doug VanVulkenburg, Susan Lindshield, Roger Steffan, Sgt. Codi Peters, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Attorney Ray Kuntz, 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.

Next on the agenda was the committee reports. Angela Kallevig gave an update for the planning board. Dana Zier gave a report for the historic preservation commission board regarding the Jennings-Mahr cabins and the Veteran Park sidewalk.

Next on the agenda was a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Clarks Fork Valley Ambulance. Attorney Ray Kuntz gave an update regarding his meeting with MMIA regarding the MOU. At this time the vehicles are covered under the property coverage with Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA) but liability and workers comp cannot be covered with MMIA. The CFVA has separate coverage for workers' compensation and liability. Attorney Kuntz asked the council to table the MOU until he can have further discussions with MMIA. A motion to table the MOU 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.

The next agenda item was discussion / decision regarding the old town hall. There are no new updates at this time.

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 Shultz. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. Minutes included were October 7, 2025 regular meeting. Claim checks #35572 to #35599. Electronic checks #-97913 to #-97907 for October. Payroll checks #35479 to #35480 and #35567 to 35569 and electronic checks #-84587 to #-84560 for October.

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

Judge Kraft was not present.

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 October.

Clerk Sweet reported that MMIA will be ending their worker's compensation program as of July 1, 2026.

Mayor and Town Council: nothing to report.

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, and Councilman Asbury – aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Attest:


Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk


Mark DeRudder, Mayor