

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 9, 2025**

The December 9, 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 Tyler Anthony, John Price, Lonna Weiss, Cheryl McCarten, Clinton Geisick, Dana Zier, Angela Kallvig, Angela Getchel, Brad Caton, Courtney Long, Judge Bert Kraft, 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. Courtney Long from Great West Engineering was available to give an update regarding the results of the survey that was recently sent out to the community.

The next item was correspondence. A resignation letter from Councilman Cliff Shultz was presented to the council.

Next on the agenda was the committee reports. Dana Zier gave a long report for the Historic Preservation Commission Board regarding a grant that she wants the council to be aware of. Angela Kallevig gave an update for the planning board.

Next on the agenda was board appointments. The first was an appointment for the Carbon Conservation District. A motion to appoint Clinton Geisick was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The second set of appointments were for the Airport Board. A motion to appoint Mark DeRudder and Merrill Pfeifer was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The third appointment was for the Historic Preservation Commission. This appointment is only for the remainder of the term as we do not have record of the correct appointment. A motion to appoint Annie Halland was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next agenda item was workforce housing. Angela Getchel and Brad Caton from Red Lodge Area Community Foundation were present to discuss a piece of Town property that could be feasible for Hab Community Reinvestment Organization (CRO). The workforce housing committee suggested that we look for appropriate sites that could be considered and get back to them when they have a point of contact.

The next agenda item was discussion / decision regarding the old town hall. Discussion was had regarding the information presented by Nan Knight from Beartooth RC&D. Due to the government shutdown, there had been some delays in this process.

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 and Councilman Asbury – aye. Minutes included were November 4, 2025 regular meeting. Claim checks #35600 and #35604 to #35638. Electronic checks #-97906 to #-97902 for November. Payroll checks #35570 to #35571 and #35601 to #35602 and electronic checks #-84559 to #-84531 for November.

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

Judge Kraft presented his stats for the month of November.

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 November.

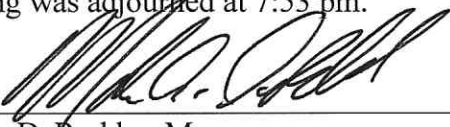
Clerk Sweet asked the council if they would like to have a special meeting on January 5, 2026 to appoint a new council member. We will ask for letters of interest until January 2, 2025 and appoint on January 5, 2026.

Mayor and Town Council: Councilman Carson asked how the new council members would be appointed to committees. Clerk Sweet explained how that will occur at the January council meeting. Councilman Carson also asked about a camera for our sewer pipe.

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 7:53 pm.

Attest:


Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk


Mark DeRudder, Mayor