

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA
MEETING TIME IS TUESDAY JANUARY 6, 2026 AT 7:00 PM,
BRIDGER TOWN HALL, 108 S D STREET

Tuesday January 6, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

DECIDE ON COUNCIL BOARD POSITIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

CLARKS FORK RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #2:

- Preliminary Discussion of Potential Annexation of Town of Bridger into the Rural Fire District

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
 - December 9, 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.

CLOSED SESSION:

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.

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:

Mark DeRudder, Mayor

Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk

Total for Payroll Checks

	Employee	Employer	Amount
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COMA HOURS (Comp Time Accumulated)	9.00		
COMP HOURS (Comp Time Used)	12.00		272.88
HOL HOURS (Holiday Pay)	85.29		1,999.37
REG HOURS (Regular Time)	1,421.50		34,492.96
SICK HOURS (Sick Time)	82.75		1,502.31
VACA HOURS (Vacation Time Used)	80.00		1,970.46
VOLN HOURS (Volunteer Fireman)	38.00		5,700.00
 GROSS PAY	40,237.98		0.00
NET PAY	30,822.80		0.00
NET PAY (CHECKS)	3,795.85		
NET PAY (DIRECT DEPOSIT)	27,026.95		
DENTAL	0.00	473.00	
FIT	1,705.84	0.00	
GROUP HEALTH	545.00	13,201.00	
LIFE INSURANCE	0.00	18.90	
MEDICARE	583.48	583.48	
P.E.R.S.	3,025.09	3,473.10	
SIT	1,061.00	0.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	2,494.77	2,494.77	
UNEMPL. INSUR.	0.00	174.10	
VISION HEALTH	0.00	108.40	
WORKERS' COMP	0.00	1,337.84	
ALTANA FED CRED	2,107.86	0.00	
BANK OF BRIDGER	11,709.23	0.00	
SEGFCU	2,161.01	0.00	
STOCKMAN BANK	2,822.55	0.00	
WELLS FARGO BAN	4,617.02	0.00	
WESTERN SECURIT	3,609.28	0.00	
FIT/SIT BASE	37,212.89	0.00	
MEDICARE BASE	40,237.98	0.00	
PERS BASE	38,292.24	0.00	
SOC SEC BASE	40,237.98	0.00	
UN BASE	38,687.98	0.00	
WC BASE	45,937.98	0.00	
 Total		21,864.59	
Total Payroll Expense (Gross Pay + Employer Contributions):		62,102.57	
*** PAYROLL REGISTER + VOLUNTEER PAYROLL REGISTER = PAYROLL SUMMARY ***			
Total Discounts:	0.02		
Total Payroll Expense (Less Discounts):		62,102.55	

Check Summary

Payroll Checks Prev. Out.	\$0.00
Payroll Checks Issued	\$21,638.65
Payroll Checks Redeemed	\$0.00
Payroll Checks Outstanding	\$21,638.65
Electronic Checks	\$42,964.99

Deductions Accrued	Carried Forward From Previous Month	Deduction Checks Issued	Difference	Liab Account	
Social Security	4,989.54	4,989.54		212000	
Medicare	1,166.96	1,166.96		212001	
P.E.R.S.	6,498.19	6,498.19		212203	
Unempl. Insur.	174.10	342.41	516.51	212202	
Workers' Comp	1,337.84	2,158.68	3,496.50	0.02	212201
FIT	1,705.84		1,705.84	212002	
SIT	1,061.00		1,061.00	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.	31,279.77	2,501.09	33,780.84	0.02	

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

Checks: #35603 and #35639 to #35644

Electronic Checks: #-84530 to #-84498

End of Period Disbursement Detail

Bank Account: Bank of Bridger - 110582
From 12/16/2025 to 12/16/2025
Total Only

Check Number: None

Date	Description	Case Number	Payer	Citation No.	Amount
	<u>Account 200-177 - Criminal Conviction Surcharge 7467 MCA 3-1-318</u>			<u>7467-182204-</u>	
					Account 200-177 Total: \$40.00
	<u>Account 200-210 - Fines / Forfeitures - 1000 & 7451 (50/50 Split)</u>			<u>1000-351030</u>	
					Account 200-210 Total: \$1,190.69
					Bank Reconciliation Journal Entry: Interest on 11/28/2025
	<u>Account 200-250 - Misdemeanor Surcharge</u>			<u>100-351033</u>	
					Account 200-250 Total: \$75.00
	<u>Account 200-340 - Technology Surcharge - 7458</u>			<u>7458-217204</u>	
					Account 200-340 Total: \$47.50
					Check Total: \$ 1,353.19
					Report Total: \$1,353.19

Bridger City Court

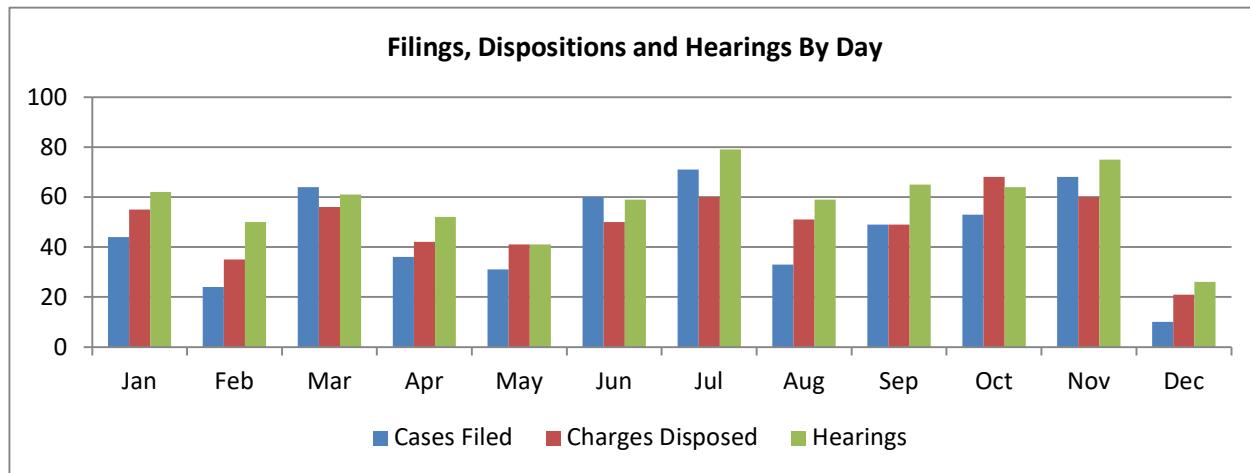
2025 Summary Report

January 5, 2026

by Bert Kraft, Bridger City Judge

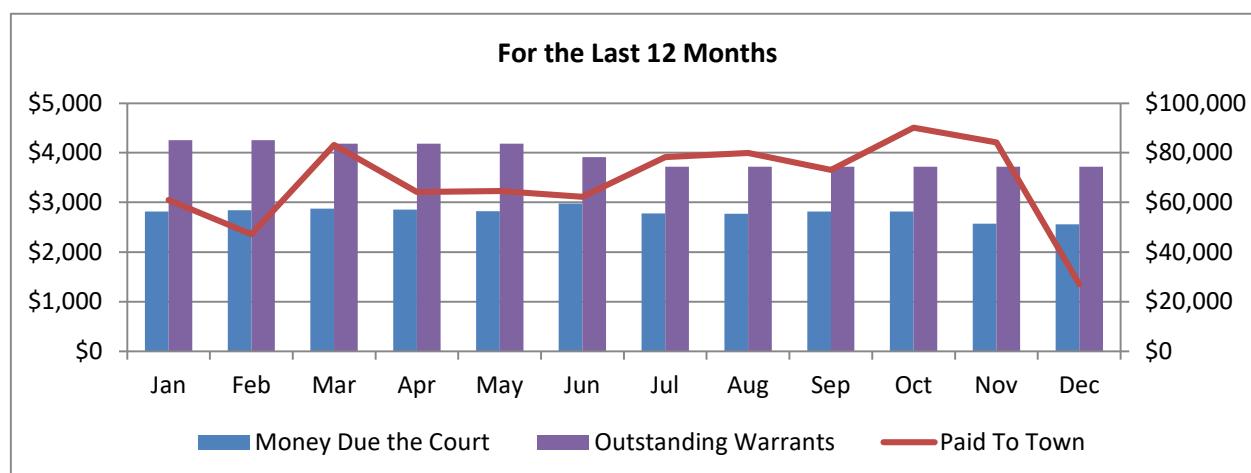
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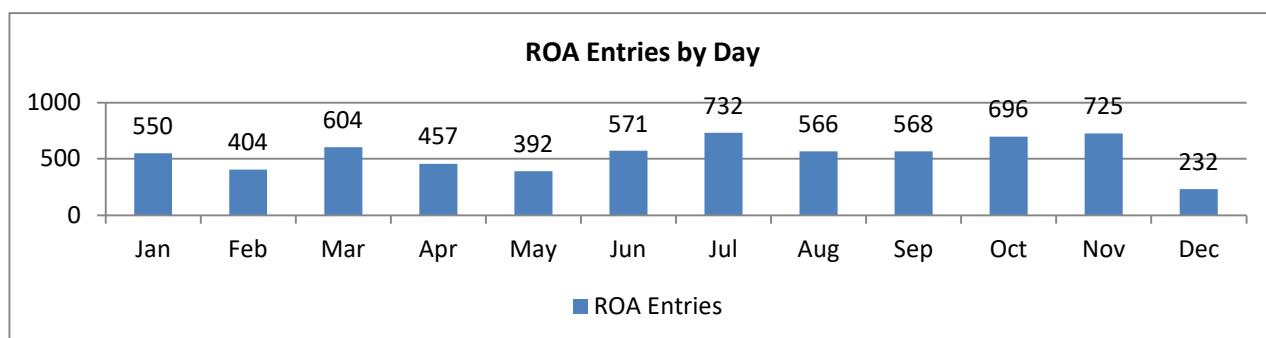
Financials

PAID: \$40,742.28



Docket

TOT: 6497



Bridger City Court

December 2025 Summary Report

January 5, 2026

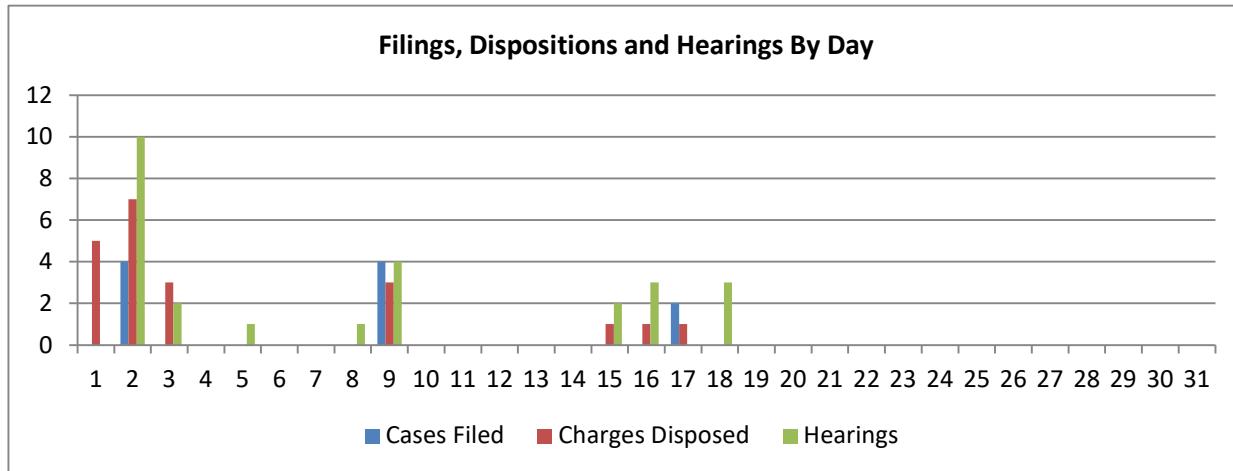
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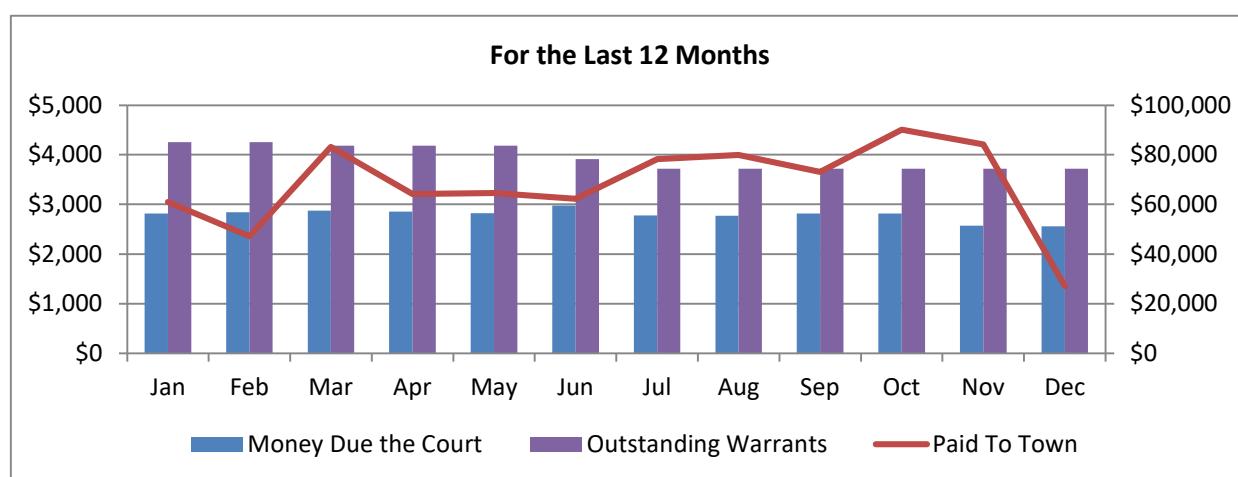
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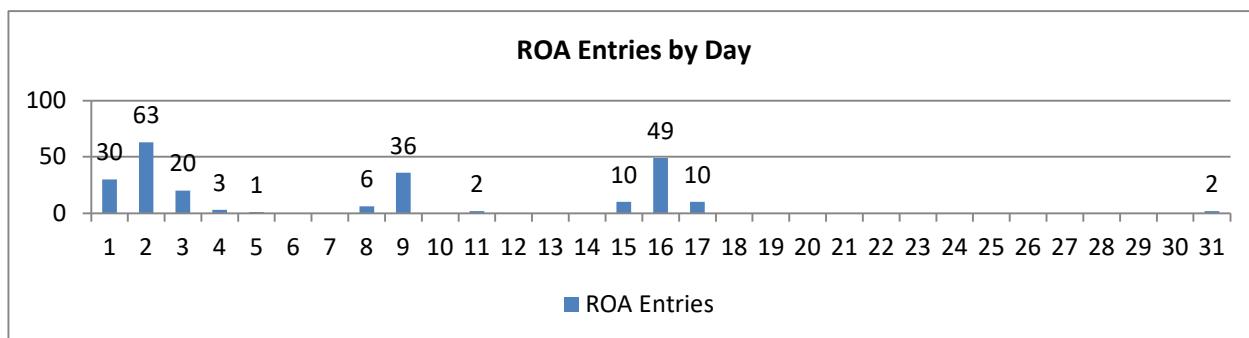
PAID: \$1,353.19 DUE: \$51,137.64

W: \$0.00



Docket

TOT: 232



Journal

Entry	Hours	67
12/1/2025 Office	6	
12/2/2025 Open Court	7	
12/3/2025 Compliance Court	8	
12/8/2025 Office	7	
12/9/2025 Open Court	8	
12/10/2025 Compliance Court	7	
12/15/2025 Office	7	
12/16/2025 Open Court	7	
12/17/2025 Office	7	
12/18/2025 Office	3	

BRIDGER POLICE STATS FOR month ending 12-31-2025

TRAFFIC

Speed 20

NO DL 2

WELFARE CK 10/business ck 100

WARNINGS 30/ALARMS 4

CITZN ASSIST 5

Agency assist 10

New Years was quiet.

QUESTIONS?



KEEP
CALM
AND

WINTER IS
COMING

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