

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JULY 7, 2026**

The July 7, 2026, 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 Shultz. Other council members present were Ryan Carson, Angela Kallevig, Mark DeRudder and Tyler Anthony. Others present were Rana Morehend, Cash Jones, Christine Miller, Dana Zier, Ian Redwine, Matthew Sparboe, Meghan Leep, Alyssa Firdough, Cody Meeks, Tom Mudd, Judge Bert Kraft, Attorney Ray Kuntz, Chief of Police Jordan Webb, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The next item on the agenda was public comment. Cash Jones from Small Business Association informed the council that there is disaster recovery money. Cody Meeks asked the council to reconsider only allowing two marijuana stores inside town limits. Matt Sparboe also endorsed the idea of more marijuana stores in Bridger. Ian Redwine spoke in regards to the old town hall on South B St and expressed his belief that it should be preserved.

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

MDT speed study comments was next on the agenda. The Montana Department of Transportation conducted a speed study and the results of the study are speed limits changes on the highway on both the south and north ends of Town. The MDT would like comments from the council regarding the proposed changes. The council discussed the changes. Judge Kraft informed the council that the number of tickets issued presented in the study was not inclusive of tickets issued by Bridger Police Department, so the ticket numbers are actually much higher. The council concurred with the speed limit changes and instructed Clerk Sweet to send an email to MDT.

Next on the agenda was Resolution #300 to give a raise to the capped employees was next on the agenda. Discussion was had regarding the COLA for this year, which is 3.5%. A motion was made by Councilman Anthony, seconded by Councilwoman Kallevig to approve the resolution with a 3.5% raise. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Kallevig– aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Anthony – aye.

Resolution #301 to set the Public Works Director, Randy Novakovich, to a 0.765 full-time equivalency was next on the agenda. Discussion was had regarding the change. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilman DeRudder. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Kallevig– aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Anthony – aye.

Bridger Historical Society was next on the agenda. They are asking permission to repair a monument in Veteran Park. They are asking the Town to pay for some of the repairs, approximately \$1000. They also asked that a lighted flagpole with the American flag be installed in Veteran Park. They also asked if the Town could cover the cost of that flag and pole. Discussion was had regarding the costs and repairs to be done. The council agrees that the monument should be repaired but would like more information as to whether the Parks & Recreation Board could cover some of the costs. This item will be placed on the August agenda.

The next agenda item was discussion / decision regarding the old town hall. Clerk Sweet and PWD Novakovich reported that the engineer assessment done through Beartooth RC&D was completed but we do not have the report back yet.

The consent agenda was next on the agenda. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Kallevig and seconded by Councilman Anthony. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Kallevig– aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Anthony – aye. Minutes included were June 2, 2026 work session and June 9, 2026 regular meeting. Claim checks #35878 to #35905. Electronic checks #-97853 to #-97845 for June. Payroll checks #35867 to #35872 and electronic checks #-84295 to #-84236 for June.

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

Judge Kraft presented his stats for June.

Library Director Zentner updated the council on the success of the summer reading program.

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

Chief Webb presented his stats for the month of June and the contract for in car cameras and body cameras.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: Discussion was had regarding whether the utility bills could include the town, state and zip code along with the service address. Clerk Sweet will look into that.

There being no further business motioned Councilman Anthony to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kallevig. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Kallevig – aye, Councilman DeRudder – aye and Councilman Anthony. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Cliff Shultz

Cliff Shultz Mayor

Attest:

Kirstin Sweet

Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk