

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JUNE 3, 2014

The June 3, 2014 Meeting of the Bridger Town Council was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:00 PM. Council Members present were George Wilm, Cliff Shultz, Gerry Roth and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Diane Giesick, Monica McDowell, Aggie Nichols, Town Attorney Hope Freeman, Gary Jacobson, Krystal Zentner, Bart & Kristi Milam, Annette Anderson, Julia Jones and Kirk Treece of Republic Services, Valerie Williams, Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry and Clerk Deanna Hay.

Clerk Deanna Hay read the previous minutes from May 6, 2014 and the Special Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2014. George Wilm moved to approve the minutes as read. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The Claims were the next item on the agenda. Butch Wilm moved to approve the claims with the corrected Claim #8508 to Office Depot for \$18.49. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

Under public comment, it was mentioned that the Civic Center floor may need to be recoated. It was stated that the floor probably doesn't need recoating for a while yet. The Jim Bridger Days Open Container will not be the same as before and the beer gardens need to announce that areas are designated.

The next item on the agenda was the Youth Rodeo insurance. Monica McDowell was present to ask for the Town to pay the cost of the insurance again this year. It was stated that the Town no longer pays for the insurance for other activities in Town. The Town leases the rodeo grounds and it was felt that they could pay this fee. Randy Novakovich moved to pay up to \$300 for the Youth Rodeo insurance. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-no and Randy N-yes. Motion carried. Mayor DeRudder made a presentation to Monica and Sam McDowell for their many years of working with the youth rodeo in Bridger and proclaimed Saturday July 12, 2014 to be Bridger Youth Rodeo Day in honor of the many people who have worked through the years to make the Youth Rodeo an event everyone can enjoy and be proud of.

The next item on the agenda was the garbage contract award. Republic Services was present to discuss the spring cleanup with 3 weekends. Anyone needing locked containers need to notify them. An official count of garbage containers will be obtained. Kirk Treece asked about the possibility of extending the renewal of the 5 year contract. Randy Novakovich moved to go with Republic Services for a 5 year contract with a possible renewal of an extra 5 years. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was metered water rates. Bulk water rates vary from 1 cent per gallon to 7 cents per gallon. Residential rates in Bridger start at \$30.85 flat rate. The metered rates are: for the first 7,000 gallons it is \$21.98 and 44 cents for every 1000 gallons thereafter. Gerry Roth moved to table the matter until the next meeting. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was the water, sewer and garbage infrastructure fee. Gerry Roth moved to table the matter. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda a petition for variance for a business license for a hot shot business in a residential area. Dave Davison presented his petition signed by his neighbors within 300 feet of his residence at 414 S Main Street giving their approval of the business. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the petition for variance for a business license for David Davison. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was a zoning application from Dave Lehman at 304 S 3rd to replace the roof on his house and garage for an approximate cost of \$9,000. Gerry Roth moved to approve the zoning application for Dave Lehman at 304 S 3rd. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was the Special Events applications. The Montana Border Wars asked for the use of the Rodeo Grounds September 12, 13 and 14th and overnight. No alcohol will be sold. There was a question of trash removal. They should contact Republic Services. George Wilm moved to approve the special event for the Border Wars with special terms in the application.

Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The So-Long-Softball Tournament Special Event Application was discussed. Open Container will be lifted in the area only, no alcohol will be sold. Gerry Roth moved to approve the special events application for the So-Long-Softball Tournament. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was hiring swimming pool employees. Gerry Roth moved to hire the swimming pool applicants pending Red Cross certification. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was employee Health Insurance. Discussion was held concerning Health Insurance. Several companies had been contacted for proposals. Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority submitted the least expensive premium for medical, dental, vision and a small life insurance policy. The premium was less than the present year payment. Gerry Roth moved to approve the Resolution #172 from Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority for Health Insurance. This insurance agreement is for a 5 year commitment. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The Muth donation was the next item on the agenda. The School is looking into the possibility of purchasing a Reader Board. It will cost approximately \$15,000. The Town could pay half the cost with their donation.

Town Attorney Hope Freeman will look into correcting the dog ordinance and limiting the numbers of dogs. Also the time frame for licensing when “new” to the community without a penalty need to be revisited.

Police Chief Buechler did not have anything to report. It was stated that goats are not allowed in Town.

Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry reported that the pool was just caulked again and may be filled on Thursday. It may be two or three days later than normal. The short term workers were hired and the water hauler got less bulk water loads than anticipated.

Clerk Deanna Hay asked about Budget Hearing dates. The Council approved 6:30 PM before the regular meeting July 1, 2014, at 6:30 PM before the August 5, 2014 for the Preliminary Budget Hearing and August 19, 2014 for the Final Budget Hearing. Clerk Hay asked the Council for permission to do ACH payment options at the Bank of Bridger, and they had no objections when the cost was minimal. MDU has an overpayment of \$55.10 and would like a refund as they don’t expect to have that office open anytime soon. Also an outstanding check of \$88.10 has not been cashed and several attempts have been made to contact them. George Wilm moved to refund the \$55.10 and bring the \$88.10 back into the Town’s account. Cliff Shultz seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Cliff S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Scott DeRudder had nothing to report. He did ask for a quote for 1 block with pavement.

There being no further business George Wilm moved to adjourn at 9:55 PM. Gerry Roth seconded.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk