

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2013

The November 5, 2013 Meeting of the Bridger Town Council was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 7:00 PM. Council members present were George Wilm, Eugene Sticka, Gerry Roth and Randy Novakovich. Others present were: Rick Sessions, Hope Freeman Town Attorney, Sandy & Jim Christensen, Les Roark, Krystal Zentner, Amy Stamm, Margi McClurg, Jeani Thompson, Ray Bemis, and Rich Anderson and Ron Kapor.

Clerk Deanna Hay read the minutes of the previous meetings from September 1, 2013 and the special meeting October 15, 2013. Randy Novakovich moved to accept the meeting minutes as read. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion passed.

The next item was the claims. Gerry Roth asked to move the claims down further on the agenda.

Under Committee Reports, Ron Kapor from the Area Parks and Recreation District reported a meeting for the Committee will be November 18th at 6:30 PM at the Bridger Library. The committee had favorable reports on the swimming pool. The people liked the uniforms for the lifeguards and need to continue with that requirement. More people used the pool when the fees were lowered. The Area Park & Recreation Committee will be getting more funds to the Town to cover expenses.

There were no Citizen advisory reports.

Public Comment was the next item on the agenda. Margi McClurg reported on Neighborhood Watch. The bulletins are published monthly and are well received. Margi McClurg thanked the Council for hiring Codi Peters. Another Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held after the 1st of the year at the Bridger Police Department.

The next agenda item was the Public Hearing for the Family Dollar Store. Resolution #161 for annexation of Family Dollar Store Property Lots 1 and lot 2 were read. Gerry Roth moved to accept Resolution #161 to annex the Family Dollar Store and the Les Roark Home into Town limits. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion passed.

Resolution #161A for a change of use from agriculture to Commercial was read by Mayor Scott DeRudder. Randy Novakovich moved to approve the change of use from agriculture to commercial for lots 1 and 2 of the Family Dollar Store subdivision. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion passed. Rick Sessions asked about using the excavation equipment in February while it is available, to save money and effort, and if it would be a problem. The Council did not see a problem.

A non-profit animal rescue was the next item on the agenda. Sandy Christensen was present to explain her proposed animal rescue at their home at 202 E Carbon. Adoptions of dogs are the main objective. Her home has to be open to the public. Regulations concerning rescue care, and quarantine of dogs from outside are adhered to. There were questions concerning barking dogs, how are the dogs housed, if established animal organizations have been contacted, etc. The Council asked that a petition from 300 feet of every side of the property be contacted and that petition be brought back to the Council for consideration.

Resolution #168 a salary Resolution for Judge Jackie Rieger was read by Mayor Scott DeRudder. There was discussion over the amount of the monthly salary and the court budget that was passed. Even though the budget proposals are approved, that does not mean wages automatically go up, unless an employee is scheduled for an annual anniversary raise. A Judges salary cannot be decreased in the midst of a term. State statute designates that a Judges salary be set by Resolution and travel be reimbursed. Jackie Rieger is also asking for a portion of her cell phone to be reimbursed.

After some discussion, Gerry Roth moved to accept the claims. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion passed.

Eugene Sticka moved to allow a 2% raise in Resolution #168 in the amount of \$969/month for Judge Rieger and be effective November 1, 2013. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-“nay”, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #169 for the Sewer Revenue Bond Series 2013 was explained by Mayor Scott DeRudder. Gerry Roth moved to accept Resolution #169 for the Sewer

Revenue Bond Series 2013. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion passed.

There were no zoning applications.

A petition for variance for a business at 201 N D St for a salon was requested by Amy Stamm. Eugene Sticka moved to accept the petition for variance for a business at 202 N D St for Amy Stamm. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion passed.

The next item was MMIA property, and liability insurance updates. There was a question of paying liability for both ambulances. Eugene Sticka moved to accept the stated property and liability coverage with no boiler coverage as the pool does not have a boiler. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda was the “Welcome to Bridger” sign liability. There is a question over who owns the sign. If the sign comes down, a new sign will go up on the Roark property, and will not be a problem with the State Highway. Pospicils’ own the ground and since the advertising is gone, a permit does not have to be obtained, however, the Pospicils’ are concerned with liability. The Council asked the Clerk to check into the cost of the liability if the Town buys the sign.

The next item was to correct the Resolution #158 to #157A. Gerry Roth moved to change Resolution #158 to #157A. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion passed.

The next item was public comment. Town Attorney Hope Freeman reminded the Council that variances are done concerning zoning. There is not an Ordinance allowing for a variance concerning animals.

Deanna Hay asked about listing the dates for the Council meetings on the Community Calendar. The Council approved the listed 1st Tuesday of the month dates for the Council meetings on the Community Calendar.

Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry reported the 1952 Dump truck and two other vehicles ought to be scrapped. Scrap prices are \$130/ton. Martin Tschida can weigh the vehicles to be scrapped. The Council approved.

Police Chief Mike Buechler reported that Codi Peters has been busy picking up speeders. A few locals have complained.

Mayor Scott DeRudder had nothing to report.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk