

BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

The Final Budget and Regular September 3, Meeting was brought to order by Mayor Scott DeRudder at 6:30 PM. Council members present were George Wilm, Eugene Sticka, Gerry Roth and Randy Novakovich arrived at 7:47 PM. Others present were: Pat Salveson, Melva Lightburn, Pat & Leila Taylor, Krystal Zentner, Darlene Fredrickson, Kea Fisher, Gary Jacobson, Annette Anderson, Diane Lesser, Mary Sink, Steve Kroll, Bill Kroll, Jess Matt, Town Attorney Hope Freeman, Chief Buechler, Public Works Director Tim Goldsberry, and Clerk Deanna Hay.

The Final Budget for the 6 levied funds is for 219.96 mills. This is the maximum level of mills allowed for the Town. A discussion was held over allowing 3 mills for the Library. Gerry Roth moved to allow 3 mills for the Library Fund #2220. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried. There was also discussion over the Town hiring Codi Peters' full time. It is difficult to cover the Town with one officer. Gerry Roth moved to hire Codi Peters' full time. Margi McClurg thanked the council for supporting the Neighborhood Watch program. There was discussion about the police department. George Wilm seconded the motion to hire Codi Peters' full time and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried. Gerry Roth moved to table the employee raise until the October meeting. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Gerry Roth moved to pass the Budget for 2013-2014. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

Eugene Sticka moved to accept Resolution #162 setting the tax levy for 2013-2014: General Fund #1000 142.22 mills, Airport #2170 1.5 mills, Comprehensive Insurance #2190 18.27 mills, Library #2220 3 mills, PERS #2370 6 mills, and Health Insurance #2371 48.97 mills for a total of 219.96 maximum mills; one mill being worth \$727.00. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes.

Resolution #163 was read by Mayor Scott DeRudder to transfer expenses from the Water Fund #5210 and Sewer Fund #5310 to the Group Health Fund #2371. \$12,349 is to be transferred from Water Fund #5210 to Group Health Fund #2371. \$9522.00 is to be transferred from Sewer Fund #5310 to Group Health Fund #2371 for a total of \$21,871.00. Gerry Roth moved to accept Resolution #163. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #164 was read by Mayor Scott DeRudder to allow for end of the year transfers from the Sewer Fund #5310 and Garbage Fund #5410 to pay back the debt on the Town Hall and Town Shop in the FY year 2012. The Sewer Fund #5310 will pay \$2646.45 and the Garbage Fund #5410 will pay \$2644.34 to the General Fund #1000 for the inter fund loan from 2012. George Wilm moved to accept Resolution #164. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #165 was read by Mayor DeRudder, to transfer \$31.95 of residual taxes from the Permissive Medical Levy #2372 no longer in existence to the Group Health Insurance Fund #2371. Eugene Sticka moved to accept Resolution #165. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Deanna Hay read the minutes of the previous meeting August 6, 2013 and the Special Meetings & Budget Hearing August 20, 2013. Eugene Sticka moved to accept the minutes of the previous meetings as read. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

George Wilm moved to accept the claims. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

There were no Committee Reports.

There were no citizen advisory reports.

Under public comment, the Neighborhood Watch presented a new bulletin to the Council.

The next item on the agenda was Civic Center fee waiver for the clothing swap. Gerry Roth moved to waive the fee for the Clothing Swap October 4 & 5. The cleaning deposit of \$150 will be in effect. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

The rodeo ground lease was the next item on the agenda. Jess Matt was in attendance to ask for renewal that is up in November. Gerry Roth moved to table the rodeo grounds lease until October, 2013. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Certificate of Deposit purchase. It was moved by Gerry Roth to purchase \$100,000 in \$25,000 increments for 1 year. Eugene Sticka seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes. Motion carried.

The next item was special meeting charges. Town Attorney Hope Freeman explained that the Council should not be asking for money for a public meeting. The Council decided to not take any action.

Zoning applications were the next item on the agenda. Roger Snyder's zoning application at 107 S Main Street for a 12' X 21' metal carport, vinyl fence and protective posts at the edge of his property in the alley was reviewed. The approximate cost is \$2800.00. A survey has been ordered by Roger Snyder and is pending. His property is zoned commercial and as such contacted the State Building Codes Bureau and was informed he will not need a State permit. Randy Novakovich moved to accept the zoning application for Roger Snyder. Eugene Sticka seconded and the George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, and Gerry R-yes, Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the zoning variance for Steve Kroll. Randy Novakovich moved to accept the zoning application for Steve Kroll at 405 West Pryor Avenue for building a garage shell. Gerry Roth seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Town Policy Resolution. Town Attorney Hope Freeman updated the Town Policy. Eugene Sticka moved to accept Town Policy Resolution #166. George Wilm seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

A Major Events Policy was the next item on the agenda. Attorney Hope Freeman and Eugene Sticka met on the matter. The Policy will be posted and rates set for security, and fees will depend on the size of the event. It is important to notify the Town of the event in advance, noting insurance coverage, and obtaining security. Eugene Sticka moved to hold a Public Hearing prior to the October 1, 2013 meeting starting at 6:00 PM. Randy Novakovich seconded and the vote was George W-yes, Eugene S-yes, Gerry R-yes, and Randy N-yes. Motion carried.

Under Public Comment there was discussion over the variance and why the Council asked for one. The Mayor stated that if Steve Kroll had been in attendance, the Council would have been able to get the answers to their questions and probably would have accepted the variance at that meeting. Also, anyone that does a zoning application that doesn't fit with Town Ordinances is asked to obtain a zoning variance. If anyone has a problem with weeds, they are to contact the Mayor.

Town Attorney Hope Freeman pointed out the Family Dollar Store needs to obtain a legal description in order to proceed. Also a letter has been written to Doug VanValkenburgh and Hope Freeman will be filing an Ordinance violation.

Police Chief Mike Buechler explained to the Council that in his monthly stats, all stops are contacts, not everyone deserves a ticket. The Police Department tries to stay observant, if there are problems the police department needs to be informed. Hope Freeman also mentioned the Police Department works all night and it is good that Codi Peters is now on board.

The Clerk clarified that a new computer is needed in the Town Hall office and was in her proposal, but was not included in the actual Clerks budget. Clerk Hay asked to take \$2600 from the unallocated costs in the General Fund and add to the supply line to pay for the computer and the technician that will need to be hired to network and set up the new computer. The Council approved.

Tim Goldsberry, Public Works Director stated they are cleaning up weeds. Tim Goldsberry asked about a pickup at Clarks Fork Valley Auto. The Town Council approved to allow \$25,000 to purchase a pickup or (2) for the Town. Tim Goldsberry will talk to Gary Jacobson as he knows about the auto market.

There being no further business Randy Novakovich moved to adjourn at 8:36 PM. Eugene Sticka seconded.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Town Clerk

