

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2025**

The October 7, 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 Nan Knight with Beartooth RC&D, Angela Kallevig, Tyler & Brittany Anthony, Dana Zier, Library Director Krystal Zentner, Attorney Ray Kuntz, Judge Bert Kraft, Chief Mike Buechler, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The next item on the agenda was public comment. No public comment offered.

The next item was correspondence. No correspondence.

A motion to move the agenda item for Discussion / Decision Regarding the Old Town Hall to after correspondence. The motion was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye. Nan Knight from Beartooth RC&D spoke to the council and public regarding options for funding the clean up of asbestos at the old town hall. She went over various items including testing, structural engineering and potential community vision events. A motion to approve the Beartooth RC&D agreement to access the building pending Attorney Kuntz's approval was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the committee reports. Dana Zier gave a report for the historic preservation commission board regarding the old town hall in Bridger.

Discussion / decision on CD money was next on the agenda. Clerk Sweet explained that this item is no longer needed as she had determined the notice from the Bank of Bridger was sent in error.

Resolution #297 to set the terms of compliance with § 28-118 related to water line extension from 2646 US Highway 310 to the Debruycker Property. Discussion was had regarding a shop/barn structure that was to be included in resolution. The amendment was made. A motion to approve the amended resolution was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Resolution #298 to set the per diem rates for travel. Clerk Sweet asked the council to set the meal rates so that the resolution would be complete. Discussion was had regarding the meal rates and the resolution was amended to reflect the discussion. A motion to pass the amended resolution was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye.

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 Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye. Minutes included were August 5, 2025 public hearing and regular meeting, September 2, 2025 budget hearing and September 9, 2025 regular meeting. Claim checks #35481 to #35512 and #35564 to #35565. Electronic checks #-97921 to #-97914 for September. Payroll checks #35554 to #35563 and electronic checks #-84618 to #-84588 for September.

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

Judge Kraft presented his reports for the month of September as well as the legislative updates effective on October 1, 2025.

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 September.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: nothing to report.

Closed session pursuant to § 2-3-203(4)(a) MCA started at 7:54pm, closed session ended at 8:14pm.

There being no further business Councilman Asbury motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Carson – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, and Councilman Asbury – aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Attest:


Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk


Mark DeRudder, Mayor