

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A WORK SESSION
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2024**

The March 12, 2024 work session of the Bridger Town Council was held at 108 South D Street in Bridger. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was brought to order by Mayor Mark DeRudder at 1:00 pm. Council members present were Dustin Taylor, Shala Cullum, Cliff Shultz and Doug Asbury. Others present were Carbon County Commissioner Scott Blain, Carbon County Commissioner Scott Miller, Carbon County Commissioner Bill Bullock, John Jordan, Eleanor Guerrero, Steven Fendler, Krystal Zentner, Dillon Thomas, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich, Chief Mike Buechler and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

Mayor DeRudder started the discussion by asking the County Commissioners to give their insight on the wind farm impact money. Then discussion commenced regarding the needs that the Town of Bridger has for infrastructure and the difficulty many local governments face in funding infrastructure. Specifically, the Town Campground is in desperate need of an overhaul. A large amount of wind farm workers used the campground while the wind farm was under construction. The extended use of that campground by the workers revealed several deficiencies of the campground. Those deficiencies include but are not limited to the electrical, lack of gravel/concrete, lack of spacing between the pedestals. As well as not enough spots for large events such as workers being in the area for extended periods of time.

Discussion was had regarding the Bridger Volunteer Fire Department and Clarks Fork Valley Ambulance service. The fire department has built trucks that can handle the terrain of the wind farm area. However, they are outgrowing their current facility.

Discussion was had regarding a growth policy for the Town or a capital improvement plan or any planning documents that are needed to help get state or federal grant funds.

Discussion was had regarding other potential needs and impacts in the Town of Bridger. It was suggested that the Town make a list of impacts and prioritize that list. Then get cost estimates for each of the items. Once that is completed, then the Town can come to the commissioners and ask for money to help with impacted areas of Town.

There being no further business Councilman Shultz motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman DeRudder and Councilman Asbury – aye. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.



Mark DeRudder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk