

**BRIDGER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR A REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 2, 2024**

The April 2, 2024 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 Shala Cullum, Dustin Taylor and Doug Asbury. Others present were Dana Zier, Bill Kampfer, Angela Getchel, Carbon County Commissioner Bill Bullock, Angela Kallevig, Suzanne Vicknair, Matthew Boggio, Carl Jones, Sgt. Codi Peters, Judge Bert Kraft, Public Works Director Randy Novakovich and Clerk Kirstin Sweet.

The first item on the agenda was public comment. Dana Zier from the Bridger Historical Society asked the council to consider allowing her to apply for the Carbon County Historic Rehabilitation Grant to rehabilitate the old town hall in memorial park. Angela Getchell from the workforce housing committee updated the council on the potential for a housing study in Bridger.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the March 5, 2024 public hearing, March 5, 2024 regular meeting and the March 12, 2024 work session. A motion to approve all the minutes was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item of business was the approval of claims. The department heads answered questions regarding the claims. Councilwoman Cullum made a motion to approve the claims including check #34631 to #34672. Also, electronic checks #-98071 to #-98063. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the Payroll Summary. Councilwoman Cullum motioned to approve the payroll summary including check #34630 and #34637 to #34642. Also, electronic checks #-85281 to #-85243. Councilman Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye, Councilman Shultz – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

Next on the agenda was the committee reports. Angela Kallevig gave an update regarding the planning board.

The next agenda item was Special Events Applications. The first was from Yellowstone Region SCCA for an event at the Bridger Airport on May 18 & 19. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The second application was from Billings Barrel Racing Series for an event held at the Bridger rodeo grounds on July 10, 2024. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the application. A motion to approve the application was made by Councilman Asbury, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was to set the timeline for the bulk water rate increase. A motion to approve the timeline was made by Councilman Taylor, seconded by Councilwoman Cullum. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution #276 a resolution of intent to raise bulk water rates. Mayor DeRudder reviewed the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Councilwoman Cullum, seconded by Councilman Taylor. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye.

The next item was a discussion regarding wind farm impacts. Discussion was had regarding projects that need to be completed. The campground was the primary topic of discussion. The wind farm workers used it the entire time the wind farm was being built. That extended usage uncovered issues with the campground such as electrical, space and the need for a separate dump station. Other projects discussed were a growth policy and a capital improvement plan. Clerk Sweet and PWD Novakovich will work on getting more information about the upgrades.

The next item was a discussion regarding the need for a new town hall building. Discussion was had regarding a preliminary architectural report. Clerk Sweet will get an estimate for that.

Attorney Kuntz updated the council on items he has been working on.

Judge Kraft presented his stats from March.

Library Director Zentner was not present.

Public Works Director Novakovich updated the council on projects on which the public works crew is working.

Chief Buechler was not present.

Clerk Sweet had nothing to report.

Mayor and Town Council: None.

There being no further business Councilman Shultz motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Asbury. The motion carried with the votes as follows: Councilman Taylor – aye, Councilwoman Cullum – aye and Councilman Asbury – aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.



Mark DeRudder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kirstin Sweet, Town Clerk