

Burns Town Council
September 8, 2014
Council Meeting Minutes

The Burns Town council met in regular session on September 8, 2014. Members present were Mayor Judy Johnstone, Council Members Harvey Humphrey, Charlie Vosler, and Ralph Bartels. Dennis Bastian was absent from this meeting. Also present were Town Clerk Toni McNamar, Maintenance man Darius Mandel, John Thompson with Cheyenne Light, Fuel, and Power, David McPherson with Laramie County Sheriff's Department, Brie Barth, Jeff Bartels, Matt Fields, and representatives from ARC who are sponsoring Oktoberfest.

At 6:00 pm Mayor Johnstone called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Those present were informed that the meeting was being recorded.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Absences
- Approval of August 11, 2014 Council Minutes
- Approval of Town Vouchers
- Approval of Utility Vouchers
- Approval of Town Treasurers Report

Mayor Johnstone asked that we wait to see if Council Member Bastian arrived late before approving his absence.

Council Member Bartels moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Humphrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Building Permit:

The Council was presented with a building permit from Laramie County School District #2 for the building of their press box and bleachers at the new football field. Council Member Vosler reported that he had reviewed the permit and had seen no issues. Council Member Vosler moved to approve the building permit for the School District's construction of the press box and bleachers. Council Member Humphrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with a building permit from Roy Young who is building a new home at 4820 County Road 214. Council Member Vosler reported that he has visited the site and sees no issues with this permit. Council Member Vosler moved to approve the building permit for Roy Young at 4820 Road 214 for the construction of a new home. Council Member Humphrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Representatives with the ARC of Laramie County were present to discuss the upcoming Oktoberfest that will be held at the Archer Complex on September 27th from 10 am to 10 pm. The Council was in agreement that they can advertise on the chain link fence south of the Burns-Plex. This organization inquired whether the Council believed that a bus ride to and from this event would be beneficial to the residents of Burns. The Council believed that it would.

Agenda Requests:

Jeff Bartels was present to discuss the possibility of the Cub Scouts being able to use a room in the north building to meet. Jeff reported that they would share the room with the Girl Scouts. Jeff reported that they had been meeting at people's houses but now that they have grown to 13 members it is hard to meet at people's homes. Toni McNamar suggested that we allow them to use a room in the north building until we are ready to start remodeling.

Council Member Bartels moved to allow the Cub Scouts and the Girl Scouts the use of the east room on the south side of the north building. Council Member Humphrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Jeff introduced Brie Barth as a new leader for the Cub Scouts. Jeff Bartels also reported that popcorn sales are currently going on.

Brie asked the Mayor and Council if they would be willing to be interviewed by the Weebaloes. The Mayor and Council will meet with them to do the interviews on Friday.

Sheriff's Department Report:

Sgt. McPherson with the Laramie County Sheriff's Department had nothing to report.

Ambulance Board Report:

Erica Maddison was absent from this meeting but had asked that Mayor Johnstone ask permission for Burns EMS and Fire District #4 to use the Council Chambers for training on Friday evening and all day Saturday. Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that there will be a lot going on in the building on Saturday. The Church is having services that day, the Burns Day committee will be holding a potluck dinner and dance, and with their training. The Council was in agreement for them to use the Council Chambers for training.

Utility Board Report:

Council Member Humphrey reported that the utility crossing project is going well and is nearly complete. Once Justin is done with this project he will install the water fill station.

Council Member Humphrey reported that the Utility Board would like to present the name of Matt Fields to the Council with the recommendation that they appoint him as the newest member to the Burns Utility Board.

Council Member Humphrey moved to appoint Matt Fields to the Burns Utility Board. Council Member Bartels seconded this motion. Motion carried. Mayor Johnstone swore in Matt Fields at this time.

Maintenance Report:

The maintenance report was reviewed.

Darius reported that the football field is being watered and metered.

Darius reported that he has put a new screen in the door of the café, the garbage disposal has been replaced and the dishwasher fixed.

Darius reported that on Thursday the company will be out to camera the South Luther Ave sewer line

Darius reported that the mule's new windshield is in and he will be getting it serviced for winter.

The Main Street bathrooms have been cleaned and locked for the season. They were locked earlier than usual as they continue to be vandalized several times a week.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johnstone requested permission to go to Lander for WAM meetings October 1 -3rd. Council Member Vosler moved to allow Mayor Johnstone to attend WAM committee and board meetings in Lander. Council Member Bartels seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnstone suggested a possible change to the town web site. On the page for Churches it has been suggested that we title it Churches and Organizations, allowing the Burns Youth Groups, Scouts, and other

organizations to advertise their contact information and meeting times in this area. The Council was in agreement with doing this.

Mayor Johnstone had the lease renewal agreement for Blessed Hope Baptist church. Mayor Johnstone reported that the new rent rate would be \$953.55 a month. Council Member Bartels moved to accept the new lease agreement and amount. Council Member Humphrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Reports:

Council Member Humphrey had nothing to report.

Council Member Bastian was absent from this meeting.

Council Member Vosler had nothing to report.

Council Member Bartels expressed concern about speed on Second Street and would like to see us put a speed limit sign of 25 mph on Second Street where you turn onto it from State Highway 213. Council Member Bartels would also like to see the “No Truck Traffic” sign moved to a better location so that they can see it.

Council Member Bartels is also concerned about the kids racing around town after practice and asked that the Sheriff’s Department see if they could address this issue.

Council Member Bartels would like to see the town put barricades up where people are driving across private property into Abilene Loop from the corner of Second Street and Luther Ave.

New Business:

The Council was presented with Resolution 09-08-14, a resolution authorizing the submission of a Countywide Consensus Block Grant Application in the amount of \$42,000 for the purchase of a new maintenance truck to include a blade, and utility box. Council Member Bartels moved to approve Resolution 09-08-14. Council Member Vosler seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Clerk’s Report:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that Town Hall will be closed September 23rd – 26th as she would be attending water school in Cody.

Toni reported that the City and Town Annual audit has been completed and the next step is to do the Self Audit in October.

Announcements

September 13 th	4 pm – 8 pm	Pot Luck Dinner and Dance at the Burns-Plex sponsored by Burns Day Committee. Please plan to attend. Cost is \$3 per person, \$5 per couple, and \$10 per family.
September 18 th	6 pm	- Burns Day Meeting at Old School Café. Everyone is invited.
Sept 23 rd – 26 th		Town Hall will be closed
October 6 th	6 pm	- Utility Board Meeting
October 13 th	6 pm	- Town Council Meeting

At 7:06 pm the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Burns Town Council is scheduled for October 13th at 6 pm.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE COMMUNITY POT LUCK DINNER AND DANCE ON SEPTEMBER 13TH FROM 4 PM – 8 PM. BRING A COVERED DISH AND YOUR FRIENDS. COST: \$3 PER PERSON - \$5 PER COUPLE - \$10 PER FAMILY.

Mayor Judy Johnstone

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

Town Council

Judy Johnstone	Mayor	316-0020 630-7305
Charlie Vosler	Council Member Safety/ Town Compliance Officer Ambulance Liaison	286-7996
Dennis Bastian	Council Member Cemetery Board	547-3848
Harvey Humphrey	Mayor Pro Tem Utility Board Representative Parks and Recreation	547-3545
Ralph Bartels	Council Member Streets and Alleys	631-5077

Utility Board

Harvey Humphrey	Council Rep	547-3545
Steve Newton	Utility Board Member	547-2214
Harry Pauli	Utility Board member	287-7673
Ralph Bartels	Utility Board Member	631-5077

Town Hall NEW HOURS STARTING JANUARY 2, 2012

Monday - Thursday	7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	547-2206
Friday	7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m	

Toni McNamar	Town Clerk	630-5557
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Maintenance

Darius Mandel	Maintenance	287-0537
Ted Kellner	Maintenance	286-2771