

Burns Utility Board
December 1, 2014

The Burns Utility Board met in regular session on December 1 2014. Members present were Board Members Harry Pauli, Matt Fields, Ralph Bartels, and Steve Newton. Board Member Harvey Humphrey was absent from this meeting. Also present was Town clerk Toni McNamar, and Town Maintenance Ted Kellner

At 6 pm Board President Ralph Bartels called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was preformed. Those present were informed the meeting was being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Pauli moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014. Utility board meeting. Board Member Newton seconded this motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Board Member Fields moved to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Board Member Pauli seconded this motion. Motion carried.

AGENDA REQUESTS

MAINTENANCE REPORT:

The maintenance report was reviewed. Ted Kellner reported that the lift station has been having issues and we may need to pull it when the weather gets nicer. Ted will continue working on it in the mean time.

CLERK'S REPORT

Toni McNamar reported that two board positions will be coming up in January and asked the board if they wanted to post a notice to let people know the positions are open. The board was in agreement to hang a notice to fill the positions on the Utility Board.

UTILITY BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board President Bartels had nothing to report.

MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Humphrey was absent from this meeting.

Board Member Pauli had nothing to report.

Board Member Fields had nothing to report.

Board Member Newton reported that we need to take the garbage truck into Peterbilt and get it services and DOT certified. The board was in agreement to get this done. Ted will get an appointment set up to do this.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion on increasing utility rates. The board is not in favor of doing this as they feel that revenues are coming in good, however they are concerned that if they don't raise the rates that when we apply for more funding they will be turned down.

Toni McNamar suggested that if we were to increase rates possibly we should look at just increasing the sewer rates, as the lift station is probably the oldest pieces of equipment in the water and sewer system.

The board will think about rate increases and come back next month with a decision.

There was discussion on word changes to ordinances. The board was in agreement to leave Ordinance 11A-4 as it state election of the board president and secretary will be in July. This had been a question of the board.

In Ordinance 11D.01 (a) in the second paragraph under application fees need to add where water lines ares in the street or alley. And also that the town is responsible for the waterline to the meter and including the meter after installation is complete, by a qualified plumber and inspected by the Town of Burns.

Also in the following paragraph it should read to the meter pit and not to the property line as this varies from property to property.

Toni will make above changes and utility board will approve at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board President Bartels asked the board if they would want to transfer the water rights from the A-3 well to the A-7 well. The board was in agreement to not go through with the transfer at this time, as the moratorium is due to be up in April and by the time we got this paper work complete the moratorium would be expired.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Board Member Pauli moved to approve the vouchers. Board Member Newton seconded this motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December 3rd and 4th Water Operator classes at Burns-Plex
January 5th 6 pm Utility Board Meeting

At 7:02 pm Board Member Pauli moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns Utility Board is scheduled for January 5th at 6 pm at the Burns Plex.

Board President Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Utility Board Secretary Toni McNamar