

Burns Town Council
February 9, 2015
Council Meeting Minutes

The Burns Town council met in regular session on February 9, 2015. Members present were Mayor Judy Johnstone, Council Members Ralph Bartels, Charlie Vosler, Harvey Humphrey, and Dennis Bastian. Also present were Town Clerk Toni McNamar, Town Maintenance Darius Mandel, John Thompson with Cheyenne Light, Fuel, and Power, Brian Eveleth, Jim and Kari Clark, Laramie County Commissioner Linda Heath, Sgt. McPherson with Laramie County Sheriffs Dept, and Betty Nussbaum.

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 the January 12, 2015 Council Minutes
- Approval of Town Vouchers
- Approval of Utility Vouchers
- Approval of Town Treasurers Report

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

Public Requests:

Betty Nussbaum reported that she would like to know the next time the town has the tree cutters in town. Darius reported that the town did not have them here. It was High West Energy and then several residents contracted to have them remove trees also.

Betty Nussbaum reported that Vicki Steege will no longer be doing the flower pots on Main Street and asked that we advertise for someone to volunteer to do the planting in the flower pots in the spring.

Jim Clark inquired about the renovations for the Community Center. Mayor Johnstone reported that we will be scheduling a workshop to discuss this later in the month but asked that Jim get the list together prior to the workshop.

Mayor Johnstone showed the Council a plaque given to the Town of Burns from the City of Gillette for us to put on our World Trade Center steel.

County Commissioner Linda Heath reported that last week was the WCCA conference in Cheyenne. Commissioner Heath also reported that they have received many reports on the poor condition of the county roads.

Commissioner Heath also reported that the commissioners had approved the additional funding that Fire District #3 needed for the purchase of their tanker.

Sheriff's Report:

Mac reported that it has been a quiet month.

Ambulance Report:

Brian reported that the ambulance is still in getting repairs. Darius reported that it was at Ford and they could not figure out an issue and now it is at Absolute Solutions where they fixed the issue but it is still drawing too much battery power. The Council was in agreement to have Absolute Solutions find the problem and correct it before we pick it up.

Brian reported that he is still getting bids for equipment to be purchased with the grant.

Utility Board Report:

Utility Board representative Harvey Humphrey reported that the Burns Utility Board awarded the bid for the South Luther Sewer Project to Aztec Construction; this also includes the grease trap in the Community Center.

Harvey Humphrey also reported that the Board had done Ted Kellner's evaluation and voted to give him a 3.5% pay increase.

Harvey Humphrey reported that the Board would like to start looking at the Fourth Street Sewer Project. This project consists of relocating the sewer line from Wyoming Ave down Fourth Street across Main Street and down Road 213 and connecting it into the sewer line from Sunset Ridge. This would decrease the amount of work that the lift station would have to do.

Maintenance Report:

The maintenance report was reviewed. Darius reported that the heaters have been serviced, and we are currently waiting for a fan motor for the wrestling room heater.

Darius will be ordering some street signs to replace those that are missing.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Johnstone reported that she would like to schedule a workshop to discuss the budget and also town projects. The Council was in agreement to hold this workshop on February 25th at 9:30 am at the Community Center.

Mayor Johnstone reported that she is still attending the Water Committee Meetings on the first and third Monday of each month. These meetings are at the Herschler building and the public is invited.

Mayor Johnstone reported that all new property purchased within this past year is current and tax exempt.

Mayor Johnstone reported that a housing assessment will be done on March 10th and 11th. This assessment will help determine where we may need more housing such as duplexes and single family homes.

Council Member Reports:

Council Member Humphrey thanked everyone for being tolerant while he was out sick.

Council Member Humphrey reported that he was contacted by Rich Steege about the possibility of renting the Bob Steege Park on May 23rd for a graduation party. He would also like to have an alternate plan in case the weather is bad. He will be using the south gym at Burns-Plex if needed. He would also like to apply for a liquor permit for this day. The Council was in agreement that there would be no charge for the park and the usual charges for the gym if he needs to use it. He would have to submit his request for a liquor permit to the Council for approval.

Harvey reported that he has heard many positive remarks about the town and its employees and Council while he has been gone.

Council Member Bastian appreciates all that is going on.

Council Member Vosler had nothing to report.

Council Member Bartels thanked the ambulance service for their efforts.

Old Business:

Council Member Humphrey moved to approve second reading of Ordinance 11D.01 (a) by title only. Council Member Bartels seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Darius is still waiting on a truck bid. Mayor Johnstone reported that we have the SLIB money approved for the truck and asked the Council if he could go ahead and order it after he gets his other quotes. The Council was in agreement to go ahead and order when ready.

New Business:

The Council was presented with bids for the wall repair and replacement of the light that was hit a couple of weeks ago. The individual that hit the wall has chosen to pay for this rather than submitting it to their insurance. Mayor Johnstone would like to see the contractors directly bill the individual. Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that we need to get the work done; pay the contractor's and then bill the individual for the repairs. Council Member Humphrey was in agreement with Toni; it is the town's responsibility to be sure the contractors are paid. Mayor Johnstone would like something in writing from the individual stating that they will pay the damages. Council agreed that we definitely need a signed document stating the individual will accept responsibility for the damage repairs.

Darius still needs to get a quote to replace the planter and then Mayor Johnstone will write a letter to the individual stating the amount and asking them to sign the letter of agreement to pay the amount.

Clerks Report:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that the Pine Bluffs Sportsman's Club will be having a gun show in the south gym on April 24th and 25th. They will take care of everything including law enforcement. The town will get the money from the gym rental and the rental of tables if needed.

Announcements

February 13 th	Valentine's Dance at Burns Plex (Benefit for Mechels Family).
February 16 th	Town Offices Closed
February 19 th	6 pm Burns Day Meeting
February 25 th	9:30 am budget and town project work shop at Community Center
March 2 nd	6 pm Utility Board meeting
March 9 th	6 pm Council meeting.

Anyone interested in volunteering to plant and maintain the planters on Main Street this summer please contact the Burns Town Hall at 547-2206

At 7:08 pm council Member Bartels moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns Town Council is scheduled for March 9, 2015 at 6 pm.

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

Ralph Bartels	President	631-5007
Harvey Humphrey	Council Rep	547-3545
Steve Newton	Utility Board Member	547-2214
Harry Pauli	Utility Board member	287-7673
Matt Fields	Utility Board Member	

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