

Burns Town Council
July 13, 2015
Meeting

The Burns Town Council met in regular session on July 13, 2015. Members present were Mayor Ralph Bartels, Council Members Rocky Stoner, Betty Nussbaum, and Harvey Humphrey. Council Member Dennis Bastian was absent from this meeting. Also present was Town Clerk Toni McNamar, Town Maintenance Darius Mandel, David Steege, Mac McPherson, Sonya Rhea, John Thompson, Darrell with the Pine Bluffs Post, Kim Kranz, and Scott Cowley with AVI.

At 6 pm Mayor Ralph Bartels called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was preformed. Mayor Bartels announced the meeting was being recorded.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Council Member Dennis Bastian was out of town.

June 8, 2015 council meeting minutes

Town Vouchers

Town Treasurers Report

Utility Vouchers

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

Public Comment:

Sonya Rhea was present to discuss the option of recycling glass and aluminum in the town of Burns. They will come out on a monthly basis and pick it up for free; the town would need to provide containers to collect the recyclables.

Kim Kranz was present to ask the Council if it would be okay for a small group of ladies to meet in the exerciser room with a personal trainer on a weekly basis, the women that attended would have to have a membership card to the exercise room and would be the ones responsible for paying the personal trainer for her time. The Council was okay with this.

Agenda Request:

Dave Steege was present to give a quote for a sound system for the council chambers which he had previously met with Harvey Humphrey and Toni McNamar about. Dave Steege reported that it is a professional quality system including micro phones at each desk, with two additional micro phones for the audience, There would be speakers mounted in the ceiling, and each council member would have a wireless body pack which they could adjust, which has an ear piece that is compatible with all hearing aids. All equipment is wireless and rechargeable and has a charging station. Dave reported that the wireless system is secure and that we would have a total of 12 ear pieces which would meet ADA compliance standards Scott Cowley suggested that we also speak with Dan Johnson regarding the ADA requirements.

Council Member Humphrey reported the price without labor and electrical work was \$23,000. Board Member Humphrey moved to table until we get ADA answers and look into possible grants. Board Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Scott Cowley with AVI was present with an update on the town's drainage master plan which he has been working on. Scott reported that the aerial photography and mapping have been done. Scott reported that storm sewer is very expensive and farfetched for the town of Burns due to the flatness of the town. He has suggested grading out high spots. There would be room within the town of Burns right of way to put ditches in with valley pans for the water to drain into. This would require us to put culverts in driveways. Council Member Humphrey reported that it would be a process to convince people where their property lines are. We would have to have some public meetings to discuss this with the public.

Sheriff's Department Report:

Mac reported that all is going good. He reported that they had found an error in the billing to the Town of Burns for law enforcement services. The town was being charged for all calls that had a Burns address and that is not what was to be happening. He reported that they have corrected the issue and the Town of Burns has a very large credit and will not be receiving a bill for several months.

Ambulance Board Report: No report.

Utility Board Report:

Ralph Bartels reported that Lidstone and Associates was present to discuss the A-7 well permit and the transmission lines, the final estimated figures show that we may need an additional \$60,000 for this project. Ralph reported that the permit of the A-7 well is still in progress.

Burns Day Report:

Kim Kranz reported that Burns Day went pretty good. We had issues behind the scenes. We have got to have more people, 6 people cannot pull off an entire event. The people on the Burns Day committee do not even live in Burns; we need some help if we are going to continue to do Burns Day In the future. At this point there will not be a parade, we will do the craft show, watermelon eating contest, entertainment, the dance and live band. We will no longer be doing monthly activities as we do not have enough people to do them. If anyone is interested in helping please step up and help or there may not be a Burns Day next year.

Kim Kranz also reported that there is questions about the tractor pull happening in the future since the school district owns the property where the tractor pull is held.

Maintenance Report:

The Maintenance report was reviewed. Darius reported that we have got the new truck. Darius reported that the Kenworth water truck may need to be taken in if he cannot get it fixed. Darius reported that he will be getting quotes to replace the dead tree by the plumbing shop.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Bartels reported that Toni had some computer issues and had Brad Harrington come in and do some cleaning up of the computers, he also installed Malware which will help keep unwanted items off of the computers, this has greatly increased the speed of all computers. The cost of the malware is \$24.99 a year for up to three computers.

Mayor Bartels discussed options for the north building. Mayor Bartels reported that we recover some money from the school district when they rent it in October through March. Mayor Bartels reported that this building takes a lot of money to keep it maintained and suggested that we consider selling it. Council Member Humphrey reported that he would not be opposed to getting it appraised. There was discussion on using it for a Community Center. Council Member Humphrey reported that we have a community center and that we have to continue to use it as a community center or it will revert back to the Masonic Lodge.

Council Member Humphrey moved to get an appraisal on the north building. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bartels appointed Craig McPhie to the Cemetery Board that makes the cemetery board complete with Dennis Bastian, Susan Mills, and Craig McPhie.

Council Reports:

Council Member Humphrey reported that we had the estimate for the asbestos removal in the Burns-Plex buildings. Most of it is in the north building and the cost to remove would be approximately \$200,000, Council Member Humphrey suggested that we get removal done. Council Member Stoner moved to proceed with the removal of the asbestos in both buildings and to accept Terracon contract to do the abatement of the asbestos. Council Member Humphrey seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Humphrey reported that we had received a quote and contract from Dan Johnson to do the architect work for the roof replacements on the Burns-Plex buildings. The cost for Dan Johnson's services would be \$16,664. Council Member Humphrey moved to accept the contract from Dan Johnson and proceed. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Dennis Bastian was absent from this meeting.

Council Member Nussbaum would like to have survey of the people of town in regards to keeping the four way stop signs. Mayor Bartels feels that the people of the community elected the council to represent them. Council Member Nussbaum feels that the people should have an opinion on this matter. Council Member Humphrey reported that he would support removing the four-way stop once we get the road fixed. Council Member Humphrey reported that he would support an opinion poll and to put it in the utility billing and people can return them with their payment.

Council Member Nussbaum reported that some of the plants that they had transplanted earlier this year are not doing well. The irises are doing very well and the planters look very good. Betty appreciates all the people that adopted a planter. Council Member Nussbaum reported that there are a couple of dead trees in the Main Street Park. Council Member Humphrey inquired about putting larger flowers in the planters. Betty reported that they would not with stand the winds.

Council Member Stoner reported that the gym floor is an issue, there is 30% moisture in it and there should not be more than 6%. Council Member Humphrey suggested drilling some small holes in the floor to get it dried out. They will then try to sand it down and see if that will work. If not, the floor will have to replace floor.

New Business:

Council Member Humphrey reported that the study of the Burns-Plex including the roofing, air conditioning, and electrical upgrades are available to look at in the office. Council Member Humphrey believes we do the asbestos removal first, the new roofs, and then the electrical upgrades, and air conditioning.

The Council was presented with Resolution 07-13-15 A resolution amending ordinance 18A.38 FY 2014-2015 annual appropriations providing for the unanticipated income and unanticipated expenditures for the Town of Burns. Council Member Humphrey moved to approve Resolution 07-13-15. Council Member Nussbaum seconded this motion. A roll call vote was done: Stoner –aye, Bartels – aye, Nussbaum –aye, and Humphrey – aye. Motion carried.

Announcements

July 14th 12 town hall closed
July 15th – 16th Town Hall closed
July 16th 5:30 -7:30 pm Animal shot clinic
Aug 3 6 pm Utility Board Meeting
Aug 10 6 pm Council Meeting

At 7:28 pm Council Member Humphrey moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns Town council will be August 10, 2015 at 6 pm at the Burns Plex at 327 S Main Street.

Mayor Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

Town Mayor and Council

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