

Burns Town Council
Meeting
December 15, 2015

The Burns Town Council met in regular session on December 15, 2015. Members present were Mayor Ralph Bartels, Council Members Rocky Stoner, Betty Nussbaum, Dennis Bastian, and Harvey Humphrey. Also present was Town Clerk Toni McNamar, Town Maintenance Darius Mandel, Kim and Ivan Kranz, Jeff Bartels, Mercedes Bartels, Misty Gallegos and Jon Abrams From Laramie County School District #2.

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:

- November 9, 2015 council meeting minutes
- November 17, 2015 Special meeting minutes
- Town Vouchers
- Town Treasurers Report
- Utility Vouchers

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

Agenda Requests:

Jon Abrams from Laramie County School District #2 was present to discuss Jackson Street. The School District would like to have ownership of Jackson Street, so that they can fix it and make it a two way street. Mr. Abrams reported that there are two ways to do this; either the Town can vacate it to the school district or the town can give ownership to the school district with a quitclaim deed. The school district will pay any expenses to get it transferred to them and after that take over complete control of the street.

Council Member Bastian reported that we had been approached by the school district before and they had wanted the town to fix Jackson Street. Council Member Humphrey suggested that we find a way to allow the school district to have ownership of Jackson Street.

Mayor Bartels reported that when the town acquired the Burns-Plex we traded the school district 10 acres of land west of Luther Ave. Mayor Bartels reported that the town would be interested in acquiring that property back, as we could use it as possible baseball and soccer fields. Mayor Bartels reported that we would be willing to give the school district \$5,000 and ownership of Jackson Street in return for the 10 acres west of Luther Ave.

The Council was in agreement to have Mr. Abrams take the offer to the school district. If the school board is in agreement to do this the school district may start moving forward with the quitclaim deeds and we will pass them on to our town attorney.

Jon Abrams feels that this is a good option and will take it to the school board.

Utility Board Report:

Utility Board Representative Harvey Humphrey reported that there was discussion on increasing utility rates; it has been two years since we have had an increase. Utility Board Representative Humphrey reported that we had discussed decreasing the base gallons. Ted Kellner had suggested leaving the 20,000 gallon base rate the same and increasing price by a couple of dollars if we needed to increase, that would be easier for the seniors of town to budget for.

Utility Board Representative Humphrey also reported that the utility board would recommend that the council appoint Judy Johnstone as the new utility board member to fill the remaining term of Harry Pauli.

Council Member Humphrey moved to appoint Judy Johnstone to the utility board to fill the remaining term of Harry Pauli. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Utility Board Representative Humphrey reported that Ted had brought a cost of \$1500 to the board for a backup system for our SCADA system. Matt Fields is looking into other options for this.

Ambulance Report:

Jeff Bartels reported that the ambulance service is trying to put together a pre hospital pediatric care class in Burns and would like to be able to use the council chambers for the class.

Jeff reported that the ambulance service has elected their new officers and they are as follows: Supervisor – Brian Eveleth, Assistant Supervisor – Jenny Michaud, Training Officer – Jeff Bartels, and Supply Officer – Phil Oakes.

Jeff reported that the ambulance tires are getting to the point that they need replaced. Also the ambulance needs to be taken in for basic services and maintenance. Mayor Bartels suggested taking it to Haller's Repair for service.

Board Member Bastian moved to have the ambulance serviced at Haller's Repair and talk to Kevin at K & N Tires about getting tires for the ambulance. Council Member Nussbaum seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Burns Day Report:

Toni McNamar reported that there will not be a Burns Day this year as there is just not enough people interested in helping out. Burns Day is a big deal to prepare for and four or five people cannot do it.

Kim Kranz reported that those who have done Burns Day have done a good job and now that they are not able to do it anymore, she feels that they are a lot of negative comments towards them for not doing it. Kim reported that we have done a lot of work in the past and are tired now.

Council Member Bastian reported that he understands and there does not seem to be enough support to continue with Burns Day. The Council thanked those Burns Day members for all they had done in the past. Kim reported that everything is in good order and there is money in the account for anyone that wants to take over, we will give them whatever information we have but we are done.

Mayor Bartels reported that the Council thanked the Burns Day Committee for a job well done and understands them being done with it.

Kim reported that we had two checks to write yet. The Committee had agreed to donate \$100 to the district cross country team for a records board to be hung in the gym, and also donated \$100 to the elementary school library for new books.

The Council was in agreement to still have the tractor pull the first Saturday in June.

Maintenance Report:

The maintenance report was reviewed. Darius reported that he needs new front tires for the grader and had a cost of \$2540.00 for the tires. Council Member Bastian moved to have Darius get the tires on the grader. Board Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried. Darius reported that he needed to get the brakes on the Dodge looked at and fixed.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Bartels reported that we have not heard nothing back from Customs Environmental Service regarding the change order they tried to give to us after work was complete. They reported that they had to raise the walls to remove asbestos out from under them, it is obvious that they did not raise the walls.

Mayor Bartels reported that we have the original bid bill from them which we have not yet paid as they have not removed the asbestos containers from the site as of yet. Mayor Bartels inquired as to if the council wanted to hold off on paying the bill or pay a percentage of it. Mayor Bartels reported that we also have Terracon's bill and have not received final reports from them as of yet and is not comfortable with paying this bill either.

Council Member Stoner moved to pay Custom Environmental Services 50%, and the remainders after the roll offs are gone, and pay Terracon 75% of their billed invoice and the remainder after we have received the final reports. Board Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bartels reported that we will be getting the hallway walls and ceiling dry walled for a cost of \$24,242. Mayor Bartels also reported that RT communications will be putting fiber optic in both buildings, and we will be able to offer the fastest speed internet, for a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Mayor Bartels reported that there is a book club that will be using the Community Center one Friday a month for two hours.

Mayor Bartels reported that we did receive our requested SLIB funding for the community center upgrades. We should be able to start on it in January after we receive our award letter.

Mayor Bartels would like to appoint John Narva and Phil Oakes as fire marshals' for the Town of Burns. This consists of them approving building permits and being sure all set backs are met. Council Member Bastian in agreement as long as there is not a conflict between the fire department and the fire Marshall. The council was in agreement.

Mayor Bartels inquired about changing the meeting time for Council meetings. Mayor Bartels reported that we need to change the Utility board meeting to the second Monday of the month and Toni had suggested having the utility board meeting followed by the council meeting on the same night. It was suggested to have the utility board meetings at 6 pm and the Council meetings at 7 pm on the seconded Monday of each month.

Council Member Stoner moved to have the utility board meeting at 6 pm followed by the Council meeting at 7 pm on the second Monday of each month. Council Member Nussbaum seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Reports:

Council Member Humphrey had nothing to report.

Council Member Bastian had nothing to report.

Council Member Nussbaum had nothing to report.

Council Member Stoner reported Advanced Asphalt has not forgotten about us and will be out to look at getting the bump on Main Street removed.

Council Member Stoner reported that youth basketball has started and the jerseys will be in next week. Rocky reported on the late fee that he had put on youth registration if they do not register in time they have to pay an additional \$10. Rocky reported that they have had some issues with this but that they are sticking to the late fee no exceptions.

Council Member Stoner reported that we are still waiting to hear from Cheyenne Light Fuel and Power regarding funding for a new scoreboard. Laramie County Recreation Board did not award any funding to us for a scoreboard.

New Business:

Mayor Bartels reported that the Council needed an executive session to discuss personnel. At 7:26 pm Council Member Humphrey moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

At 7:41 pm Council Member Humphrey moved to come out of executive session. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Humphrey moved to pay the entire health insurance premium for Toni and Darius in lue of a raise for the next two years (2016 & 2017). Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Stoner moved to give the town employees the same bonus as last year. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

At 7:52 pm Council Member Bastian moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns town council is scheduled for January 11, 2016 at 7 pm.

Announcements

December 17 th	5:30 -6:30 Rabies Clinic at Burns-Plex
December 25- 29 th	Town Hall closed
January 1 st	Town Hall closed
January 11 th	6 pm Utility Board Meeting
	7 pm Council Meeting

Mayor Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

