

Burns Town Council
Meeting
January 11, 2016

The Burns Town Council met in regular session on January 11, 2016. Members present were Mayor Ralph Bartels, Council Members Rocky Stoner, Betty Nussbaum, and Dennis Bastian. Council Member Humphrey was absent from this meeting. Also present was Town Clerk Toni McNamar, Town Maintenance Darius Mandel, Kim and Ivan Kranz, John Thompson with Cheyenne Light Fuel and Power, Kari Clark, Jimmie Earls with the Pine Bluffs Post, Brian Everleth, and Matt Fields.

At 7 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 Humphrey is out of town
December 15, 2015 council meeting minutes
Town Vouchers
Town Treasurers Report
Utility Vouchers

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

Agenda Requests:

Matt Fields was present to discuss possible changes to the town ordinances that pertain to having animals. He lives in an area where animals are not allowed, but would like to be able to have a couple of goats for his children to show in 4-H and use for milking. Matt requested the council consider changing the platting of the town to allow some animals in town. Matt Fields reported that they had tried to address this several years ago and people were worried about sanitary issues. The Council will look further into these ordinances and revisit this matter at the next meeting.

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that Kurt Wilson had planned to attend the meeting to request funding for the DARE Program for the students. Toni reported that the council had donated money to this last year. Council Member Bastian believes that Deputy Wilson does an excellent job with the DARE Program and moved to donate \$500 to this program. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Kim Kranz was present to discuss the tractor pull, they would like to hold the tractor pull on May 21st. Kim reported that the school will let them use the property as long as the school district is listed as the secondary beneficiary on the policy. Kim reported that all participants in the tractor pull are required to sign a waiver before entering the tractor pull. Kim inquired if

the pile of debris can be moved out of the area around the first part of May so that they can start working the track. They also would like to use the town water truck if possible to wet the track.

Council Member Bastian moved to allow the tractor pull of May 21st providing the insurance is suitable for the town. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Ambulance Report:

Brian Everleth reported that the light package on the ambulance may be running down the battery.

Brian inquired as to if the ambulance service could apply for a new ambulance through the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant, the grant would pay for all but 5% of the ambulance. Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that Phil Oakes had applied for this grant before. Council Member Bastian moved to allow Brian to apply for a new ambulance through the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant. Council Member Nussbaum seconded this motion. Motion carried.

On April 9th the Ambulance service will be having a training day and asked if they could use the Council Chambers for this event. The council was in agreement to allow them use of the Council Chambers.

Kari Clark inquired as to why the burns ambulance does not respond to many calls. There are several calls on the weekends that there are people around and the ambulance does not go. Brian reported that many of them have jobs and there is no one that is able to go on these calls.

Utility Board Report:

Ralph Bartels reported that the utility board has recommended that we increase utility rates by \$5: \$2 for water, \$1 for sewer, and \$2 for garbage. Council Member Stoner moved to increase utility rates starting on the February billing. Council Member Nussbaum seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Ralph reported that we have our permit for the A-7 well and will be applying for our DEQ permit to start construction of the transmission lines.

Maintenance Report:

The maintenance report was reviewed. Darius reported that the Dodge needs new brakes and shocks.

Darius inquired if he could get an attachment for the plow to keep the snow off of the windshield. Council Member Bastian moved to have Darius purchase the attachment needed for the plow. Council Member Nussbaum seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Darius reported that the heater in Phil's office was not working. Darius has got a new motor and will try to get it installed this week.

The council thanked Darius for the good job with snow removal on Christmas.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Bartels reported that he had met with representatives from the school district regarding Jackson Street and that they are not interested in trading for the 10 acres. They would like us to give them Jackson Street and they will pay all fees, get engineering and construction done to make it a two way street and take over maintenance of the street. They plan to have it complete by the summer of 2017. We will be granted our utility easement that runs on that street. Council Member Bastian moved to give Jackson Street to the School District. Council Member Nussbaum seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bartels reported that John Abrams has agreed to give us \$3,000 toward the replacement of the score board in the south gym.

Mayor Bartels reported that the Dodge is at Bluffs Car Care and the quote to fix the brakes is \$1361.82. Council Member Stoner moved to go ahead and have Bluffs Car Care fix the Dodge. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bartels reminded the Council that the Elected Officials Dinner was on February 2nd in Cheyenne, if they plan to attend please let Toni know so she can RSVP by the 25th of January.

Mayor Bartels reported that he had quotes to replace the tires on the ambulance. The quotes from Haller's Repair and K & N tire were the same. Council Member Bastian moved to have K & N Tires put tires on the ambulance. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bartels reported that the roofers are to be back on the 18th of January weather permitting.

Mayor Bartels reported that the WAM Winter Workshop is February 17th – 19th and inquired as to if any of the members planned to attend. Toni will register for two members to attend the workshop and then they can decide who will attend what.

Council Reports:

Council Member Humphrey was absent from this meeting.

Council Member Bastian had nothing to report.

Council Member Nussbaum reported that she will be ordering some ground cover for the wall.

Council Member Stoner reported that the new jerseys are in and reported that there were a few families in need and inquired as to if the town would be willing to purchase a few jerseys to help these kids. Council Member Bastian moved that the council purchase up to four jerseys for these kids, and Toni and Rocky will determine who is in need of them. Council Member Nussbaum seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

At 8:08 pm Council Member Bastian moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns Town Council is scheduled for February 8 2016 at 7 pm.

Announcements

- January 18th Town Offices closed
- February 8th 6 pm Utility Board Meeting
- 7 pm Council Meeting
- February 15th Town Offices closed
- February 17th – 19th WAM Winter Workshop Cheyenne

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR DOGS BY THE END OF THE MONTH AT THE TOWN HALL. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION.

UTILITY RATES WILL INCREASE ON THE FEBRUARY 20TH BILLING TO THE FOLLOWING RATES:

- WATER \$24 A MONTH
- SEWER \$21 A MONTH
- GARBAGE \$20 A MONTH

Mayor Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

