

Burns Town Council  
Meeting  
June 13, 2016

The Burns Town Council met in regular session June 13, 2016. 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, John Thompson with Cheyenne Light Fuel and Power, Brian Everleth, County Commissioner Linda Heath, and Zack with the Pine Bluffs Post.

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:**

May 9, 2016 council meeting minutes

May 24, 2016 Public Hearing 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.

**Ambulance Report:**

Brian Everleth reported that he had attended the EMS Conference in Cody and that the state would be paying his expenses for attending.

Brian reported that he had an application for Austin Myers to join the ambulance service, he has been an EMT for over five years, works part time for AMR and is in the military. Austin lives near Hillsdale. Council Member Humphrey moved to approve the application for Austin Myers to be a part on the Burns Ambulance Service. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Brian reported that the ambulance did not respond much this month.

Brian reported that the ambulance held their craft sale on May 21<sup>st</sup> and made \$260.00 they will put this money toward the purchase of new shirts for the service, Brian will be checking into the cost.

Brian reported that he would like to put a sign up at the ambulance building showing where the ambulance was at. The Council was not in favor of doing this if the ambulance services was interested in hanging some banners on the fence to try to recruit new EMT's that would be fine.

Council Member Bastian was not in favor of a sign due to the fact of having drugs in the ambulance. Brian reported that we do not have those drugs on the ambulance anymore.

**Utility Board Report:**

Utility Board Representative Humphrey reported that the utility board had met and discussed phase II of the Fourth Street Sewer Project. The utility board also accepted the recommendation of Lidstone and Associates to award the bid for the A-7 well and transmission lines to Aztec Construction had the low bid of \$732,634.00. This project will start in October.

**Maintenance Report:**

The maintenance report was reviewed. Darius reported that there was an issue with the heater in the Community Center but it has since been fixed. The A-6 bathrooms are open and he is waiting for repairs to be made to the Mains street bathrooms.

**Clerks Report:**

Town clerk Toni McNamar reported that we need to schedule a council and utility board work session in July to get our sixth penny projects that we currently have funding for going and to decide what we will be asking for on the next sixth penny. The council was in agreement to have a work session on July 12<sup>th</sup> at noon and running until we get things done.

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Bartels reported that he had a request from the Burns Booster Club for the Town of Burns to purchase an ad on their sports calendar. Board Member Humphrey moved to purchase a space on the sports calendar for \$175.00. Board Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

**Council Reports:**

Council Member Humphrey thanked Darius for the good job done during town clean up.

Council Member Bastian thanked the council for allowing the handicapped ramp to be installed at Humphrey's house, it works very well.

Council Member Bastian asked that the cemetery be mowed.

Council Member Nussbaum reported that the planters are done. Betty reported that she planted 15 ground cover flowers in the wall.

Betty Nussbaum reported that she has a company that will come in and cut down the dead trees, there are 16 trees to be cut down. Betty reported that the cost will be \$12,000 and she had been approved for \$8,000.00 but we will go ahead and do it. Council Member Humphrey suggested that we take the additional \$4,000.00 out of the parks and rec savings. Town clerk Toni McNamar reported that they had already agreed to take the \$8,000.00 out of that account leaving only \$2,000.00 in that account. Toni reminded the council that if they take the full \$10,000 out of the parks and rec account there is no money in that account. Council Member Humphrey moved to take an additional \$2,000 out of the Parks and Rec account and additional \$2,000 out of the Mayor's Contingency fund to get these trees removed. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried. Council Member Nussbaum reported that the tree company will put the trees in the compost pile and we are required to use this tree company again next year.

Council Member Stoner reported that youth baseball is currently going on. Council Member Stoner also reported that the score board has been ordered.

**Old Business:**

The council was presented with third reading of Ordinance 18A.40: Fiscal Year budget 2016/2017. Council Member Humphrey moved to approve Ordinance 18A.40 Fiscal Year Budget 2016/2017 Town of Burns Annual Appropriations. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. A roll call vote was done: Council Member Stoner – aye, Council Member Bastian – aye, Council Member Nussbaum – aye, and Council Member Humphrey – aye. Motion carried.

Sixth Penny projects will be discussed at the July 12<sup>th</sup> work session.

Council Member Humphrey moved to accept the bid from Aztec Construction in the amount of \$732,634.00 for the A-7 well and transmission lines, to include the above ground chlorination building. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bartels reported that we had the Public Hearing to approve the liquor license for the Burns Café on May 24, 2016.

**Adjourn:**

At 7:37 pm Council Member Bastian moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns Town Council is scheduled for July 11, 2016 at 7 pm.

**Announcements**

July 4<sup>th</sup> Town offices closed  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 6 pm Utility Board Meeting  
7 pm council Meeting  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 12pm Sixth Peony work session

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Mayor Ralph Bartels

Attest:

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Town Clerk Toni McNamar

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