

Burns Town Council Meeting
August 14, 2017

The Burns Town Council met in regular session on August 14, 2017. Members present were Mayor Ralph Bartels, Council Members Judy Johnstone, Betty Nussbaum, Dennis Bastian, and Rocky Stoner. Also present were Town Clerk Toni McNamar, town Maintenance Darius Mandel, Jim and Kari Clark, Jolene Matz, Jenny Muchard, and Jeff Bartels with Burns EMS, Lynda Kelley, Julie Bartels, Joshua Zipp, Jalie Zipp, John Bartels, County Commissioner Linda Heath, Betty King with Sheppard's Closet, Scott Cowley with AVI, and Scott Schulte with the Pine Bluffs Post.

At 7:00 pm Mayor Ralph Bartels called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Mayor Bartels announced the meeting was being recorded.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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Town Treasurers Report
Utility Vouchers

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

Public Comment:

John Bartels with Troop 101 was present to ask permission to use the south gym on October 7th to host a First Ade Preparedness Day. John is planning on having many people from the medical and emergency fields there to teach others basic first aid, he is hoping to have other fire districts, AMR, Burns EMS, EMA and possible Air Link. John is planning on advertising through newspaper and radio as the event gets closer. John asked the council if they would be will to participate in that day and also if they could provide a donation of snacks or bottled water. Council Member Johnstone moved to donate the bottled water and snacks for this event. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Kari Clark inquired as to why the ambulance is never around when it is needed. When her brother needed an ambulance they had to wait for AMR and then they were very unprofessional. Council Member Johnstone reported that they are short on staff. Jeff Bartels reported that he has 6 EMT's which all have full time jobs. Jeff reminded everyone that they are all volunteers and cannot always make it to the calls. Jim Clark feels that the ambulance service is very poor, the ambulance use to be able to run all calls back when he was on the service and they made a point to be sure that someone would be around. Jim Clark feels that we are wasting town money on the ambulance service.

Agenda Request:

Scott Cowley with AVI was present on behalf of Steve Birt to present Steve Birt's plat for his property on East Third Street, all that this plat has changed is to put a half acre of land with the existing house that is there. Once it is approved by the council Scott will have his surveyor sign the plat, send to Steve Birt for his signature and then back to the Town of Burns for the Mayor to sign. Council Member Johnstone moved to approve the plat that was presented for Steve Birt. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Burns Youth League Report:

The report was reviewed.

Ambulance Report:

Jeff Bartels reported that the new radios are in.

Jeff Bartels asked permission to have the SOP's changed to allow qualified individuals to be able to drive the ambulance at 18 years of age instead of 21 as it currently reads. Jeff reported that you can be an EMT at the age of 18 and feels that you should also be able to drive the ambulance after approval. Council Member Johnstone moved to have the SOP's changed to allow individuals after the proper training to drive the ambulance at the age of 18. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

MS191 is scheduled to have the high treasurer oil pump changed the week after the eclipse.

Jeff reported that they are expecting an influx of people in Wyoming to watch the eclipse, please be sure you wear proper eyewear to view the eclipse. Stay home if possible and plan ahead have plenty of food, water, and fill prescriptions that may be running low. Burns EMS will have people on staff that day.

EMS billing is up and running

Jeff presented the board with two applications for Burns EMS One was for a driver Jacob Underwood to be a driver the other is Lynda Kelley who is a new EMT, she lives near TA.

Maintenance Report:

The maintenance report was reviewed. Darius had received a quote from Aztec construction to put rock in the alleys, He will be discussing this further with Jeff Appleman to see if we can put in less than 6 inches, Need to be careful that we do not flood people's houses.

Betty thanked Darius for digging holes for the trees that were planted in the Main Street Park.

Utility Board Report:

Council Member Johnstone reported that at the utility board meeting there was discussion on the Steve Birt plat. The A-4 well is back on line. We are currently looking at options for allowing electronic or credit card payments for utility bills.

Clerks Report:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that she has completed the City and Town Financial Audit and now it is time to do the Local Government Annual Reporting Summary, This is something that needs done by others then the treasurer. Toni reported that in the past Judy and Ralph and she have done it. Toni feels that due to some concerns she feels that the entire councils should be a part of this process. She suggested that they will come in and do the report and she will only be there if they need help finding something, Council Member Johnstone agreed, Toni will be there if we need help but she feels that the council should do it. Council Member Johnstone reported that in the past she has been very impressed with how organized the records are kept at the town hall. The Council agreed to meet and do the audit on September the 14th at 8:30 am.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Bartels reported that some residents have received a letter from Anadarko regarding drilling under the town of Burns. Mayor Bartels reported that he has had the Town Attorney Alex Davison check into this and that Anadarko have no permits for doing this. Kaiser Francis does have permits to drill under the Town of Burns, but they have no intentions of doing this.

Mayor Bartels reported that Dave Nussbaum had come to his house with a bill he was given for the disconnection of the power from the modular that he had purchased; he feels that the town should pay this. Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that the town paid to have the fire alarms

system disconnected. Council Member Johnstone feels that it is his responsibility to pay; the Council was in agreement. Mayor Bartels will let Dave Nussbaum know.

Council Reports:

Council Member Johnstone had nothing to report.

Council Member Nussbaum reported that Jim Clark had planted the iris today. The old iris have been removed and are in a box in front of Betty's house for anyone that would like to take them.

Council Member Bastian would like to have the cemetery mowed again.

Council Member Stoner reported that we have an issue with dogs running at large and biting people. Council Member Johnstone feels that if the residents issue a complaint to the Sheriff's Department they can contact these people. We need to know who these dogs belong to. PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS IN THEIR YARDS OR ON A LEASH, THEY CANNOT BE RUNNING FREE AROUND TOWN.

Old Business:

Mayor Bartels reported that the hail damaged roofs will be getting repaired as soon as the materials are in.

New Business:

The Council was presented with a quote from Capital Roofing to redo the Community Center roof. This damage is not from the hail but from age. We have SLIB funding which can be used to redo this roof. The quote was in the amount of \$13,345.11. Council Member Stone moved to redo the roof on the community center using the SLIB funding. Council Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The council was presented with First Reading of Ordinance 13A.01 (a) titled: Alcoholic Beverages. This ordinance was to establish times in which alcoholic beverages can be sold in the café. Jim Clark inquired about who will enforce this ordinance. We do not have anyone to enforce it. Jim Clark does not see why they spend hours working on Ordinances when they do not have a town marshal to enforce them. Council Member Bastian moved to pass first reading of Ordinance 13A.01 (a) by title only. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Announcements

- August 21st – Sept 5th Toni will be gone.
- September 11th 6 pm Utility Board meeting
 7 pm Council Meeting
- September 14th 8:30 am- council will meet to do audit.

Laramie County Commissioner Linda Heath reported that she is not sure what the eclipse will cause but we need to be sure we are prepared, people need to have enough medication, and oxygen if they are on it. Be sure you have the proper glasses to view the eclipse as it can cause blindness. The City County Health Department has glasses available. Stock up on food and gas. Don't expect to have cell phone service

At 8:25 pm Council Member Johnstone moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

At 8:29 pm Council Member Johnstone moved to come out of executive session. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Johnstone moved to accept Lynda Kelley as an EMT on the Burns Ambulance Service. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Johnstone moved to deny the application of Jacob Underwood as a driver for Burns Ambulance Service. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

At 8:34 pm Council Member Stoner moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns Town Council is scheduled for September 11th at 7 pm.

Mayor Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

Town Mayor and Council

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