

Burns Town Council Meeting
June 11, 2018

The Burns Town Council met in regular session on June 11, 2018. Members present were Mayor Ralph Bartels, Council Members Rocky Stoner, Dennis Bastian, Betty Nussbaum, and Judy Johnstone. Also present were Town Clerk Toni McNamar, Town Maintenance Darius Mandel Jeff Bartels, Jeff Hayes from Laramie county Sheriff's Department, and Jim and Kari Clark.

At 7:00 pm Mayor Bartels called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Those present were informed the meeting was being recorded.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Council Member Johnstone moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the May 14, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, May 29, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, Town Treasurer's Report, town vouchers, and utility board vouchers. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Kari Clark thanked Dennis Bastian for coming down to the community center to check out the sewer gas odor. Darius and Dennis will be addressing this issue.

Agenda Request:

The Council was presented with a proposal from Steve Birt. Council Member Johnstone reported that Steve Birt had offered to give the town 40 feet of property from the south side of his property on West Second Street; this combined with the town's current 20 foot easement would allow the town to extend Second Street to the west. Council Member Johnstone believes that in exchange he would like the town to run water and sewer service to his property. Council Member Johnstone reported that the town has rules in place for property owners that want to develop. If the town did this for one individual we would be expected to do it for everyone and the town does not have money to do this. This same proposal was brought to the town in 2015 and it failed. Council Member Bastian does not feel the offer has changed and the town still has the same policies in place. Council Member Bastian feels that the only advantage would be to Steve Birt.

Council Member Johnstone moved to thank Mr. Birt for his offer to the town, but the town of Burns will have to decline. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Ambulance Report

Jeff Bartels reported that there was a total of 7 calls, 4 calls were responded to and 1 transport. Jeff Bartels reported that Jolene will be on leave for a month and a half.

Maintenance Report

The maintenance report was reviewed. Darius reported that the soccer field is underway and that the branch pile has been burnt.

Utility Board Report

Utility Representative Johnstone reported that at the utility board meeting Steve Birt's proposal was discussed. The test hole for the A-3 well has been drilled. The board moved to purchase key pad alarm locks for the well houses.

Clerk's Report:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that the cleaning lady has reported lots of damage going on in the Main Street bathrooms and inquired as to what the council would like to do. Council Member Johnstone moved to close the bathrooms, except for special occasions. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried. Judy will make signs to post.

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that she is starting on organizing a dedication for Liberty Park. It will be on the 15th of September. Judy and Harvey are working on government officials to invite; the public will also be invited.

Town Clerk Toni McNamar inquired as to if the town wanted to have the pine trees sprayed, it will be \$18 a tree. Jim Clark will be contacting Cheyenne to see what their recommendation is on spraying the trees; this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Council Member Reports:

Council Member Johnstone had nothing to report.

Council Member Nussbaum inquired about naming the park north of the post office after Gary Steege as he has cared for it for many years, she would like to see some tables and benches placed in it.

Council Member Bastian reported that he had went to the Community Center after Kari Clark called him regarding the sewer smell, we will try to camera the drains to see if we can see anything.

Council Member Stoner requested that we get belly dumps of rock to put in the alleys, Darius has been working on them and they are getting better. Council Member Stoner suggested that we could use funding from the 2012 SPT account Elevation mapping and drainage plan. Darius reported that he will use the rock we have first and then see if we need to order more.

Old Business

The Council was presented with third and final reading of Ordinance 18A.42 Fiscal Year Budget 2018/2019 Annual Appropriations. Council Member Johnstone moved to approve third reading of Ordinance 18A.42 fiscal Year Budget 2018/2019 Annual Appropriations. Council member Stoner seconded this motion. A roll call vote was done: Johnstone – aye, Nussbaum – aye, Bartels –aye, Bastian – aye, and Stoner – aye. Motion carried.

New Business:

Town clerk Toni McNamar presented the board with bids to paint the meeting room in the north building at a cost of \$1537.00. Council Member Johnstone move to have Travis Burns paint the meeting room and entry way in the north building at a cost of \$1537.00. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The council was presented with bid to do the church rooms to include the three large rooms, the two small offices, and the old break room; these rooms would be painted, new carpet, and ceiling tiles. Painting of all of the church rooms cost of \$3729.00 Painting of the old break room \$395.00. Ceiling tiles in all rooms \$2718.00 and carpet replacement with carpet tiles in all rooms \$12,800.00. The total bid for all work \$19,642.00 to complete renovation to the south building, excluding the rooms that are occupied by Sheppard's Closet. Council Member Johnstone moved to accept above bids to complete renovations' in the south building excluding the Sheppard's Closet. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The council was presented with two quotes for the fencing of the cemetery on the north and west fence to replace the white fence. One was for black chain link fence or ornamental fence that is iron. Council Member Bastian moved to do the ornamental fencing at a cost of \$32,793.00; this fence will be stronger and require less maintenance. Council Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The council was presented with bids to fence in the compost site on South Luther Ave. The first bid was from Borderline Fencing for 6 foot chain link with four gates, and barb wire along the top (which we will not have) for a cost of \$39,087.50. The second bid was for the same fence, gates and wire along the top from Rimfire Enterprises at a cost of \$37,750.00. This bid did not have a price guarantee. Council Member Stoner moved to go with Borderline Fencing as they guarantee their prices. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. There was discussion on moving the fence back off of Luther a bit. Council Member Stoner inquired as to how we were going to pay for the fence around the compost pile. Council Member Johnstone reported that this funding would come out of the 2017 SPT account for town owned parks. Motion carried.

At 8:15 pm Council Member Bastian moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the burns town council will be on June 25th at 1 pm to pay bills only.

Announcements

June 25th 1 pm council meeting to pay bills
June 26th Town Hall closed
July 4th Town Offices closed
July 9th 6 pm Utility Board Meeting
7 pm council meeting
July 11th Elected Official meeting.

Mayor Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

Town Mayor and Council

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Betty Nussbaum	Senior Liaison Town Horticulturist	307-547-2605
Dennis Bastian	Cemetery Board Ambulance Liaison	307-547-3848 dennis.bastian@draircraft.com
Rocky Stoner	Streets and Alleys Emergency Management Contact	307-421-9756
Harvey Humphrey	Fire Marshall	307-547-3545
Brenda Long	Youth League Coordinator	307-547-3865

Utility Board Members

Jim Clark	Board President	307-630-6305
Ralph Bartels	Board Member	307-631-5077
Judy Johnstone	Board Member	307-630-7305
Dennis Bastian	Board Member	307-547-3848
Jeff Appleman	Board Member	307-275-2772

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Fridays

7:30am – 12:30 pm