

Burns Town Council Meeting
December 11, 2017

The Burns Town Council met in regular session on December 11, 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, Jeff Bartels with Burns EMS, County Commissioner Troy Thompson, and Harvey Humphrey.

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:

- November 13, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes
- Town Vouchers
- Town Treasurers Report
- Utility Vouchers

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

Agenda Request:

Harvey Humphrey was present to report that we had the bid opening for Liberty Park on November 30th and the low bid went to Reiman Corp with a bid of \$229,776.71 It is the recommendation of David Ohde to award the bid to Reiman Corp. council Member Johnstone moved to award the Liberty Park project to Reiman Corp. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Ambulance Board Report:

Jeff reported that there were a total of 13 calls: Burns EMS responded to 6 calls, transported 2, and had 4 refusals. Jeff reported that calls are up about 13% from this time last year.

Jeff presented the council with an application for a driver for the ambulance. Micah Thomas lives near Hillsdale and has CPR certification and First Aid. Council Member Bastian moved to accept Micah Thomas as a driver for Burns EMS. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Ambulance has had all the necessary repairs and is running good. The Ambulance Business License has been submitted. Jeff had the new offices for the 2018 year. Supervisor – Jeff Bartels, Assistant Supervisor and Training Officer – Jolene, and supply Officer – Lynda. Council Member Johnstone moved to accept these positions. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Jeff reported that he had Toni order some supplies and they have all come in. In January he will be sure that all of the EMTs have all of their current certifications turned into town hall.

Jeff reported that he had the cost for the Advance EMT class at LCCC. It will be \$699.00 per person (\$499 for class and \$200 for book). Jeff reported that Jolene and himself would like to take the class and would like the town to pay the cost of the class. There was discussion on this matter. Council Member Stoner would like a commitment before we agree to do this. Toni McNamar suggested reimbursing them after they have completed the class in case they decide not to complete the class. In the past the town has reimbursed for a basic EMT class after they completed the class and served on the service for two years, and were able to provide a receipt. Council Member Johnstone moved to pay for the class, if they leave the service within the first year they have to pay

back the cost, if they leave in the second year they have to pay back half of the cost. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried. Town Clerk Toni McNamar inquired as to how we could make them pay it back.

Jeff reported that the council all had a copy of the new SOP's for their approval. He asked that they review them and come back next month with concerns. These SOP's contain changes of allowing EMT's to respond in POVs and have emergency lights on their personal vehicles. A letter from the attorney is attached to the SOPs with her opinion regarding emergency lights on personal vehicles. She is not in favor of it. These will be reviewed at the January council meeting.

Maintenance Report:

The maintenance report was reviewed. The mule has been serviced and all equipment is ready for winter. The new tractor is here.

Utility Board Report:

Council Member Johnstone reported that at the utility board meeting the A-3 well plans were discussed.

Clerks Report:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that the WAM Conference is in Cheyenne February 21-23rd, anyone interested in going let her know.

Toni reported that she had written a grant to the Laramie County Rec Board for additional exercise equipment for the exercise room.

Brianna Brooks will no longer be teaching classes here after the first of the year as she will be moving.

Council Reports:

Council Member Johnstone reported on a proposal that is being put forward to the legislators regarding municipal funding. The idea was sent to WAM to be presented to the Revenue Committee.

•As a long-time public servant and advocate of municipal funding fairness, I would like to address the proposal which would allow an additional two pennies of funding for municipal-specific projects.

To make such a proposal fair to municipalities of all sizes would require too many restrictions to be workable. Reason? Why should residents of a city vote a 1-2% sales tax to fund a project within their city, and additionally vote funding for "6th Penny" projects put forth by their neighboring small communities and counties? In the current economic climate, to hope for such passage is probably beyond reason. Additionally, in many of our counties a city might vote for that increased sales tax but the county and small-town residents who come to purchase items in that city will be burdened with that sales tax increase for their purchases without any benefit accruing to their home communities.

Small towns have little to no option to raise funds by voting a sales tax increase or bond for themselves. Many small towns have no business that generates any sales tax income at all, and more have too little assessed value to make a bond request financially viable.

Until the State of Wyoming takes a next step forward to find a consistent source of income, probably to include an income tax of some percentage, extra care to protect the financially vulnerable smaller municipalities must be in the forefront of all distribution calculations.

Council Member Stoner moved to approve the letter that Council Member Johnstone and Mayor Bartels sent to WAM. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Nussbaum thanked Ted and Darius for getting the Christmas decorations up.

Council Member Bastian had nothing to report.

Council Member Stoner thanked Darius for grading the streets. Council Member Stoner inquired about not having a rabies clinic this year. He knows that we have had bad turn outs in the past years. Toni reported that she had even changed it to a Saturday with the hopes that more people would participate. We will not be having a rabies clinic in Burns this year.

Council Member Stoner inquired about getting the ceiling tiles in the north building hallway done as we have not done them yet. The Council was in agreement to get that done.

New Business:

The Council was presented with Resolution 12-11-17. A Resolution Adopting the Wyoming Region 7 Hazard Mitigation Plan for Burns Wyoming. Council Member Johnstone moved to approve Resolution 12-11-17. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with quotes to complete the electronic locks in the north and south buildings of the Burns Plex. The total for both buildings was \$19,499.50. Council Member Stoner moved to approve getting the remainder of the electronic locks put in. Council Member Johnstone seconded ties motion. Motion carried.

Announcements

December 16th 6 pm- 9 pm chili cook off sponsored by Burns Ambulance at Ambulance building
December 22nd and 25th Town Offices will be closed
January 1st Town offices closed
January 8th 6 pm Utility Board Meeting
7 pm Council Meeting

Please remember to register your dogs at Town Hall. You must provide proof of rabies vaccine. Prices are as follows.

Spayed/Neutered	\$2.00
Male/Female	\$5.00
4 dogs or more	\$10.00 per dog

After January 31, 2018 you will be charged an additional \$20.00. Any questions please contact the Burns Town Hall at 547-2206

At 7:55 pm Council Member Bastian moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns Town Council is scheduled for January 8th at 7 pm.

Mayor Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

Town Mayor and Council

Ralph Bartels Mayor

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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

Ralph Bartels	Board Member	307-631-5077
Judy Johnstone	Board Member	307-630-7305
Dennis Bastian	Board Member	307-547-3848
Jim Clark	Board Member	307-630-6305

Town Employees

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Darius Mandel	Maintenance	307-287-0537
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