

Burns Town Council Meeting
September 10, 2018

The Burns Town Council met in regular session on September 10, 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, Jeff Bartels with Burns EMS, and Representatives from Laramie County and the City of Cheyenne regarding the Fifth Penny Tax.

At 7:02 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 Bastian moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the August 13, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, August 27, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes, Town Treasurer's Report, town vouchers, and utility board vouchers. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Ambulance Report: Jeff Bartels reported there was a total of 7 calls. Burns EMS transported one. Jeff will be reassigning medic numbers. Jeff reported that he will have a new driver coming on at the end of October. Council Member Bastian inquired about emergency lights on POV's Jeff reported that he is currently working on SOP's for that.

Youth League Report: See Attached. Toni reported that soccer and volleyball had started practice today and that they will be able to use the new soccer field starting on October 1st.

Building Permit: The council was present with a building permit for a fence at 102 E First Street. Council Member Stoner moved to approve the building permit for 102 E First Street. Council Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Maintenance Report The maintenance report was reviewed.

Utility Board Report Utility Board Representative Judy Johnstone reported that the board had discussed steps to take if we continue to have issues with the meter reading device.

Clerk's Report: Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that town hall will be closed next Tuesday – Thursday as Darius and she will be attending water school.

Agenda Request: Representatives from the City of Cheyenne were present to discuss the importance of the Fifth Penny Tax and how important it is to us. It was reported that 80% of this money is used for roads; the remaining money goes to fire, police, recreation, and the library. This money is collected based on time and not money collected. It will be collected from 2019 – 2022. The top three priorities for the City of Cheyenne are as follows:

- Replacement of bridge over crow creek
- Widening East Dell Range from College Drive to Whitney Road
- Realigning Missile Drive at West 19th Street.

Troy Thompson reported 69% of the Fifth Penny Tax is the budget for Public Works Department. If the Fifth Penny did not pass the county would have to find additional sources to fund the public works department. The remaining Fifth Penny Tax helps fund police, fire, safety, community recreation, and capital equipment. It is very important that the public support the Fifth Penny Tax for Laramie County.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Bartels discussed with the Council as to how they would like to handle the compost site now that it is fenced. Mayor Bartels had suggested putting electronic locks on the gates and requiring people to get card key from Toni. At the utility board meeting Ted Kellner had suggested not using the electronic locks as there is a good chance they would get damaged. Mayor Bartels reported that he is in favor of the compost pile but wants to know how we are going to control what gets dumped there.

Council Member Bastian thinks we need to make very clear with signage what can be dumped in the compost area. Possibly lock at nights and have open during business hours. There was discussion of putting up cameras. Council Member Johnstone feels that we need to research further before making decisions. Council Member Johnstone will work on signage verbiage. Also make a sign designating where to dump compost and where to dump branches.

Council Member Reports:

Council Member Johnstone had nothing to report.

Council Member Nussbaum reported that she had met with Knife River regarding redoing the tennis courts/ basketball court at the Bob Steege Park. She will get with them next spring.

Council Member Bastian thanked the Council for getting the Wyoming flag put up in Liberty Park. Mayor Bartels suggested that we send a thank you to Senator Barraso for donating the American flag to us for Liberty Park.

Council Member Stoner reported that he had received some complaints regarding the streets and the cemetery; he has addressed them with Darius.

New Business: Maverick Trees will be out to do some trimming on the trees in Liberty Park. Last year when they were here they had trimmed and sprayed the trees in the Main Street Park. They would like to spray these trees again to help with bugs and tree rot, the cost for this is \$1900.00. Council Member Johnstone moved to have them spray the trees. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with the renewal of the lease for Blessed Hope Baptist Church. The new lease amount is \$1084.48. Council Member Johnstone moved to approve the new lease with Blessed Hope Baptist Church. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment: At 8:25 pm Council Member Stoner moved to adjourn.

Announcements September 18th – 20th Town Hall closed Water School
September 24th 1 pm Council Meeting to pay bills
October 2nd 11 am Fu Clinic Burns Plex
October 4th Bid opening Fourth Street Sewer Project
October 8th 6 pm Utility Board Meeting
7 pm Council Meeting

Mayor Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

Town Mayor and Council

Ralph Bartels	Mayor	307-631-5077 reiqbartels@yahoo.com
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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

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Judy Johnstone	Board Member	307-630-7305
Dennis Bastian	Board Member	307-547-3848
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Fridays

7:30 am – 4pm
7:30am – 12:30 pm