

Town of Burns
April 22, 2019 Council Meeting

The Burns Town Council met in regular session on April 22, 2019. Members present were Mayor Ralph Bartels, Council Members Rocky Stoner, Dennis Bastian, Judy Johnstone, and Betty Nussbaum. Also present was Town Clerk Toni McNamar.

At 1:00 pm Mayor Bartels called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Those present were informed the meeting was being recorded.

Mayor Bartels reported that this meeting had been advertised to discuss the amendment of the current budget. Town clerk Toni McNamar reported that during the audit the Audit Department had reported that towns do not use balanced budgets anymore. Toni had provided them with an amended budget while they were here that they thought was good. I asked them to provide me with the State Statute that showed municipalities do not have to operate on a balanced budget. They were not able to provide this information and suggested that the town choose if they want to work off of a balanced budget.

Council Member Johnstone reported that a town always operates on a balanced budget as far as she knows. Toni agreed that the town has always operated on a balance budget and does not see the purpose of a budget if we are not going to try to keep it balanced. Toni reported that the concern that the audit department has is that the budget is not showing Specific Purpose tax money on it. Toni reported that the specific purpose money is voted on by the public and the public knows how the money will be spent prior to it being voted on.

There was discussion on this. It was suggested to continue with the balanced budget as we have in the past and then at the end of the year when we do our amended budget as a Resolution we included the specific purpose account as line items on it. This would make it agree with the F-66 that is done for the audit department at the end of the fiscal year.

This matter was tabled until the next meeting to allow the council time to review these options.

Council Member Johnstone moved to approve the vouchers of the April 22, 2019 meeting. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

At 1:36 pm council Member Stoner moved to adjourn.

Mayor Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

