

Burns Town Council

August 12, 2019

The Burns Town Council met in regular session on August 12, 2019. Members present were Mayor Jim Clark, Council Members Dennis Bastian, and Judy Johnstone. Council Member Craig McPhie was absent from this meeting. Also present was Town Clerk Toni McNamar, Town Maintenance Ted Kellner and Darius Mandel, Jeff Appleman, Jeff Bartels, Julie Bartels, Dr Schmitz, Vernon Testerman, Kari Clark, and Robert Gaskins from Laramie County Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Jim Clark called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Members present were informed the meeting was being recorded.

Mayor Clark swore in new Council Member Jeff Appleman.

Consent Agenda:

Council Member Johnstone moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of July 8th and July 22nd Council Meeting minutes, Town Treasurers report, and the town and utility vouchers. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Ambulance Report:

Jeff Bartels reported that there were a total of 12 calls with one response. Jeff reported that he has halted all POV responses after the last council meeting. Jeff reported that he is the only one that lives in Burns. Jeff does not understand what the difference is if they respond to the scene POV or to the station to get the ambulance as once they respond to the call they are covered under the town workmen's comp. Jeff also reported that he has checked into the issues with billing and some of the reports are showing not complete. He does not know if it is him or the system but he knows that there are ongoing problems with the system.

Jeff Bartels reported that Dr. Schmitz was here to answer any questions the council may have. Dr. Schmitz asked the council if they want ambulance services, the council agrees that they do but it cannot be running as it currently is as it increases the town's liability issues. Dr. Schmitz suggested that we attend the Joint Powers meeting to see if AMR would consider staging closer to the TA through the day and then Burns EMS could respond at night, or respond as non-transporting First Responders.

Council Member Johnstone reported that this started when LGLP said no to POVs. She inquired whether Dr Schmitz was aware of how other towns handled this situation.

Jeff Bartels reported that AMR responds to all of our calls no matter what but Jeff feels that it is important that someone can be on scene before AMR arrives.

Council Member Bastian brought a proposal to the council which would make Burns EMS a non transporting, non billing service. Equipment and training would be provided by the town. Council Member Bastian feels that this would be better as it would not be such a time commitment as taking the ambulance. Jeff Bartels reported that there is still a time commitment as there are reports to fill out. Mayor Clark clarified that our liability insurance covers more than our vehicles as it is our insurance that protects the town in every way. Council Member Bastian would like to maintain the EMS as a First Responders but not transporting.

Mayor Clark reported that the problem is that we are using taxpayers' money and the town's money to support a service that is not working. Mayor Clark reported that we have received a letter from LGLP regarding the POV issue and we had previously received a letter from Alex Davison's office regarding the POV issue.

Town Clerk Toni McNamar suggested that we need to move on; we need to find answers before we can do anything. Currently there are no POVs allowed to go to calls. Mayor Clark says the most recent copy of SOPs that he can find is from 2013.

The discussion was terminated with the request that those with contacts investigate how other small towns in the state manage this liability issue. Mayor Clark will be speaking with our attorney and Dr. Schmitz and Jeff Bartels will be speaking with the Joint Powers Board and other contacts to gather information.

Building Permit:

The Council was presented with a building permit for a 16ft x 32 ft building to be built at 206 Cougar Ave. Mayor Clark reported that he approved this permit. Council Member Bastian moved to approve the building permit for 206 Cougar Ave. Council Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Report:

Robert Gaskin reported that there was a new deputy in the area. He reported that they had found who had stolen the gas from the Sheriff's Department tank. The Council inquired about the status of the stolen vehicles in Burns but he knew nothing about this.

Council Member Appleman inquired if the town had a contract with the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Clark reported that we pay them on hourly basis.

Maintenance Report:

Ted Kellner reported that all is going well. We are currently upgrading the SCADA system with SLIB funding. We will be using crushed granite to work on improving the alleys.

Scott Cowley will be at our next meeting to provide information on drainage. We had the warranty walk through on Liberty Park and the soccer field. There were only a couple of small issues that will be taken care of. Sawyer Waterscape will come out and teach us how to winterize the fountains.

Utility Board Report:

Council Member Johnstone reported that at the utility board meeting Les Heywood was present to discuss possible building options for lots he has purchased on North Main Street. Glen Crumpton was present to ask permission to install an AC unit in the radio equipment room that dispatch has at the A-6 shop as the room gets above 100 degrees which is hard on the electronics.

Clerks Report:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that the City and Town Financial audit has been completed and submitted to the Audit Department. She provided the council with copies of this report. Town Clerk Toni McNamar also reported that she will be meeting with someone to do the Internal Audit for the Town of Burns.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Jim Clark reported that he will be working with Scott Cowley regarding some ideas for the growth of Burns

Council Members reports:

Judy Johntone had nothing to report.

Council Member McPhie was absent from this meeting.

Council Member Bastian had nothing to report.

Council Member Appleman had nothing to report.

New Business:

Mayor Clark inquired what the council wanted to do regarding dog registration. We are not able to enforce this and there are very few people that register their dogs. Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that they need to provide proof of rabies vaccine when they register their dogs, but we have no way of making them do this. Council Member Bastian move to stop registering dogs. Council Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Appleman reported that Fourth Street is going to need some work where it always has water standing on it. Ted Kellner feels that we should go to the school about this as it is their sprinkler system that has the road under water all the time.

Announcements:

- August 26th 1 pm Council Meeting
- September 2^{ns} Town office closed Labor Day
- September 9th 6 pm utility Board meeting
- 7 pm council meeting

At 8:45 Council Member Appleman moved to adjourn. The next meeting will be on August 26th at 1 pm.

Mayor James Clark

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

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