

Town of Burns
January 14, 2019
Council Meeting Minutes

The Burns Town council met in regular session on January 14, 2019. Members present were Mayor Ralph Bartels, Council Members Rocky Stoner, Dennis Bastian, Betty Nussbaum, and Judy Johnstone. Also present was Town Clerk Toni McNamar, Town Maintenance Ted Kellner, Mike Heath, County Commissioner Linda Heath, Sheriff Department representative Emily Stojak, Roy and Barbara Young, and Jeff Bartels with Burns EMS.

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.

Consent Agenda;

Council Member Johnstone moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of: the minutes from the December 10, 2018 meeting, treasurer's report, town Vouchers, and utility board vouchers. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Request:

Mike Heath President of the Laramie County Master Gardeners was present to present Betty Nussbaum with an award from the Laramie County Master Gardeners. Mike Heath explained that Betty Nussbaum has taken care of the parks, the flower pots, the wall and the cemetery for many years. Betty Nussbaum was presented with a plaque and there were articles in the Pine Bluffs Post and the Tribune. (See attached recognition).

Mayor Bartels reported that Commissioner Heath is the new Chair Person for Laramie County Commissioners.

Sheriff's Department:

No report

Burns Youth League:

See attached report.

Building Permits:

The Council was presented with a building permit for an 18 x 70 Mobile Home at 203 Cougar Ave. Mayor Bartels reported that Darius had looked at permit and found all requirements had been met. Council Member Bastian moved to approve the permit for 203 cougar Ave. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The council was presented with a building permit for a 24 x40 ft pole barn at 4820 Road 214. Council Member Bastian moved to approve the building permit for 4820 Road 214. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Ambulance Report:

Jeff Bartels reported that there are a total of 11 members on the Burns Ambulance Service. Jeff reported there were a total of 142 calls in 2018. In December there were 11 calls: 2 cancelations, 1 transport, and 4 POV responses. The ambulance license has been renewed for 2019. Jeff is awaiting quotes on batteries for the cots and estimate on recalibrating the heart monitors.

Council Member Bastian inquired as to what others thought of the idea if we gave the ambulance attendants a monetary incentive, would that make attendants respond more. Council Member Bastian reported that we approved billing a couple of years ago and if the ambulance responded we would have income. Jeff Bartels reported that they submitted their first bill just recently. Council Member Bastian asked that people think about it until the next meeting.

Maintenance Report:

The maintenance report was reviewed. Ted Kellner reported that the fuel is all locked up now. Ted reported that there was a water leak in the kitchen over Christmas. Ted got the parts and fixed it, Jeff Appleman and his family helped Ted clean up all of the water. Ted asked if the town could pay Jeff Appleman water bill for a month for his help. Ted reported that the heaters at the Community Center have not been working. Ted took heaters over and heated it for them. Now it seems to be working. We are getting a quote to replace the heating in the Community Center.

Roy Young complemented the Town on the fencing at the compost site, it looks much nicer now.

Utility Board Report:

Utility Board Representative Johnstone reported that the utility board had voted to increase sewer rate by \$1 and garbage rate by \$1. This makes Water \$25 for the first 20,000 gallons and \$0.50 per 1000 gallons after that. Sewer is \$23 per month and garbage is \$22 per month. These amounts will go into effect on the February 20th billing.

Clerks Report:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that the Town of Burns will be having an audit by the state.

Toni reported that she has a lady that wants to teach a yoga class at the Burns Plex every other Tuesday morning. Toni reported that she gave her the option to rent a room by

the hour. She does have the required liability insurance. The Council was in agreement to allow this.

Toni reported that she had received a call from residents north of the tracks that recently bought property inquiring if they can have 4-H animals. The council was in agreement to allow this.

The same residents also inquired about a shooting range. They would build a back stop and shoot to the north. The council was not okay with this as the town of Burns has an ordinance regarding discharging of fire arms within the city limits.

Council Reports:

Council Member Johnstone reported that the WAM Conference will be February 20th – 22nd at Little America and inquired as to who would like to attend. Ralph, Judy, and Toni will attend WAM conference. Ralph Bartels will be the voting delegate and Judy Johnstone will be the alternate voting delegate.

Council Member Johnstone reported that she had received a letter from Wyoming Network letting her know that a new company would be taking over the town website, there will be no changes.

Council Member Nussbaum thanked Mike Heath for her award.

Council Member Stoner inquired if the Sheriffs Dept could spend a little more time on Second Street as people are speeding.

New Business:

Council Member Johnstone reported that it was time to discuss rental rates for the Burns-Plex for 2019. The current rate is \$0.32 per square foot. The cost of living increase is 3%; this would make the new rate \$0.33 per square foot. Council Member Bastian moved to increase the rental rate to \$0.33 per square foot for the Burns –Plex. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

January 21 st	Town Offices closed
January 28 th	1 pm council meeting to pay bills
February 11 th	6 pm utility board meeting
	7 pm council Meeting
February 18 th	Town Offices closed

Adjourn:

At 7:54 pm Council Member Stoner moved to adjourn.

Mayor Ralph Bartels

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni McNamar

Town Mayor and Council

Ralph Bartels	Mayor	307-631-5077 reigbartels@yahoo.com
Judy Johnstone	Mayor Pro tem, Utility Board Representative.	307-547-3637
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

Town Employees

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Darius Mandel	Maintenance	307-287-0537
Ted Kellner	Maintenance	307-286-2771

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