

## Burns Town Council

May 13, 2019

The Burns Town Council met in regular session on May 13, 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 Darius Mandel, Emily Sto-jak with Laramie County Sheriffs Dept, Victoria Smithy with the Pine Bluffs Post.

Mayor Bartels called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and the pledge of allegiance was preformed. Members present were informed the meeting was being recorded.

### **Consent Agenda**

Council Member Johnstone moved to approve the consent agenda: consisting of April 8, 2019 minutes, April 22, 2019 minutes, treasurer's report, town vouchers, and utility vouchers. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment –**

Kari Clark inquired about the park north of the post office, at one point the council had decided to dedicate the park to Gary Steege, Kari inquired as to if that was still the plan as her brother Gary Steege had passed away. Dennis Bastian reported that he will make a sign for Gary Steege Park. Darius reported that the hydrant there is leaking badly and he will need to dig it up.

**Sheriff's Department Report** – Deputy Sto-jak reported that she will be introducing the new Sargent for this area at our June meeting.

**Burns Youth League Report** – None

**Ambulance Board Report** – Was reviewed.

### **Utility Board Report:**

Council Member Johnstone reported that the utility board had approved a new utility signup sheet.

### **Maintenance Report**

The maintenance report was reviewed. Darius reported that there was a sink hole behind the library, he has filled it in. **Town clean up is for the entire month of May on Mondays and Thursdays put stuff to get rid of on the street side of your house next to the street and it will be picked up. NO hazardous material, paint, oil, pesticides, tires, batteries, AC, refrigerators, or freezers.**

## **Clerks Report**

Toni McNamar asked permission to purchase another filing cabinet. The council was in agreement to go ahead and purchase this cabinet.

Town Clerk Toni McNamar reported that for the election she has Jeri Humphrey, Rocky Stoner, and herself as election judges. Carolyn Hagemeyer will come in and help count at 7 pm. Council Member Bastian moved to accept the election help that Toni has lined up to help on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May. Council Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried.

## **Mayors Report**

Mayor Bartels reported that he had received a request from BHS booster club asking that the town of Burns purchase an advertising spot on the sports calendar. Council Member Bastian moved to purchase a spot on the sports calendar for \$175.00. Council Member Johnstone seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Bartels reported that he has been visiting people and finding that the biggest concern is barking dogs and getting gravel in alleys. Darius will look into pricing for rock for alleys. Mayor Bartels reported that some of the concrete on Main Street is starting to fail and asked for Darius to look into options to fix this. Darius reported that most damage is on the cracks in Main Street.

## **Council Reports**

Council Member Johnstone reported that JPIC insurance which is the town employees health insurance will have a 3.4% increase starting in July. The council agreed to keep everything the same as it currently is.

Council Member Johnstone reviewed WAM Resolutions that she believes will be important at the WAM Conference in Sheridan.

Council Member Johnstone reported that she has been doing research on new computers for the town. She will request next month that the utility board pays half of the expense for these. She had three quotes but believes that the local quote for \$999.00 will be the best option for the town and we will have someone local for any concerns we have. There were refurbished computers for \$499 and new HP computers for \$1399.00. We will purchase three new computers. Council Member Bastian suggested that we go ahead and purchase the computers and then ask the utility board to reimburse half the cost next month. Council Member Bastian thanked Judy for the work she has done checking into the computers.

Council Member Bastian moved to purchase the computers and request the utility board pay half at the next meeting. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Council Member Nussbaum reported that she has handed out all of the flower money and people should be getting the planters planted as soon as the weather improves.

Council Member Bastian had nothing to report

Council Member Stoner had nothing to report

### **Old Business**

The council was presented with second reading of Ordinance 18A.43 Fiscal Year Budget 2019/2020 Annual Appropriations. Council Member Johnstone moved to approve second reading of Ordinance 18A.43 by title only. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

### **New Business –**

Mayor Bartels reported that Mavrik trees had contacted Toni regarding taking the dead tree out of the Main Street Park, the cost for this will be \$3800 and they will also spray all of the town trees. Council Member Johnstone moved to have the tree removed. Council Member Stoner seconded this motion. Motion carried.

At 8:17 Council Member Stoner moved to adjourn. The next meeting of the Burns town council will be on June 10, 2019 at 7 pm.

### **Announcements**

May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Town election 7 am – 7 pm
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	1 pm Meeting to pay bills
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Town Offices closed
June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6 pm Swearing In of new members
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm Utility board Meeting 7 pm Council Meeting

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Mayor Ralph Bartels

Attest:

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Town Clerk Toni McNamar

### **Town Mayor and Council**

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Dennis Bastian Board Member 307-547-3848  
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