

Burns Town Council
February 24, 2020

The Burns Town Council met in regular session on February 24, 2020. Members present were Mayor Jim Clark, Council Members Jeff Appleman, Dennis Bastian, and Judy Johnstone. Council Member Craig McPhie was absent from this meeting. Also present was Town Clerk Toni McNamar and Jodie Saukerson

At 5:32 pm Mayor Clark called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed. Those present were informed that the meeting was being recorded.

Approval of Vouchers:

Council Member Johnstone moved to approve the Vouchers of the February 24, 2020 meeting. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Clark asked the council if they would be interested in moving the ambulance report to the second meeting of the month. The council wants to leave it on the first meeting of the month.

Mayor Clark would like to clean up the area around the A-2 water tower, he inquired about getting rid of the old John Deere and the street sweeper that is there, neither of them works. The Council agreed to put them out for bids to get rid of them.

Mayor Clark reported that he had an inquiry from John Ogden regarding purchasing the three lots that the town owns on north Main Street. Mayor Clark asked the council if they would be interested in selling these lots. The lots would have to go out for bid. It is lots 2, 3 and 4 in Block 26, these lots are only 25 feet wide. Council Member Johnstone moved to put the lots out for bid. Council Member Bastian seconded this o Motion carried.

Clerks Report:

Town Clerk Toni Shiery inquired about moving the exercise room to the room that Blessed Hope use to have. It is a much larger room and there are lots of people that use the exercise room. By moving the exercise room, it would give them more room, they would have their own bathrooms and entrance into the exercise room, Toni suggested that we make a kids area in there as there are several ladies that bring their small children. Council Member Appleman feels that additional space is needed. Council Member Appleman suggested purchasing a TV for them to use as currently people are carrying in TVs to watch their exercise videos on. Council Member Appleman suggested getting some new equipment also. Council Member Appleman moved to allow the exercise room to move and purchase a tv and DVD player, not to exceed \$600, to be mounted to the wall. Council Member Bastian seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

There was discussion on the sidewalk issue on the west side of the building. Council Member Appleman reported that it is a good sidewalk, but it has settled, allowing the water to get in between the building and the sidewalk. Council Member Appleman will contact someone to look at it.

New Business:

Jodie Saukerson presented the council with a proposal to reopen the café area. She would like to open it June 1st with hours Tuesday thru Saturday and closed on Sundays and Mondays. Council Member Bastian would like to see it opened again but has many concerns about opening it again. Mayor Clark feels that it is a good idea, what are we out if it doesn't work? Mayor Clark reported that we have no renters in the buildings due to us requiring such a large amount of liability insurance, people are not able to afford it.

Jodie plans to have a simple menu and will later apply for a liquor license to serve with meals but no package liquor will be sold. She proposed to pay \$400 rent per month to start out. Council Member Appleman moved to approve proposal for café. Council Member Bastian seconded tis motion. Motion carried.

Announcements:

March 9th 6 pm Utility Board meeting
 7 pm council Meeting

Mayor James Clark

Attest:

Town Clerk Toni Shiery