



TOWN OF BAR NUNN

1500 Palomino Ave., Bar Nunn, Wyoming

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 3, 2025- 7:00 P.M.

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Bar Nunn, Wyoming

- 1) **Roll Call:** Mayor Peter Boyer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called, which determined the presence of a quorum.
Present: Mayor Peter Boyer. Councilmembers: Steven Clark, Tim Ficken, and Dan Sabrosky.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Town Council and all present stood in service to the United States Flag and pledged allegiance to the United States of America.
- 3) **Minutes of May 20, 2025:** Moved by Dan Sabrosky, and seconded by Steven Clark. The motion carried without dissent to approve the minutes for May 20, 2025.
- 4) **Payables List for June 3, 2025:** Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Steven Clark, and carried without dissent to approve the payables list of June 3, 2025.
- 5) **Payable List for May 2025 & The 24-25 Year-to-Date Budget Report:**
Checks #33144– #33221, Direct Deposit #3040– #3081, ACH #72082934, ACH #33465638 & ACH #84092698. Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to approve the Payables List for May 2025 & the 24-25 Year-to-Date Budget Report.
- 6) **Second Reading for Ordinance No. 2025-01: “ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (BUDGET) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.”** Moved by Dan Sabrosky, seconded by Steven Clark, and carried without dissent to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-01.
- 7) **Erica Bickford, Director, Office of Storage & Transportation, U.S. Department of Energy**
Ms. Erica Bickford provided an in-depth presentation via video conference regarding the safety and logistics of spent nuclear fuel transportation and storage. She outlined the physical structure of spent nuclear fuel, explained dry storage and transportation casks, and described federal safety standards and accident testing protocols for transport containers.
She emphasized that there has never been a U.S. transportation accident involving a radiological release from spent nuclear fuel. The Department of Energy plans to ship spent fuel to Idaho National Lab by rail in 2027, with routes likely passing through southern Wyoming.
Ms. Bickford addressed safety concerns raised by Mayor Boyer and Councilmembers, stating that even catastrophic incidents are unlikely to breach the casks. She rated nuclear fuel storage safety in the U.S. at “1” on a 1–10 danger scale and confirmed that all spent fuel is high-level material, including that from microreactors.
She explained that while long-term storage is still being addressed federally, any future contract would likely obligate DOE to accept ownership of the material for disposal.
- 8) **Attorney's Report:** A written report was submitted. Town Attorney, Pat Holscher was present for questions or comments from the council.
A written report was submitted. Town Attorney, Patrick Holscher, was present for questions or comments. Mr. Holscher stated he had reached out to the County regarding property tax assessments but had not yet

received a final response due to staff absences. He confirmed that no further tax collection under the former Wardwell mill levy should occur for the 2025 tax year, with a possible small refund for over-collection during the six-week window in 2024.

- 9) **Engineer's Report:** A written report was submitted. Town Engineer, Ray Catellier, PE was present for council questions or comments from the council.
A written report was not submitted. Town Engineer, Ray Catellier, PE, reported verbally that wet weather had delayed the playground supplier's work in Casper and Cheyenne, but Bar Nunn remains next on their list. He also noted progress on water system issues and localized pressure concerns.
- 10) **Fire Department Report:** A written report was submitted. Firefighter Eric VanBlaricom was present to answer questions or comments from the council.
He confirmed that the department now has 18 personnel and reported a positive working environment. The department is actively working to list surplus equipment for sale.
- 11) **Public Works Report:** A written report was submitted. Head of Public Works, Dustin Smart, was present for questions or comments from the council. The council had no further questions for Mr. Smart.
Mr. Smart reported that three new water taps had been installed on Midway Road in Mills. He confirmed that the splash pad is operational.
Councilman Clark raised concerns regarding recent crack seal work. Mr. Smart and Mr. Catellier explained the differences between methods used, noting that the contractor the town hires typically uses the overfill method rather than full routing. Council agreed to monitor quality.
- 12) **Office Staff Report:** A written report was submitted. Town Clerk, Kalista Schwarzrock, was present for questions or comments from the council. Mrs. Schwarzrock reported that two new office staff members recently started. She and Deputy Clerk Tiffany Popp will attend the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) summer conference in Cheyenne.
Council noted six new roof permits, indicating improved permitting within town rather than in Casper.
- 13) **Petitions & Public Comment:**
Virginia Wharton, Parks and Recreation Chairwoman, reported that nearly 50 households are participating in the town-wide garage sale day and mentioned work on the July 4th parade route.

Resident, Venus Childress, expressed concern over national security risks posed by a nuclear facility in close proximity to residents and opposed any letter of support for the Radiant project. She stated the community is largely unaware of or opposed to the project.

Resident, Dan Wolosin criticized the lack of extensive over-road testing for nuclear material transport and emphasized the lack of clear safety data. He opposed issuing a letter of support.

Resident, Michael Newquist, stated that permanent storage facilities are already at capacity and cited state law prohibiting storage in Wyoming. He warned that sending a support letter would contradict community sentiment.

Resident, Mike Schoolcraft, inquired about the status of the paint truck. Mr. Smart responded that while the truck is in the town's possession and not broken, staff needed training on its operation. WYDOT has offered to assist.

Resident, Lee-Ann Newquist objected to the tone of the draft letter of support and reiterated that many residents are not in favor of the Radiant project.

Resident, Kayla Wolosin, stated that while manufacturing jobs are welcome, there is insufficient information regarding transportation and storage of nuclear material. She urged the council not to approve the letter at this time.

Advance Casper representative, Justin Farley, clarified that the draft letter up for discussion was a template and could be modified.

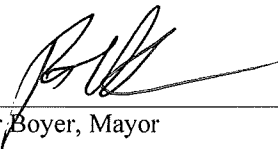
14) **Council Business:**

A. Steve Kurtz--CATC: Mr. Kurtz, former City of Mills Planner and VP of CATC, offered to donate two \$25,000 grants for vans to support a local transportation system in Bar Nunn, preferably with volunteer drivers. Discussion followed regarding legal liability. Town Attorney Holscher advised against using volunteers in town-owned vehicles due to legal concerns. Mayor Boyer agreed to further explore options with existing services such as Casper Assist.

B. Advance Casper—Letter of Support Request: Mayor Boyer addressed public concern, noting the letter had not been sent and was only up for council discussion. The council discussed the request for a letter of support for a Business Ready Community Grant application involving Radiant. Councilmembers Clark, Ficken, and Sabrosky expressed opposition to the letter in its current form, citing concerns about promoting a private business with public funds. Councilman Sabrosky noted he voted against a similar letter at the Regional Water Board. No motion was made to approve the letter.

C. Business License No. 2025-26: Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to approve Business License No. 2025-26.

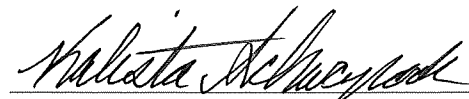
- 15) **Adjournment:** Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Steven Clark, and carried without dissent that there being no further business the meeting of May 6, 2025, be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



Peter Boyer, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)





Kalista Schwarzrock, Town Clerk-Treasurer