



TOWN OF BAR NUNN

1500 Palomino Ave., Bar Nunn, Wyoming

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 1, 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, July 1, 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. Councilmember Tyler Martin was excused.
- 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 June 17, 2025:** Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Steven Clark. The motion carried without dissent to approve the minutes for June 17, 2025.
- 4) **Payables List for July 1, 2025:** Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Steven Clark, and carried without dissent to approve the payables list of July 1, 2025.
- 5) **Payables List for June 2025 & The Year-to-Date Budget Report:**
Checks #33222- #33298, Direct Deposits #3082- #3128, ACH #75566197, ACH #33933204, & ACH #60631809. Moved by Dan Sabrosky, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to approve the Payables List for June 2025 and the 24-25 Year-to-Date Budget Report.
- 6) **Resolution No. 2025-13: "RESOLUTION PUBLISHING CURRENT SALARIES AND WAGES"**
Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to approve Resolution No. 2025-13.
- 7) **Resolution No. 2025-14: "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN WATER, SEWER AND SANITATION RATES TO MEET THE FISCAL OBLIGATIONS OF THIS ENTERPRISE AND REFLECTING AN INCREASE IN RATES BY SYSTEM SUPPLIERS"** Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Dan Sabrosky, and carried without dissent to approve Resolution No. 2025-14.
- 8) **First Reading for Ordinance No. 2025-02: "AMENDMENT OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (BUDGET) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025."** Moved by Dan Sabrosky, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-02.
- 9) **Attorney's Report:** A written report was submitted. Town Attorney Pat Holscher was present for questions or comments from the council.

Mayor Boyer inquired with Attorney Pat Holscher about the Bridle Trail, noting that the issue had resurfaced.

Attorney Holscher explained that the problem stems from the language in the plat dedication. It's unclear whether it's dedicated to the Town or the general public. Regarding the 40-foot easement around the original trail in Bar Nunn, Holscher noted that the town was originally platted as a horse-centric rural subdivision. He stated that while legal action could clarify the status, it would likely involve a significant number of property owners and would not be a simple undertaking—nor one he recommends. The dedication language is so broad, a developer would have to file suit against every individual property in town to resolve it. He further explained that such unclear language is common in early plat dedications. Mayor Boyer said it's something we need to figure out because it's keeping us from moving west.

- 10) **Engineer's Report:** A written report was not submitted. Town Engineer, Ray Catellier, PE was present for questions or comments from the council. Mr. Catellier, PE gave a verbal report stating Antelope Park is complete as of Thursday afternoon and he had seen about a dozen kids out there while driving by this evening. He added that a 201 Management Oversight Committee meeting had taken place, and he sent the results to Kalista Schwarzrock, Clerk Treasurer. Catellier said it's an \$80,000 increase to the Town, with Bar Nunn and Wardwell combined. He added the total budget for 201 increased from \$7.9 million to \$8.4 million for a \$500,000 increase overall. Catellier summarized that the Committee successfully increased revenue by renegotiating existing loans, reducing the interest rate from 2.5% to 1%. He noted that significant work remains to be done on the wastewater treatment plant and within the 201 system and that they are beginning to plan for capital improvements.

Councilman Steven Clark asked what the longevity is for the turf we put at Antelope Park? He also asked what the wear patterns are going to be on it and what to expect for the lifespan?

Engineer Catellier responded that he had spoken with the installer the previous week and was told that, in a worst-case scenario, the turf has a 10-year lifespan. He added that because Antelope Park is not a high-impact sports facility, the wear and tear should be minimal. He noted that turf replacement is relatively simple and inexpensive in comparison to the overall project cost and anticipated the material would require low maintenance in the interim.

- 11) **Public Works Report:** A written report was submitted. Head of Public Works, Dustin Smart, was present for questions or comments from the council.

Mayor Boyer asked how the fire hydrant flush was going?

Smart responded that Justin was heading that up and he had done a lot of hydrant-flushing this past week. The plan was to use flushing to fill in time when we're not doing other work orders. Smart assured the Council his department is on track to get them all flushed by the end of summer.

Mayor Boyer asked if the AC in the gym was working yet?

Smart answered Air Innovations has not yet been out to do the work. Smart indicated Casper Electric has their part done – wiring in the high voltage. We're waiting on Air Innovations and Long controls to come out to charge the freon and program and connect the new AC into the network controller upstairs.

Mayor Boyer inquired if Smart would like to discuss the VAC truck?

Smart responded he just needed a green light. He added the VAC truck is a multi-purpose truck, it is a combination sewer jetter and VAC truck. Currently, we subcontract out the jetting of our sewers. Smart added every year is a little different, but the cost is \$30-\$40,000 per year. Smart also remarked we broke up the entire system into five years, so the contractor does one-fifth for \$40,000.

Councilman Dan Sabrosky asked if we're not going down the EPA route, could the Town consider purchasing a used truck instead?

Mayor Boyer responded with the EPA-related work paused, it would be wise to conduct further research. He

agreed with Councilmember Sabrosky's suggestion to explore the possibility of finding a used VAC truck in good condition.

- 12) **Fire Department Report:** A written report was submitted. Fire Chief Eugene Zahara was present to answer questions or comments from the council.

Chief Zahara addressed the Mayor and Council, stating he had one more item to add and a couple of requests if Council would consider them. Zahara emphasized a decision wasn't necessary tonight and was referring to the four pieces of apparatus via auction for a total of \$55,250 back to the department; noting Kalista Schwarzrock, Clerk Treasurer, was making all the payment arrangements and getting everyone invoiced out. Zahara asked to make a request that the money from those apparatus sales go back into earmarked funds for apparatus replacement in the future.

Chief Zahara stated the other item he had for Council was that Drew Gibson and himself had traveled to the SLIB (State Land Investment Board). Zahara announced they were able to secure \$333,853 for a new engine, and because of the grant he wanted to request that funds already allocated for that be budgeted differently. Zahara said he was requesting \$133,000 go back to the Capital Account, and \$100,000 for PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).

Councilmen Ficken, Clark and Sabrosky all remarked it was a great job securing the grant.

- 13) **Office Staff Report:** A written report was submitted. Clerk Treasurer, Kalista Schwarzrock, was present for questions or comments from the council.

Mayor Boyer asked Schwarzrock about FOIA (Freedom of Information Act).

Schwarzrock said there's a discussion at the state level about reducing the response time for the public records request, like FOIA from 30 days, reduced to two weeks. Schwarzrock added that with all the mass record requests from online entities; it's going to be a massive burden.

Mayor Boyer replied we already had one FOIA for Radiant from a resident. He remarked that people don't realize you have to stop everything you're doing, send emails, texts, everything you can dig up, everything you can find to send it all in. It stops the whole mechanism of government. Mayor Boyer noted he wasn't against FOIAs, but they are a labor-intensive process.

Schwarzrock said it's frustrating that these online companies are submitting FOIAs, taking the information and turning around and selling it.

- 14) **Petitions & Public Comment:** Mayor Boyer reminded everyone they were allowed five minutes for comments.

Lee-Ann Newquist: Asked Mayor and Council if they knew who Jesse Defoe is? Newquist stated Jesse Defoe is a consultant for Defoe Strategies, and she was hired by Radiant because she specializes in organizational strategy and implementation of operational plans. Her focus is on governmental affairs, where she crafts thoughtful policy solutions for Wyoming. Newquist noted Jesse Defoe is also a registered lobbyist. Newquist also said that Matt Wilson addressed residents on numerous occasions at town halls promising transparency. Newquist contended there was no transparency with Jesse Defoe. It's unfortunate our own Mayor and Council never inquired, nor did any residents. Newquist also said she felt duped by the lack of transparency from Radiant presenting their paid advocate as a local lady who is nothing more than community-based marketing to win our trust. Newquist added, saying it was worse yet, our mayor gifted them the use of our community room free of charge and gave them a pass to knock on our doors and influence us with an insider game advantage. Newquist remarked a lobbyist should present herself with integrity. Newquist asked who was looking out for the people of Bar Nunn as Jesse Defoe and Radiant went door-to-door selling an untested micro-reactor project and gave suspect assurances of safety.

Mayor Boyer said just for clarification, they (Radiant) weren't soliciting. He added they went and did that on their

own. He was not permitting them and the implication he allowed or promoted anything for Radiant is false.

Michael Newquist: Stated he knew about VAC trucks, and added they are excellent pieces of equipment until it comes time for maintenance. Newquist said it's expensive and the only place to work on them is Denver. Newquist went on to explain the wiring and the vacuuming is expensive and when the blower goes, it would take hundreds of thousands of dollars for that alone.. As a taxpayer, he knows the Town needs equipment, and the VAC truck is a fantastic tool, but they are expensive in maintenance. Newquist also extended kudos to Bar Nunn's Fire Chief Eugene Zahara and praised him for a job well done.

Cheryl Fisher: Has some concerns about code enforcement for the town. She said she noticed quite a few yards that are just weed patches. When asked how high the overgrowth was Fisher responded higher than 6-8 inches. Fisher inquired when does code enforcement cite weed patches? Fisher also asked if the sucker growth along the edge of McMurry could be trimmed?

Patrick Ford: Came to speak about Radiant. He asked who wanted to be downwind of a nuclear storage facility? Ford said he was lucky to get the Radiant Survey and noticed about halfway through the survey, the order of answers flipped. Ford asked if it was accidental or intentional? Ford remarked we shouldn't store nuclear waste within 1,000 feet of people's homes, even if it's guaranteed safe. Ford said the survey was intentional about the way it was worded to keep any potential negative responses to a minimum. Ford remarked as for the County Commissioners, he was disappointed in Dave North's response to him, when North replied don't worry about it, there's still hoops to jump through. Ford noted Bar Nunn would be the sole beneficiary to upkeep infrastructure, road maintenance, and first responders and to provide security through our police force.

Rozmaring Czaban: County resident Czaban said she just left the county commission meeting. She shared what she stated with county commissioners. That on June 17, 2025, the commission supported sending a letter to the Wyoming Minerals Committee regarding the Radiant Nuclear Utility Project. Czaban said after extremely limited public comment, three members of this board voted to support resolution 24-25, the submission of a business ready application on behalf of Advance Casper to the Wyoming Business Council for up to \$25 Million directly benefiting Radiant for the utility project including a publicly provided office on their campus. Czaban remarked currently the land Radiant intends to use for nuclear micro-reactor manufacturing is currently zoned urban agricultural. Czaban contended any consideration to change zoning would be a major conflict of interest.

Jenifer Hopkins: Hopkins stated she wanted the town of Bar Nunn residents to individually prepare for any disaster. Hopkins remarked it was something for everyone to think about so we can take care of our families.

Mayor Boyer responded and said he and Chief Zahara had discussed community readiness and it looked like the tornado warning system needed to be expanded. Mayor Boyer also added that they were discussing adding radiation detection monitors.

15) **Council Business:**

A. MPO Meeting Report (Metropolitan Planning Organization)

Councilman Clark said they had a short meeting two Thursdays past. He said Liz Becker wanted to set up a work session. They are making some price increases on the busing system and want our input. He also noted the eagle view flights were done and said early access was available. Councilman Clark said MPO was placing more wayfinding signs, guiding people to different areas of town. The non-traffic cameras are also available for use, Clark reported.

B. Idaho National Labs Community Days

Mayor Boyer referenced Idaho National Labs Community Days, and said he got an email from Idaho National Labs. They have invited local legislators to come view the labs on July 15-16, 2025. Mayor Boyer said he and Councilman Dan Sabrosky would travel to the event and learn about all things nuclear.

C. Discussion of July 4th Celebration

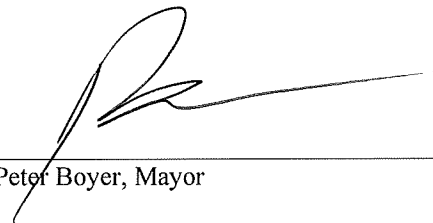
Parks and Recreation Chairwoman Virginia Wharton reminded the Council that lineup for the parade is at 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Boyer said there was a flag-raising ceremony courtesy of the Civil Air Patrol following the parade at Town Hall.

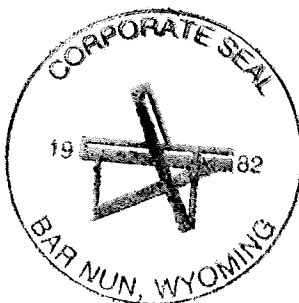
D. Mayor Boyer entertained a motion to approve business license number 2025-26 Truce Books Accounting Services. Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to approve Business License #2025-26, Truce Books Accounting Services.

- 16) **Executive Session:** Mayor Boyer adjourned the regular session and entered Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to enter the Executive Session.
- 17) **Reconvene Regular Council Session:** Mayor Peter Boyer reconvened the regular council meeting at 9:31 p.m. Moved by Dan Sabrosky, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to reconvene the regular council meeting. No action was taken.
- 18) **Adjournment:** Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken that there being no further business for the meeting of July 1, 2025, be adjourned, at 9:32 p.m.

(Respectfully Submitted by Shelly Lantz)


Peter Boyer, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)


Tiffany Popp, Town Deputy Clerk-Treasurer