



TOWN OF BAR NUNN

1500 Palomino Ave., Bar Nunn,

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 17, 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 17, 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.
Video Conference: Tyler Martin.
- 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 3, 2025:** Moved by Dan Sabrosky, seconded by Steven Clark, and carried without dissent to approve the minutes for June 3, 2025. Tyler Martin abstained due to absence.
- 4) **Payables List for June 17, 2025:** Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to approve the payables list for June 17, 2025.
- 5) **Financial Reports: Balance Sheet, Detailed Income Statement & Trial Balance for the period ending May 2025:** Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Dan Sabrosky, and carried without dissent to approve the Financial Reports for the period ending May 2025.
- 6) **Resolution No. 2025-12.** "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AMENDMENT No. 1 TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING METRO ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF BAR NUNN, WYOMING AND THE CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING." Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken and carried without dissent, to approve Resolution No. 2025-12.
- 7) **Final Reading for Ordinance No. 2025-01:** "ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (BUDGET) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026". Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Dan Sabrosky and carried without dissent to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 2025-01.
- 8) **Attorney's Report:** A written report was submitted. Attorney Patrick Holscher was present for questions or comments from the council.
Mayor Boyer brought up the copper and lead abatement from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and asked Mr. Holscher to give a summary of the issue.

Mr. Holscher stated he thought the EPA would significantly revise and probably withdraw the rule. Mr. Holscher said we will hopefully know the answer to that in early July.

Mayor Boyer added some background about the EPA rule, adding that the EPA wanted all small municipalities to inventory every unknown water line going into a customer's house for the entire system. Mayor Boyer asked Dustin Smart, Head of Public Works, how many unknown service lines there are for Bar Nunn and when the EPA put forth the rule? Mr. Smart said about 400 lines are unknown out of 1,700 total

residential lines. Mr. Smart said the rule's been in the works for several years. Mr. Smart also said the EPA implemented the first deadline last year for the inventory.

Mayor Boyer gave more background and said the EPA was looking for houses that were built before a certain time and it's "fairly egregious that we are supposed to go in as a municipality, pothole down to the water line is and see what it's made of on the customer's side of private property." Mayor Boyer added this was challenged in court, which is good, and the rule has been stayed because of a change in administration.

- 9) **Engineer's Report:** A written report was submitted. Town Engineer, Ray Catellier, PE was present to answer questions or comments from the council.

Mr. Catellier updated the Council that Antelope Park is under construction, and all the playground equipment is installed. He said the next step begins the slow, tedious process of putting the four-by-eight sheets of fall protection down all around the new equipment, the old equipment and a certain fall-radius around the playground and then the turf installed. Mr. Catellier emphasized the crew anticipates it will be ready a full week from now, and it's a little later than we planned due to rain.

- 10) **Fire Department Report:** A written report was submitted. Interim Chief Eugene Zahara was present for any questions or comments from the Council. He reported he met with Deputy Chief Garvin with the Casper Fire Department, who is the Operations Chief, and in the future will be working with Bar Nunn firefighters at the regional training grounds with the Flashover trailer which will introduce them to smoke and fire development. Zahara said he will also use their assistance for live fire training which will help get everybody up to speed.

Chief Zahara also stated he spoke with Chief Oliver for Natrona County and posted the Captain's position. Chief Zahara said he did this in case he didn't have anyone to fill the captain position. Zahara emphasized they entered into a verbal agreement with Natrona County so far, and would allow interchanging personnel. The council had no further questions or commentary.

- 11) **Public Works Report:** A written report was submitted. Head of Public Works, Dustin Smart, was present for questions or comments from the council. Mr. Smart stated he didn't have anything to report, that everything was normal.

Councilman Steven Clark inquired if the Town of Bar Nunn was responsible to mow next to Westwinds Road? Mr. Clark shared it looked like the mower ran over some carpet and pad. Mr. Clark asked Mr. Smart if he would take care of it. Mr. Smart verified it was on the South side of Westwinds and agreed to look at it the next day and take care of it.

Councilman Tyler Martin commented he wanted to praise our maintenance, and praising Mr. Smart. Mr. Martin said especially with this leadership, and all the graduation parties the last couple of weeks, the facilities looked great. Mr. Martin shared he was notified of a mix-up, and Mr. Smart, while on vacation and out of town, handled the issue quickly. Mr. Martin said he wanted to give Dustin a shout out that he's doing a great job. Mr. Smart thanked Councilman Martin for his comments.

- 12) **Parks and Recreation Report:** A written report was submitted. Virginia Wharton, Director of Parks and Recreation stated the July 4th Celebration is coming up. Ms. Wharton added she colored the parade route on a town map and will give copies to the Fire Department and to Dustin Smart, the Director of Public Works. She also reminded the Council there will be vendors in the park for the celebration

Ms. Wharton stated she would promote the parade and recruit for groups and entities interested to enter floats and would also promote the Fire Department Car Show, in addition to another garage-sale day Facebook page.

Mayer Boyer asked if the float line-up is first come first serve?

Ms. Wharton shared with the Council that the parade would be led by the Civil Air Patrol Color Guard. She said the people walking in front will set the pace, and everyone will line upon McMurtry Boulevard again this

year, adding that since the parade starts at 11:00 a.m. people can line up between 10:00 -10:30 a.m. Ms. Wharton specified vendors in the park can set up between 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Head of Public Works, Dustin Smart confirmed he was told the Civil Air Patrol Color Guard will be present for the parade.

Mayor Boyer said there will be a flag raising ceremony right after the parade, and the National Anthem will be played during the ceremony. He invited everyone in the parade and everyone in town join in at the Town hall.

Mrs. Wharton confirmed Parks and Recreation has a budget for fiscal year 2025.

- 13) **Petitions and Public Comment:** Mayor Boyer reminded everyone attending about public comments rules and decorum. He added each person is limited to five minutes just in case we have a lot of people.

Resident Kim Zahara said she had an issue last July 4th. Somebody shooting off fireworks damaged her RV when it went through the window at a cost of \$350. Mrs. Zahara also said her bell peppers in her garden got blown up. She inquired since last year the fire department was patrolling to put out fires, and we're in a no firework county, it would be nice if the town council for next year could adopt an ordinance and maybe our Fire Department can at least confiscate them, can something be sent out on social media? She stated the little sparklers are fine, her concern was the mortar rounds that are doing damage. Mrs. Zahara said another mortar ended up on her garden shed, but didn't do any damage. Late at night these huge mortar rounds are an issue. She asked how about we not allow it to happen?

Mayor Boyer responded to Mrs. Zahara that would be a law enforcement issue rather than the duties of the Fire Department.

Kim Zahara said calling law enforcement – they're too busy, and they don't have the ability to deal with it. So it is a town issue or should be Zahara added. Mrs. Zahara summarized by stating there's got to be something, it's not acceptable for the big, huge fireworks. She added we've got kids, families in their backyards.

Attorney Pat Holscher pointed out if the Council did pass an ordinance, because it's already against the County Ordinance, the Sheriff's Department, which provides law enforcement for Bar Nunn, would enforce the County Ordinance and not the Municipal Ordinance. Mr. Holscher added it would actually not achieve anything if we pass an ordinance.

Mayor Boyer stated he would put a post on Facebook about it, although it wouldn't do much.

Attorney Pat Holscher also commented to Mrs. Zahara that in regard for property damage, that gives you a civil right actually in any event, but you would have to pursue it on your own.

Jenifer Hopkins, another resident said she wanted to comment about something positive. She added she had been walking all over Bar Nunn, literally all the streets. Mrs. Hopkins said she appreciated all the walks, pathways and the trees. She remarked it's great.

Mrs. Hopkins said now that I've heard Mrs. Zahara speak, I've lived here for 20 years and it (fireworks) has never quelled, and it's starting to get worse. Last year I had to put out a fire in my neighbor's yard who didn't even see it because there's so many fireworks going on.

Mrs. Hopkins stated she wasn't against the fireworks, that it would be nice to have centralized place we can go to. Hopkins added everybody runs when the fire trucks come down or the Sheriff's Department comes down.

Mayor Boyer asked attorney Pat Holscher what it would take for the town to do something like Glenrock? Mr. Holscher answered that it sounds like they have a municipal display. The council discussed designating a community firework zone similar to Glenrock.

Councilman Clark commented that Glenrock allows residents to bring fireworks and set them off in a controlled environment

Attorney Holscher commented that they probably just do it by resolution. So the Council would have to

craft what it is that you want and pass a resolution to do it. Mr. Holscher added there is leeway to do it. He said Casper puts on a big display every year, in addition something happens at Alcova Reservoir. Councilman Steven Clark said this was always something he wanted to do and has spoken to many residents in Glenrock, and they love it and feel a lot safer doing it (fireworks). Mr. Clark added it is an amazing display that gets set out down there. Council members agreed to work with Interim Chief Eugene Zahara for direction on the location for fireworks, and would start working on a resolution.

Resident Michael Newquist said he applauded the Council for trying to put an area for fireworks. Newquist added he is one of the responsible firework owners that loves to light them off every July 4th and celebrate his independence. Mr. Newquist stated he is reasonable about it. Mr. Newquist switched to the topic of research about Radiant he's done through the Idaho National Laboratory. Mr. Newquist said he found out how dangerous the micro reactors are by their own words and nobody wants to talk about the shielding when these things are not plug and play. Mr. Newquist reported the spent reactors have to be under eight feet of concrete because they leak so much and the numbers on here for exposure limits are extremely low. Mr. Newquist also stated if it ever gets into our water supply, there will be women and children who are most susceptible, especially when they are pregnant who will die. Mr. Newquist said the actual EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) standard is so low. Mr. Newquist also summarized he had the cost analysis on the triso fuel, which no one is manufacturing yet. He added their (Radiant) business plan does not make sense. As an example, Newquist said, the triso fuel for a kilo is over \$30,000, and it takes 50kilos to fill one of these generators.

Mayor Boyer and Council requested the information Mr. Newquist had or would he email them a link?

Rozmaring Czaban said she just left the County Commissioners, which just approved a resolution to give up to \$25 million for the Radiant development. She reported it was opposed by Representative Bill Allemand.

Ms. Czaban said the money is going to fund a public office with public tax dollars to build an office for Radiant. She added that the Wyoming Business Council is not sanctioned. Ms. Czaban said she recited Article 16, Section Six of the Wyoming Constitution, which circumvents giving money to private businesses. Ms. Czaban contrasted the Commissioners complaining about losing \$3 million in property taxes, and approved this. Ms. Czaban added it could be taken back by Representative Bill Allemand, who is on appropriations. She added when Bar Nunn puts in the infrastructure, that will be a maintenance expense for John Q. Public.

Mayor Boyer thanked Ms. Czaban and said it was an issue he brought up with the letter of support they wanted us to sign. Mayor Boyer pointed out their letter said Bar Nunn was the primary beneficiary of the project, and the reason Advanced Casper wanted us to give the most amount of money, even though we are a tiny municipality.

Mayor Boyer said there will be some businesses which will benefit Bar Nunn and the town will get more revenue in some areas, and then Bar Nunn will have maintenance with public works and infrastructure. Mayor Boyer added we will have water maintenance, sewer maintenance, there is some responsibility that goes with it.

Councilman Dan Sabrosky asked Ms. Czaban if Advanced Casper decided to pay the 10% they were looking for? Ms. Czaban said the 10% came from other sources.

Ms. Czaban asked how much did the Wyoming Business Council give for the Town hall?

Mayor Boyer replied it was the State Lands and Investment Board who helped us qualify for the Wyoming Business Council grant \$450,000 because we agreed to give \$50,000 to a hospital. Mayor Boyer said former Mayor Patrick Ford was the one who was behind most of it and wanted to give credit where it is due.

Councilman Dan Sabrosky remarked that Chuck Gray was involved in that too. Mr. Sabrosky asked what

the final price was for this building? Mayor Boyer said approximately 6 million. Mayor Boyer also remarked there were two other grants which totaled \$950,000.

Clerk Treasurer Kalista Schwarzrock remarked that there were two grants and specified that there was also a SLIB loan we were approved for. One grant was initially denied, and the council appealed the decision. Mrs. Schwarzrock added that the town did not end up taking the SLIB loan.

Representative Bill Allemand said he coined that Bar Nunn is Mayberry, adding that he is proud of that and still hears it occasionally. Mayor Boyer agreed it is Mayberry and we love it here.

Resident Laura Redmond commented on the condition of sidewalks on the Lakota Trail, which are failing and if they use red rocks in there the cement doesn't stick to them. Mrs. Redmond inquired if there was a grant to look at fixing this issue? She added her house is only 12 years old and didn't think she should have to fix a sidewalk that was poured incorrectly. Mayor Boyer asked which side of Lakota? Mrs. Redmond answered it was both sides and added there are others on newer streets. Ms. Redmond also stated an expert did an estimate at a neighbor's house and when she asked him why this was happening he answered it was because of the red rocks.

Mrs. Redmond said her second topic was she posts the Northern Lights pictures from town and added she really loves that living in Bar Nunn for 14 years she could capture these pictures and see the stars right outside her house. Mrs. Redmond noted if Radiant is built it will be so lit up for security, people will no longer see the stars.

Mrs. Redmond summarized a final point that teenagers love to break into places like a rite of passage and is concerned teenagers could even get close to something like that.

14) Council Business:

A) Regional Water Report—Councilman Sabrosky: Councilman Dan Sabrosky reported the regional water meeting was today. He added they meet once a month and regional water is the wholesaler of the water to nine communities, including ours. Councilman Sabrosky also stated that Casper is the second largest purchaser from regional water. He continued by saying we finalized our budget today and there will be a 3% increase, which is the lowest I have seen. The facility is doing well and construction projects are getting completed. Mr. Sabrosky remarked there is a bar graph to show the minimal amount of money required by State Statute that has to be kept or made for the regional water board, and the 3% increase is necessary to stay above the line by statute.

Mayor Boyer said it matches the inflation rate. Mayor Boyer thanked Councilman Sabrosky. Mayor Boyer also discussed how important it is for someone to attend the WAM (Wyoming Association of Municipalities) Conference.

Clerk Treasurer Kalista Schwarzrock said there are WAM Regional meetings quarterly by ZOOM.

Councilman Sabrosky asked if that was the conference she and Deputy Treasurer Tiffany Popp attended.

Clerk Treasurer Kalista Schwarzrock noted Councilman Sabrosky attended the winter session, which is the same conference, except it was during the Legislative session. She added the conference she and Mrs. Popp attended is to get priorities in line for the next Legislative session.

Mayor Boyer said it would be good to put on the calendar for next year.

15) Executive Session – Legal Matter: Mayor Boyer adjourned the regular council meeting and entered Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. Moved by Steven Clark and seconded by Tim Ficken and carried without dissent to enter the Executive Session.

- 16) **Reconvene regular council meeting:** Mayor Peter Boyer reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:45 p.m.
Roll call: Mayor Peter Boyer, Steven Clark, Tyler Martin, Tim Ficken, Dan Sabrosky
No action was taken.
- 17) **Adjournment:** Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken that there being no further business the meeting of June 17, 2025, be adjourned, at 8:45 P.M.

(Respectfully submitted by Shelly Lantz)



Peter Boyer, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)



Kalista Schwarzrock, Town Clerk-Treasurer

