



**TOWN OF BAR NUNN**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**

1500 Palomino Ave., Bar Nunn, Wyoming

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 22, 2025- 7:00 P.M.

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Bar Nunn, Wyoming

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:** Councilman Tyler Martin.

- 1) **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.
- 2) **Minutes of July 1, 2025:** Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Dan Sabrosky. The motion carried without dissent to approve the minutes for July 1, 2025.
- 3) **Payables List for July 22, 2025:** Moved by Dan Sabrosky and seconded by Tim Ficken. The motion carried without dissent to approve the payables list of July 22, 2025.
- 4) **Financial Reports: Balance Sheet, Detailed Income Statement & Trial Balance for the period ending June 2025:** Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to approve the Financial Reports for the period ending June 2025.
- 5) **Second Reading for Ordinance No. 2025-02:** "AMENDMENT OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (BUDGET) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025." Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Dan Sabrosky, and carried without dissent to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-02.
- 6) **Attorney's Report:** Attorney Kevin Bell was present in place of Pat Holscher for questions or comments from the council.
- 7) **Engineer's Report:** A written report was submitted. Town Engineer, Ray Catellier, PE was present for questions or comments from the council. Mr. Catellier, gave a verbal report and said the only thing to note in the last couple of weeks were calls from people interested in developing Palomino and Bel Vista lots. Catellier remarked potential developers get scared off by price tags and requirements. He added the calls are more frequent than in the last handful of years. Catellier stated lots are selling in this area for a low price and he added they find out why the price is low. Catellier finished by saying there is not a lot of developable lots that exist right now.
- 8) **Fire Department Report:** A written report was submitted. Fire Chief Eugene Zahara was present to answer questions or comments from the Council. In addition to his written report, Zahara shared that Firefighter Jacob Kujawa has been in Alaska for the last 15 days as an equipment manager for fire deployment. Zahara said the staff has requested that he remain in place and then be reassigned as a ground support unit leader trainee for the same incident. Zahara remarked they were looking at bringing on some seasonal volunteers and said he would have John Jessen in on Thursday, and he would do his physical by the end of the weekend. Zahara noted he would make sure the equipment is up and ready, Zahara said the goal is to have the engine on the board for deployment Monday.

Chief Zahara also shared with Council that he was accepted to the National Fire Academy for the Chief Executive Office Class at the end of August. Zahara said all tuition and travel is paid for. Zahara said he was excited to see what their new classes offer.

Councilman Tim Ficken congratulated Chief Zahara for the honor.

Mayor Boyer also congratulated Chief Zahara.

- 9) **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 greeted Mayor Boyer and Council and said he needed to notify the Council of additional vandalism at High Plains Park. Smart said kids are pulling around the sewer lift station fence. Smart added they have broken the visibility slats that go down through the area.

Councilman Tim Ficken commented kids start throwing the pieces at the backboard of the basketball hoop, and there are rocks and pop cans everywhere in the street. Ficken said he watches maintenance cleaning up the litter in the mornings.

- 10) **Parks and Recreation Report:** A written report was submitted. Director of Parks and Recreation, Virginia Wharton, was present for questions or comments from the Council. Ms. Wharton said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Celebration went very well this year. Wharton added it was safe, the parade stayed together, the park was full, and people participated. Wharton reminded Council there would be another garage sale day on August 9<sup>th</sup>, and she was creating a map for that. Wharton also asked Council about the Fall and Christmas activities, specifically if they wanted to do the haunted decoration contest and the Christmas Carnival?

Mayor Boyer remarked he liked the activities and thought it would be fun for the community.

Councilman Tim Ficken said he liked the farmer's market idea for Bar Nunn, and saw there is community interest for it.

Councilman Tyler Martin said he wanted to thank Virginia for allowing their church to help with the parade. Martin said he saw lots of pictures that looked like the event went well. Martin also said their church was excited she allowed them to help again or another year.

- 11) **Petitions & Public Comment:** Mayor Boyer reminded everyone to stay civil and each person was allowed five minutes for comments.

Kyla Alvey: Mrs. Alvey thanked the Council and said she appreciated their dedication to Bar Nunn community. Alvey added one of the biggest things about an elected official's job is continuously learning, and thought the Council took it upon themselves to learn and share it with the community.

Alvey said she loves the new splash pad and the turf was a phenomenal idea and she shared her 7-year-old loves the swings. Alvey remarked staff was fantastic to come and help when they got a ball and t-shirt stuck.

Alvey declared it was time she came and voiced her support for the Radiant Nuclear Facility that is looking to come into Bar Nunn. She said we have a young family and have been in Bar Nunn almost 16 years. Alvey also stated she thought Radiant would be phenomenal for the community and will have a positive impact keeping future children here too. Alvey said since she was a person who advocated for public education on the back of oil and gas, it would be fantastic for revenue to come from Radiant. She noted it was hard to come and speak because she wasn't looking for a fight or to cause anymore contention than there is.

Alex Sherrow: Mr. Sherrow said he was a more recent resident of Bar Nunn and raised in the military. He stated he had lived all over the United States. Sherrow said his father who's a Green Beret, told him that Radiant being within 10 miles of Bar Nunn makes it a terrorist target. Sherrow thinks people will lose 10-20% of the value of

their homes, according to Google and AI. Sherrow professed Wyoming has the cleanest air and water in the entire country. Sherrow also asked why there is no amendment to keep them 10 miles from people, and where is protection for people and the lives that they are building here? Sherrow stated he is a disabled adult and is worried about an exodus in this community and that there will be people left behind and can't move. Sherrow offered his last point was Bar Nunn only has 2,981 people and what chance do they have to fight this David and Goliath case?

Mike Schoolcraft: Mr. Schoolcraft inquired about the paint truck. Schoolcraft said he thought it would be better to sell the paint truck, since it cost \$97,000 and let the County do the striping. Schoolcraft also commented as far as Radiant went he saw people for Radiant and those who oppose it but thought there was a huge population who didn't care one way or the other.

Judy Jones: Mrs. Jones shared a message from Dave North, Chairman from Natrona County Commissioners, which said the storage distance for the type of fuel Radiant will be using is only .5 to .6 miles from any residences. Jones added it wasn't the distance of 10 miles necessary for weapons grade nuclear capacity. Jones also said it was her understanding that there was only a small number of state legislators who wanted to bring in spent fuel from other states. Jones asked what would happen if we ended up being one of the 10 storage facilities the United States is looking for, like Yucca Mountain? Jones stated Wyoming is designated as one of the proposed 10 sites to store nuclear waste. Jones added our laws are not that good on this right now. Jones remarked Wyoming is relatively new to this kind of thing and she said, a lot of people weren't sure why it has to be where it is proposed. Jones also remarked what if you guys would move it and put it further out and made people feel safer?

Kevin Campbell: Mr. Campbell introduced himself as the State Representative for Glenrock, House District 62. Campbell said he knew a couple of the Councilmen just came back from Idaho. Campbell added many of the state Legislators have never had the opportunity to do such a wonderful thing, and he added the Council has put a lot of research into nuclear technology. Campbell asked the Council if they realized the town of Bar Nunn is looking at becoming the first of its kind, in the world. He also asked the Council if they were aware that there are 94 nuclear power plants right now in the US, about 50 are active right now? Representative Campbell remarked that every power plant, every state produces waste and stores it on site and these very safe, dry casts. Campbell also stated this private enterprise would bring nuclear waste from all over the globe, wherever their customer base is, and Bar Nunn will store the nuclear waste here. Campbell asked if the Council had investigated the information at all? Campbell thanked Council.

Mike Newquist: Mr. Newquist said he watched everyone work hard gathering data and facts, gathering things about Radiant from both sides. Newquist asked the Council not to annex the land and make it part of Bar Nunn. Newquist implored the Council, that people of Bar Nunn have had it and are sick of the corruption. He also said we're sick of our money being robbed from us to give to private businesses, and said he was a private business. Newquist stated he didn't want to stop business, and added we are saying you can't do it here. Newquist asked the Council to uphold the will of the people. Newquist noted Radiant could build somewhere else where they won't hurt people.

Rozmarin Czaban: Ms. Czaban remarked that Council had a discussion about the oil industry. Czaban shared she works in oil and for three years she tested and designed frack fluid systems and cement fluid systems. Czaban stated they were 100% correct what is in oil, and she said it was a concern to her because what's covered up and doesn't get reported in oil and in nuclear? Czaban stated you couldn't tell her that doesn't happen either. Czaban also stated that if it does then there is a big problem. Czaban said she believed the government covers up mistakes. Czaban emphasized that the County Commissioners needed to be held accountable because they thought they would get something over on the people.

Wayne Kasparek: Mr. Kasparek said he had lived in Wyoming for about two years. Kasparek shared he had lived in Kansas for 65 years and dealt with nuclear and the Wolf Creek power plants. Kasparek asked why it doesn't get transported out of here? Kasparek said a lot of people are still concerned about anything happening.

Jeremy Brown: Mr. Brown stated he was from Evansville, and wanted to know if Radiant had any other facilities in any other states? Brown added that he was doing research, and he was concerned being down-river, if anything were to happen, it wouldn't just affect Bar Nunn. Brown also thanked Council for allowing five minutes.

Melinda Sebion: Ms. Sebion stated, in her opinion that if people died from exposure to radiation, it wouldn't show up on the death certificate. She added, it would be listed as breast cancer or Parkinson's or any other type of cancer. Sebion said that is how it would be covered up, and nobody will see that people died from radiation exposure.

Pete Fox: Mr. Fox, from Casper asked what would be the level of radiation everyone would be exposed to from this project? Fox also said from research on Google, and wasn't it kind of silly, making decision just Googling stuff? Fox remarked the band for gamma radiation from spent fuel goes from 0.1 million electron volts, measuring from 0.1 to 10. He also said the gamma rays fall between these two orders of magnitude, 10 being the outside, and that's the highest energy level gamma rays that can squirt out from this spent fuel. Fox asked also a hypothetical question, to consider if there were no barriers, no cask, nothing, if these pellets were put on a pallet, as high as a mountain because volume doesn't matter, Fox questioned if the Council knew the amount of air which would block those most powerful gamma rays until it finally decays down to just background radiation levels, which are 5 -half-high levels? Fox answered his own question and said it was less than 1,200 feet. Fox offered he is an Engineer and was surprised by the answer, saying he did the best he could looking at the calculations. Fox suggested blocking the background radiation levels and that would be the worst of the Gamma rays. He remarked that thinking death and destruction, if we live around this stuff, it's really not that bad. Fox said it's good to have barriers, different things to reduce the risk of exposure, but 1,200 feet away and a person is fine.

Frank Perry: Mr. Perry said he was a resident of Evansville and was speaking to save coal. Perry said the study done at CSU, (Colorado State University), in the '80s was to compare two clones from a pine tree. Perry added that in the study, one tree was placed in a greenhouse under normal conditions, and the other one was placed so it received constant, double CO2. Perry finished describing the study by saying, it took 4 years to get to transplant age for the tree under normal conditions, but only 16 months for the tree under CO2 to be ready for transplant. Perry suggested that capturing CO2 from coal plants into greenhouses to clone pine trees would help rebuild our forests. Perry contended that in 20 years everyone would be right back here with coal again. Perry thought coal would save the world because it's cheap. Perry also stated that everybody here had their education paid for by coal, and bringing uranium in is not going to do that big of a footstep. Perry summed up his comments by stating that he didn't think abandoning coal which built this nation is the right course of action.

Pat Sweeney: Mr. Sweeney introduced himself and said he lived in North Casper. Sweeney said he came to encourage Council and community to see Radiant as a positive indicator, as he does. Sweeney also said he agreed with sentiments about coal. Sweeney also stated coal's not going away and didn't see nuclear taking its place. He remarked it's another piece of the puzzle. Sweeney also mentioned City of Casper Councilman Roski raised a good point about all of the demand with the AI and the data centers and the energy it will take. Sweeney said he would encourage everyone to keep an open mind. Sweeney said he hoped at some point the Council would pass some sort of resolution, for the positive. Sweeney also said he appreciated that Mayor Boyer and Councilman Sabrosky took the time to visit IDL, (Idaho National Labs). Sweeney said he was interested to hear what they learned because it could be a game changer not only for Bar Nunn and Natrona County but the state. Sweeney remarked Wyoming's legacy industries were safe, especially with President Trump. Sweeney thanked Council for the time to speak.

LeeAnn Newquist: Mrs. Newquist said there had been a lot of arguments on Facebook and added that it was unfortunate. Newquist directed her comment to Councilman Sabrosky and a discussion was held. Newquist said she was concerned about comments on the Stop Radiant site. Newquist remarked she believed it was wrong to say their site was spreading false accusations and spreading deliberate misinformation. Newquist declared there were more than 200 people on the site and nobody has come forward and claimed to be a leader of any group. She also said they were trying very hard to save their town, save the community and preserve traditional Wyoming values.

Mrs. Newquist was alerted when her allotted speaking time ran out.

Jessie Dafoe: Mrs. Dafoe said she came to share more accurate information about Radiant. Dafoe stated she believed everybody is hung up on getting enough information. Dafoe also said she wanted to have an honest dialogue and discussion about Radiant. Dafoe emphasized she loved Wyoming and appreciated the opportunities here for her children. Dafoe remarked big decisions are hard, so it's important to make these decisions with all the information and know everything the state may be getting into with Radiant. Dafoe said she had a few things to share and Council could also share. Dafoe said nuclear insurance and disaster relief goes through the Price-Anderson Act, and she wanted to show how much money was there for insurance for bonds so the community would never be held up for financial resources for business. Dafoe also added she had documents from the NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission), which showed the safety of the project and how the casts currently used have never leaked. In addition, Dafoe said they also have an FAQ sheet which the Council had posted. Dafoe remarked Radiant would be successful only if the community was a real partner. Dafoe thanked Council for the opportunity to provide information.

Mayor Boyer thanked everyone for their comments.

## 12) Council Business:

### A. 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2026 Fireworks Discussion

Mayor Boyer said next year is the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States of America and Council wants to make it special. Mayor Boyer also said he and Councilman Clark want to make it a 4<sup>th</sup> of July bonanza next year, and Virginia Wharton was also included in the discussion. Mayor Boyer remarked the total for a great show is about \$8,000.

Councilman Clark said this was substantially cheaper than first estimated.

Mayor Boyer said it's hard to find somebody to put on the fireworks show for Bar Nunn, and added they would keep looking into options. Mayor Boyer stated he would get a federal explosives license to buy the big fireworks. Mayor Boyer said they are working with Virginia Wharton to bump the parade to later in the evening so it's all one event. Mayor Boyer said the hard-core planning for the event would start in January 2026.

Virginia Wharton, Director of Parks and Recreation, said she knew of the J&M pyrotechnics company licensed in Wyoming and had reached out to them. Wharton proposed the Council budget \$10,000 for the fireworks.

Mayor Boyer was also looking for a place for everyone to shoot off fireworks safely.

Chief Eugene Zahara stated it would be feasible to shut down West Winds and do it off West Winds Road, so it would be out of the subdivision.

### B. Idaho National Labs Community Days

Mayor Boyer asked Councilman Dan Sabrosky to give a summary of their visit to Idaho National Labs Community Days.


Councilman Sabrosky said Mayor Boyer, Chairman for Natrona County Commissioners, Dave North, and he were part of a group of 24 Wyoming officials who took a two-day tour of INL, (Idaho National Laboratories). Sabrosky also said this would be the place where Radiant's Mockup will be run through its paces around July 4 next year. In the world today, Sabrosky added, there are 440 nuclear plants around the world, and 54 are in the U.S. Sabrosky noted at the start he was looking for agendas and the tour started with presentations and INL had 6,500 employees. Sabrosky also professed the employees do a great job out there. He remarked that due to the nature of its 'what if' in

nuclear, dealing with radiation, spent fuel, the new micro and small reactors, they need to be tested. Sabrosky remarked the test procedure for Radiant will be a heavy hurdle, one mistake would send it back to the drawing board. Sabrosky said their group was taken to areas where they had issues with stuff. Sabrosky none of the employees are dying from working at INL. Sabrosky stated he is ok with nuclear coming to Wyoming at a managed level, and it brings prosperity and opportunity.

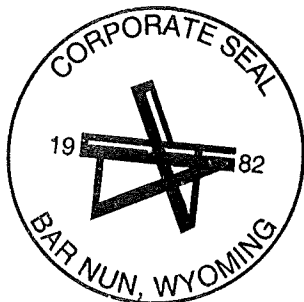
Mayor Peter Boyer said his experience was similar as Councilman Sabrosky described. Mayor Boyer said he was neutral to start and remarked looking at the totality of the project is the role of the mayor. He stated it wasn't just the radiation and its storage, or how the populace feels about it; it's not just the financial benefits or safety issues for the town. Mayor Boyer remarked his trip was for information and agreed with Dan that the employees were honest. The Mayor said he sees financial benefit for the next 10-20 years, and Mayor Boyer wanted people to know that he paid his own way to attend the Conference because he cares, and if there are questions, he would love to start a dialogue, not a fight.

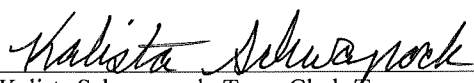
- 13) **Executive Session:** Mayor Boyer adjourned the regular session and entered Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to enter the Executive Session.
- 14) **Reconvene Regular Council Session:** Mayor Peter Boyer reconvened the regular council meeting at 9:29 p.m. Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Steven Clark, and carried without dissent to reconvene the regular council meeting. No action was taken.
- 15) **Adjournment:** Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Dan Sabrosky that there being no further business for the meeting of July 1, 2025, be adjourned, at 9:30 p.m.

(Respectfully Submitted by Shelly Lantz)

  
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Peter Boyer, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)



  
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Kalista Schwarzrock, Town Clerk-Treasurer