



TOWN OF BAR NUNN

1500 Palomino Ave., Bar Nunn, Wyoming

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025- 7:00 P.M.

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- 1) **Roll Call:** Mayor Peter Boyer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called, which determined the presence of a quorum.
Present: Mayor, Peter Boyer. Councilmembers: Dan Sabrosky, Tim Ficken, and Steven Clark. 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 October 7, 2025:** Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken. The motion carried without dissent to approve the minutes for October 7, 2025.
- 4) **Payables List for October 21, 2025:** Moved by Dan Sabrosky and seconded by Steven Clark. The motion carried without dissent to approve the payables list of October 21, 2025.
- 5) **Financial Reports: Balance Sheet, Detailed Income Statement & Trial Balance for the period ending September 2025:** Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Dan Sabrosky, and carried without dissent to approve the Financial Reports for the period ending September 2025.
- 6) **Resolution No. 2025-17: "RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE CENTRAL WYOMING TRAILS ALLIANCE:"** Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Steven Clark, and carried without dissent to approve Resolution No. 2025-17.
- 7) **Resolution No. 2025-18: "RESOLUTION REGARDING APPLYING CUSTOMER DEPOSITS."** Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Dan Sabrosky, and carried without dissent to approve Resolution No. 2025-18.
- 8) **Appointment and Oath of Office for Eugene Zahara as Fire Chief:** Mayor Boyer administered the Oath of Office to Eugene Zahara, who was appointed Fire Chief for the Town of Bar Nunn.
- 9) **Attorney's Report:** A written report was submitted. Attorney Patrick Holscher was present for questions or comments from the Council.

Mayor Boyer commented about the increased fees from the City of Mills and added he would get the official schedule from Mills, something more official for approval at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Tim Ficken said that Planning and Zoning would need to review that as well.

Attorney Holscher agreed Planning and Zoning should review it. Holscher also said some of those things Planning and Zoning were already doing, so when Bar Nunn needed Mills, it wouldn't be often.

- 10) **Engineer's Report:** Town Engineer, Ray Catellier, PE, was present to answer questions or comments from the Council.

Mr. Catellier said he had an update on the speed bumps, and they had reached out to various asphalt contractors and they reached the time of year when everyone's trying to button up the projects that they have already. Catellier stated there was the price of \$7,200-\$7,300 received at the last meeting and two more that were over \$8,000 and a lot didn't respond. Catellier remarked that with the temperature drop, he thought the contractors were a bit leery of being able to finish their own work before shutting the asphalt plants.

Councilman Clark asked if it would be good fill work for them in the Spring.

Catellier stated he thought so. Catellier also brought up the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization), and said they finalized their long-range transportation plan and that was just issued. Catellier remarked that at an upcoming meeting he would do a brief presentation about what it would mean for the MPO and for Bar Nunn. Catellier invited Council to let him know any questions he could incorporate into the presentation.

- 11) **Fire Department Report:** A written report was submitted. Fire Chief Eugene Zahara was present for questions or comments from the Council. Chief Zahara said he had a couple of items for discussion.

Councilman Ficken asked if the Fire Department was reimbursed for more fires.

Chief Zahara said they were reimbursed and there were also three fires that had invoices submitted, waiting for checks to be cut at the state level.

Councilman Sabrosky asked if there were still fires out there.

Zahara said yes, and added Washington had a big one. Zahara stated that Jake Kujawa just got back from Fresno on Sunday after a 28-day deployment. Zahara remarked Southern California wouldn't start burning until the end of the month when the Santa Ana winds kicked in.

Mayor Boyer asked what Chief Zahara had for discussion.

Chief Zahara said the first item was a dozer. Zahara asked the Council what they thought about looking into a purchase or a lease option for the Fire Department to utilize for next fire season. Chief Zahara said he already had a heavy equipment operator, Jake Kujawa, who was also a heavy-equipment mechanic. Zahara added the Town could either lease or purchase a dozer, and then contract with the operator to provide transport for the dozer.

Councilman Sabrosky asked the size of the dozer.

Chief Zahara said a D-6, and he added that it would have to have a fire package, and pull down fire shelters inside of it. Zahara commented that some dozers came with a small tank and have water suppression on the side as well.

Councilman Sabrosky asked what the bill out rate was.

Chief Zahara said he thought it was \$230. Chief Zahara said he wanted to see where Council was concerning a dozer and also added he didn't want to do a lot of deep diving if Council didn't want to go in that direction.

Councilman Sabrosky asked if there was a big call for dozers.

Zahara stated absolutely. Zahara said the federal system had what they call a "Viper" contract. Zahara said independent companies with dozers that do construction work most of the year, they would just contract out during the summertime where there was a heavy need. Zahara explained that since Bar Nunn department was a local government agency, it would be called out before a contracted entity would, and there was always a need on large campaign fires. Zahara also explained if a dozer went to a fire, most of the time it would be a 14-21- or 30-day transition period, and added they don't want to release heavy equipment off fires because it takes too long to get other heavy equipment in there.

Councilman Sabrosky inquired how many hours a day they run the dozer and staff.

Chief Zahara said 12-16 hours a day.

Councilman Sabrosky also asked if they paid for mobilization and demobilization.

Chief Zahara affirmed they pay and for the cost of transport as well. Zahara said Kujawa, who already had all the equipment, so it wouldn't cost the Fire Department, but that would be on the reimbursement process on Town of Bar Nunn side too, and, Zahara said Kujawa would get paid for his equipment as well.

Councilman Steven Clark asked about the cost to purchase a dozer.

Chief Zahara replied about \$80,000-\$110,000, which was for used he added. Zahara also commented he was going to look at that cost. Zahara also said Kujawa shared when he got back from California, CAT had a six-month lease agreement in which all money paid would go to principal of purchase after six months. Zahara explained there would be a cost to make sure the dozer was outfitted for fire-line suppression.

Councilman Tim Ficken asked if Chief Zahara knew the ROI (Return on Investment) would be. Ficken also asked if there was a running number of profitability from wildland firefighting for the year, and commented that data would be interesting.

Zahara said once he finished billing the fires and input fuel, hotels and expenses he could give the Council a good breakdown from each fire and what the Town's profit would be.

Councilman Ficken also asked Chief Zahara if he could include maintenance on vehicle damages.

Chief Zahara said the only damage for the year was the first fire of the year on the "muddy incident." Zahara said they had a boulder strike from a dozer, and Zahara stated he got a door to replace the damaged one and would get it into the body shop to get work done. Zahara remarked that according to the state, they had to run it through their insurance first and then the state would decide whether to reimburse for the damage.

Mayor Boyer affirmed Council wanted more information on a dozer for the Town of Bar Nunn.

Chief Zahara agreed to have a report for the next Council meeting.

Chief Zahara then brought up the 4th of July and said the state of Wyoming did not require a licensed pyrotechnic, Zahara said this meant Bar Nunn could build their own show. Zahara also said they could build their own show like Pyro City, which could help the Town build a show, and he added there was a company that does manufacturing in Wyoming. Zahara also said the Town could just build a show online and buy a bunch of stuff. Zahara explained they had to store the supplies safely and he thought closing off Westwinds Road, and setting off the fireworks from there would be safest.

Zahara also said there would be no fireworks anywhere except the Fire Department. Zahara stated it would be possible to open the Baseball field at Antelope Park, like Glenrock did every year. Zahara emphasized where there were spectators there would be no fireworks.

Mayor Boyer asked Zahara to get a price list for the fireworks.

- 12) **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 Mr. Smart about the leak on Burd Road and if it was fixed.

Smart said it was repaired and explained the Maintenance crew had to replace an entire service line into one of the buildings. Smart stated it was leaking where it connected to the main at the curb stop and so they ended up pulling entirely new pipe. Smart remarked it was finding the leak as the hardest part through all of the concrete

over the pipelines.

- 13) **Parks and Recreation Report:** A written report was submitted. Parks and Recreation Committee Chairwoman Virginia Wharton was present for questions or comments from the Council. Mrs. Wharton said she was busy getting ready for the Fall and Christmas events. Wharton also said the fireworks news was exciting and took one thing off her list. She asked if Council had any questions.

Mayor Boyer asked that Wharton make sure events were coordinated between herself and Chief Zahara for the 4th of July. Mayor Boyer said the birthday of America would be pretty awesome next year, and Council wanted it to be a great celebration.

Wharton agreed and also said she had a huge response to the craft fair and wanted permission to use the gymnasium also.

Mayor Boyer agreed the gymnasium could be used.

Wharton said she would like to see the Town of Bar Nunn do its own float for the 4th of July. Wharton commented she did not have a trailer but did have a vehicle that could pull it. She said she was looking for someone in the community to volunteer their trailer to build a float for the parade.

Ken Hume, with the Emergency Preparedness Committee, asked Wharton how big the trailer needed to be.

Wharton said she would work with any size.

Mr. Hume said he had a pretty big trailer, and also said it was not a flatbed, but a utility trailer. Hume also said it was 6' by 20' by 4'. Hume said he would pull it behind his truck, and he would be in contact with her.

Wharton said she also could use some volunteers to help with the Christmas Carnival. Wharton added she needed help setting it up, which included a couple hours decorating Friday night, running the games for the kids on December 6, and then cleaning up after on December 6.

Chief Zahara verified set up needed to happen on December 5.

Deputy Treasurer Tiffany Popp asked if Bar Nunn's Christmas parade was scheduled the same day as Casper's parade.

Wharton said Bar Nunn's parade was scheduled for December 6.

Mrs. Popp said that was the same day as Casper would have their Christmas parade.

Ken Hume commented that Casper's was scheduled later this year, and he added they changed it last year.

Mayor Boyer said Bar Nunn should change their festival to November 29.

Wharton said she would redo the flyer and asked Deputy Treasurer Tiffany Popp if she knew Mr. and Mrs. Claus, since she didn't contact them last year.

Councilman Ficken said he worked with the guy who was Mr. Claus.

- 14) **Petitions and Public Comment:** Mayor Boyer invited Marshall Hood to speak.

Marshall Hood: Mr. Hood said he had a brief comment on Radiant. Hood said Radiant did not have a viable business model. Hood referred to the article in Cowboy State Daily News with an analysis by an economics professor. Hood related the professor didn't think the Microreactors Radiant would build would survive.

Hood asked if Bar Nunn had an industrial park. Hood said he meant a place for businesses and asked if there

was a committee to try to recruit businesses. Hood also asked if anyone had talked to the state of Wyoming about their economic development to see if there was anybody looking for something. Hood gave the example about Weatherbee Manufacturing out of Southgate, California. Hood stated they made mixed high-end hunting rifles. Hood said they didn't make rifles in California anymore. Hood remarked that Weatherby Manufacturing located in an industrial park on the north side of Sheridan, Wyoming. Hood also remarked they wanted to get out of California. Hood shared the net result was they moved to Sheridan, if Council would excuse the pun, "lock, stock, and barrel." Hood said he recommended Bar Nunn get in touch with the state, he added there were a lot of people trying to get out of California and New York and a bunch of other places. Hood said he recommended getting that together.

Councilman Dan Sabrosky said the problem we have in Bar Nunn, a business like that, they want to buy ground they can build on. Sabrosky stated Bar Nunn didn't have that kind of ground. Sabrosky remarked that Bar Nunn had vacant land that was not developed. Sabrosky continued and said for a business to come they didn't have the economics to develop the land so they could build on it. Sabrosky added that part of what Radiant was up there for was some of the economic development money, which got to be, no matter what the business was, a pretty good outcry against tax money going to develop private land. Sabrosky finished by saying that was the dilemma in Bar Nunn.

Hood said that was why he asked about it at the beginning about an industrial park, and also said Sheridan had an industrial park.

Councilman Sabrosky answered that it was money from the Wyoming Business Council.

Hood finished his comments saying he didn't care where the money came from, they had spaces in Sheridan. He thought it was a good idea for Council to start looking at that to see if Bar Nunn could start attracting any business to Bar Nunn who were looking to get out of the "swamp zone."

15) **Council Business:**

A. Regional Water Report: Councilman Sabrosky said Marshall Hood's point flowed into what he learned at Regional Water earlier in the day. Regional Water was run through the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency.) Sabrosky stated they were supposed to upgrade their disinfection system to an ultraviolet system. Sabrosky remarked it was expensive. Sabrosky estimated that he thought the program had to start within the next couple of years. Sabrosky also said they were able to secure a loan from the state of Wyoming, an SRF (State Revolving Fund) for \$20 million at a .25% interest rate paid back in 20 years. Sabrosky stated if they wanted Bar Nunn to grow, it was time to consider something like that for the Town. He added that it would take a combination of putting in some of the main infrastructure to entice business to come to Bar Nunn and build because business could not develop that land. Sabrosky said he wished McMurry would develop the land, but they didn't have a need to. Sabrosky summarized that a loan rate at .25% for 20 years was something to consider.

Mayor Boyer said he and Ray Catellier had been talking with WWDC (Wyoming Water Development Commission.) Boyer said they had talked about getting a grant to run sewer and water.

Attorney Holscher said there was an option through the Department of Agriculture, which he said was the most complicated set of regulations. Holscher said it could be done though.

Mayor Boyer said he would gladly hand off to Catellier.

Catellier remarked that six months down the road and they might call and say, well, the project didn't qualify for any principal forgiveness, but they offer a loan at 7%. Catellier stated on big projects it was sometimes worth chasing the USDA loans.

B. MPO (Metropolitan Planning and Zoning)

Councilman Steven Clark said they were shown a presentation on all the ways that government could count

citizens, which he said was scary to learn. Clark said the board decided to get the cheaper ones that didn't have cameras, they were just lasers that count. Clark also added that in some of the cameras they could tie into traffic cams using AI to count people. Clark commented that WYDOT (Wyoming Department of Transportation) spoke about some construction, the McKinley exit down the freeway.

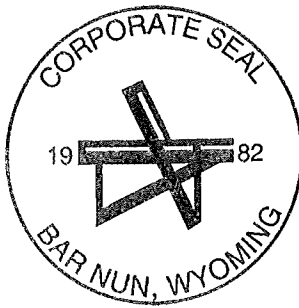
- 16) **Adjournment:** Moved by Tim Ficken, Seconded by Dan Sabrosky, and carried without dissent that there being no further business for the meeting of October 21, 2025, be adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

(Respectfully submitted by Shelly Lantz)



Peter Boyer, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)





Kalista Schwarzrock, Town Clerk-Treasurer