



TOWN OF BAR NUNN
TOWN COUNCIL

1500 Palomino Ave., Bar Nunn, Wyoming

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

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Bar Nunn, Wyoming

- 1) **Roll Call:** Mayor Peter Boyer called the meeting to order Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called which determined the presence of a quorum.
Present: Mayor, Peter Boyer. Councilmembers: Steven Clark, Tyler Martin, 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) **Public Hearing - Liquor License Renewals – Bar Nunn Chatters, LLC dba Chatters Bar & Grill**
Mayor Boyer adjourned the regular council session and entered a Public Hearing. Moved by Dan Sabrosky, seconded by Tyler Martin, and carried without dissent to enter the Public Hearing.

Mayor Boyer called three times for those who wished to speak in favor of the Bar and Grill Liquor License Renewal. The owner, Josey Kienzle, spoke in favor of the renewal. She thanked the council for their support. Mayor Boyer called three times for those speaking against the renewal. There were none.

Reconvene Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Boyer reconvened the regular council session. Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to reconvene the regular council session.

- 4) **Public Hearing - Liquor License Renewals – Energy Catering Inc., dba The Hangar**
Mayor Boyer adjourned the regular council session and entered a Public Hearing. Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to enter the Public Hearing.

Mayor Boyer called three times for those who wished to speak in favor of the Bar and Grill Liquor License Renewal. Co-owner Kurtis VanHouten spoke in favor of the renewal. He thanked the council for considering The Hangar for another renewal. Mayor Boyer called three times for those speaking against the renewal. There were none.

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Mayor Boyer reconvened the regular council session. Moved by Dan Sabrosky, seconded by Tyler Martin, and carried without dissent to reconvene the regular council session.

5) **Consider Bar and Grill Liquor License Renewals**

A. Bar Nunn's Chatters, LLC dba Chatters Bar & Grill: Mayor Boyer recommended the Bar and Grill Liquor License Renewal for Bar Nunn's Chatters, LLC. dba Chatters Bar & Grill. Moved by Tyler Martin, seconded by Dan Sabrosky, and carried without dissent to approve the renewal of the Bar and Grill Liquor License #2025-01 for Bar Nunn's Chatters, LLC, dba Chatters Bar & Grill.

B. Energy Catering Inc. dba The Hangar: Mayor Boyer recommended the Bar and Grill Liquor License Renewal for Energy Catering, Inc. dba The Hangar. Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tyler Martin, and carried without dissent to approve the renewal of the Bar and Grill Liquor License #2025-02 for Energy Catering, Inc. dba The Hangar.

- 6) **Minutes of February 4, 2025:** Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to approve the minutes for February 4, 2025.
- 7) **Payables List for February 18th, 2025:** Moved by Tyler Martin, seconded by Dan Sabrosky, and carried without dissent to approve the payables list of February 18th, 2025.

8) **Financial Reports: Balance Sheet, Detailed Income Statement & Trial Balance for the period ending January 2025:** Moved by Steven Clark, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent to approve the Balance Sheet, Budget Income Statement & Trial Balance (Financial Reports) for the period ending January 2025.

9) **Resolution No. 2025-08: "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK"** Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Steven Clark, and carried without dissent to approve Resolution No. 2025-08.

10) **Attorney's Report:** A written report was submitted. Attorney Patrick Holscher was present for questions or comments from the council.

-Mayor Boyer noted for the council and those in attendance that Visionary had bored through four meter pits while installing the conduit for the fiber internet. He stated that it was within one section of a single alleyway, and the maintenance crew would be inspecting pits around the installation area to be sure there were no other meter pits destroyed. Mayor Boyer inquired if more meter pits were found damaged if the town could issue a cease and desist. Mr. Holscher stated that the town can be proactive to keep them from drilling through our meter pits. He stated if we determine that Visionary is being excessively reckless, we can put them on notice that they must stop their activities until they can satisfy us that they have this under control.

Councilman Sabrosky asked the Interim Head of Public Works, Dustin Smart, how the conversation with Visionary went when he discovered the damaged pits. Mr. Smart stated that when he discovered the damage, he emailed them a photo of the conduit run through the pit. He received a call back from Visionary and one of the lead supervisors from Wyoming Underground, LLC, which is the company performing the conduit boring for Visionary. Mr. Smart stated he was very apologetic and stated that they could not deny they were responsible.

Mr. Smart stated that the maintenance crew performed the locates before Wyoming Underground started digging. Our meter pits were marked and exposed. Now the lids are covered with 2-3 inches of dirt, and the lids were not secured correctly on the damaged pits. Mr. Smart stated that he then sent a damage report to Visionary and an invoice for the estimated cost of the repairs. Councilman Sabrosky asked if the maintenance crew could do a follow-behind to keep tabs on the rest of the fiber installation. Mayor Boyer stated that is a priority and everything needs to be documented. He stated he was concerned that there had been four meter pits damaged in a small area. There could be more damage to private property or town property. He believed it showed a pattern of disregard as long as the job was completed, regardless of how much damage was done. Mayor Boyer stated he wants Visionary to understand that if they do not respect property, the town will shut down the installation. Mr. Holscher stated that Visionary would have required their subcontractor to have insurance up to a certain amount. The subcontractor probably pays pretty rapidly on the claims because they don't want to have a bad claims rating. The town needs to request proof of their insurance. He stated that alone may inspire more accurate drilling. Councilman Clark stated that if the town staff has to babysit the project, the town should be indemnified for that cost as well. Mr. Holscher stated that we are entitled to recover our reasonable and necessary costs.

-Councilman Ficken inquired if the Loves Truck Stop was definitely being built off of Howard Street. Mr. Holscher stated he wasn't sure exactly where that location was, but they are at the point where they are requesting information about water services. It's really a determination on whether the town can provide water services for them. It is located within the Wardwell District, outside of Bar Nunn's growth boundaries. Councilman Ficken inquired if the town engineer would have to look at our infrastructure to see if it is capable of supporting that project. Mr. Catellier stated that they would need to prove that to the town. Councilman Ficken inquired where exactly the location was for the potential truck stop. Mr. Catellier stated that it was by the Loaf 'n Jug on the east side of the interstate.

11) **Engineer's Report:** A written report was submitted. Town Engineer, Ray Catellier, PE was present on behalf of Ray Catellier for questions or comments from the council.

-Mr. Catellier stated he had two quotes for the concrete curb around the playground at Antelope Park. One quote was for \$31,000 and the second quote was for \$8,990. In addition, Mr. Catellier spoke to the supplier of the playground equipment and explained the town's budget for the project. The original quote was \$172,864.10. He told them it needed to be just a little bit lower. The company sent an updated cost of \$170,775.66. Between the lowest quote for the concrete work and the updated price from the equipment supplier, the town can complete the project within the budgeted amount. The goal is to have the work completed prior to Memorial Day when the splashpad opens for the season.

Councilman Sabrosky inquired if the old oak equipment could be repurposed or sold. Mr. Catellier stated that the wood was not in good shape and the old parts and pieces are no longer manufactured.

Tyler Martin moved to approve the G & G Concrete bid for \$8,990. Dan Sabrosky seconded and the motion carried without dissent.

-Mr. Catellier stated he met with Public Works regarding which asphalt project is the highest priority. Mr. Smart believed that McMurry Blvd should be the highest priority. McMurry is beginning to washboard in areas outside of what was fixed a few

years ago. Mr. Catellier stated that at this point, they need to take some geotechnical bores on the section from the walkway to Salt Creek, and then on the section that has been redone. Then he could start collecting estimates so that the council has that in time for budget season.

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

-Interim Chief Zahara informed the council that he had made the trip to Wyoming, MN to visit the Rosenbauer plant to check the status of the new fire engine. He informed the council that there were some things they could deduct and things they could not. He informed the council that he could not change the tank because it had already been built. He stated that he was able to get the price of the new engine changed to \$662,706. With an updated price, Chief Zahara stated he would be resubmitting a grant application to the Mineral Royalty Grant Committee for half the price of the engine. He informed the council that Rosenbauer still does not have the chassis, so another option would be to have the town attorney look over the contract to see if there is any way out of it since the company is past the date they quoted for the chassis delivery. Mayor Boyer stated he would like to just push through after coming this far.

-Chief Zahara also attached a quote for the council to look over to update the computers at the fire station. He discussed with the council budgetary options for the upgrade as well as a replacement pump for a brush truck. Resident, Ken Hume, stated that the price for the computer quote seemed high. He stated that he used to work for IBM, so he would do some research for Chief Zahara to see if he could come up with some better options. Mr. Hume asked how quickly Chief Zahara would like to move to update the computers. Chief Zahara stated he would like to update as soon as possible since the computers at the station are very old and are not working efficiently. Mayor Boyer concurred that he would like to look at the options a little closer and believed there were better-priced options available. Councilman Ficken pointed out that the quote total included all of the options, and that was not what they would need or be paying. For example, the quote included eight tablets, but in reality, there were two different options for the four tablets requested. Chief Zahara confirmed that he had only requested 4 tablets, but the goal is to eventually expand to a tablet in every engine so they can remotely be logged into their fire program. This would mean that everyone could see where every engine is. Mayor Boyer determined that he and Councilman Clark would look over the quote and what the department requires to see if they could find some better-priced options as well.

-Interim Chief Zahara asked if the council had been informed of a proposed joint powers agreement among the fire departments. He informed them that some of the fire departments within Natrona County are interested in going to a joint powers agreement with all of the departments. All of the departments would merge under one umbrella and have one board with one member representing each department on that board. He stated it could be good because then the town would have all the needed resources we want coming to a fire in our town, but on the flip side, we could be considered an unwanted entity because we do not have a lot of revenue, so we could end up not getting any new apparatus or resources. Councilman Clark inquired if that would change how the town budgets for the fire department. Chief Zahara stated it would because the town would be paying into that joint powers board. He stated that at this point in time, they want to hire a consulting company to run a feasibility study and want to know if Bar Nunn would be on board to pay for part of the fee for that study. He stated he did not know what that fee would be yet but wanted to make the council aware.

Attorney Holscher noted that the council needed to keep in mind that two of the departments run an ambulance service. The City of Casper does not because it is all done through the hospital. But ambulance services are a major expenditure. The Fire departments that run ambulances would likely be very reluctant to give up an ambulance service. It will likely be a complicated thing to put together.

The council discussed the possibility of joining the joint powers board and having their apparatus be low priority compared to the whole. Councilman Clark stated it would not be much different than the current agreement for mutual aid with Natrona County Fire. Chief Zarah stated he was also concerned that our current mutual aid agreement appears to be all verbal, as he has not been able to find a written contract. Mayor Boyer stated the council will decide on partaking in the study once they determine the cost of the study.

-The council discussed a stipend for the volunteer chief position. Mayor Boyer stated he wants to compensate the position justly but has no frame of reference. Councilman Sabrosky asked if Chief Zahara could research to see what his counterparts in volunteer fire service around the state receive. Chief Zahara stated he could do that. Councilman Ficken stated he would inquire with Douglas how they manage their chief stipend because they are also a pay-per-call department, but the Chief is paid a stipend due to the volume of calls they receive.

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

Mayor Boyer inquired how the drainage work done on Salt Creek was holding up. Mr. Smart said he had not buckled with the below-freezing weather.

- 14) **Petitions and Public Comment:** Resident, Ken Hume, stated he attended a meeting put on by the Wyoming Pipeline Association. At this meeting they discussed carbon capture. In England, they caused a controlled rupture in a compressed

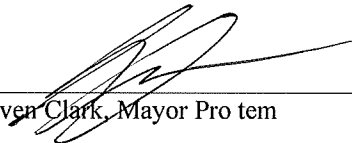
carbon dioxide pipeline, and it was horrendous. For example, say there was a pipeline running across the interstate and it ruptured, anybody within the immediate fallout zone of that would be frozen solid almost instantly. People would also die from lack of oxygen in nearby areas. He informed the council that everyone needs to be on the lookout for any carbon capture projects starting up and do a massive letter writing campaign to the powers at be to stop it.

15) Council Business:

A) Business Licenses No. 2025-23 Through 2025-24

Mayor Boyer entertained a motion to approve business license numbers 2025-23 through 2025-24 for Mountain View Truck Center and Cloud Peak Wildworks. Steven Clark moved, Tim Ficken seconded, and the motion carried to approve business licenses 2025-23 through 2025-24.

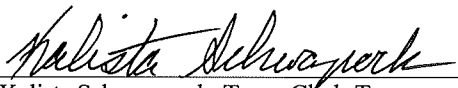
- 16) Adjournment:** Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Tyler Martin, and carried without dissent that there being no further business the meeting of February 18, 2025, be adjourned, at 8:04 P.M.



Steven Clark, Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST: (seal)





Kalista Schwarrock, Town Clerk-Treasurer