



TOWN OF BAR NUNN

1500 Palomino Ave., Bar Nunn, Wyoming

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 2, 2025- 7:00 P.M.

1500 Palomino Avenue,
Bar Nunn, Wyoming

- 1) **Roll Call:** Mayor Peter Boyer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called, which determined the presence of a quorum.
Present: Mayor, Peter Boyer. Councilmembers: 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) **Minutes of November 18, 2025:** Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Dan Sabrosky. The motion carried without dissent to approve the minutes for November 18, 2025.
- 4) **Payables List for December 2, 2025:** Moved by Tyler Martin, seconded by Tim Ficken. The motion carried without dissent to approve the payables list of December 2, 2025.
- 5) **Payables List for November 2025:** Checks #33630-#33705, Direct Deposits #3313- #3360, ACH #80225410 & ACH #34522809. The 25-26 Year-to-Date Budget Report: Moved by Dan Sabrosky, seconded by Tyler Martin and carried without dissent to approve the Financial Reports for the period ending November 2025.
- 7) **Resolution Appointing Councilman Tim Ficken as the Metropolitan Planning Organization Representative:** Moved by Tyler Martin, seconded by Dan Sabrosky. The motion carried without dissent to appoint Councilman Tim Ficken as the MPO Representative. Councilman Ficken recused himself.
- 8) **Attorney's Report:** A written report was submitted. Attorney Patrick Holscher was present for questions or comments from the council. No further questions were asked.
- 9) **Engineer's Report:** No report was submitted. Town Engineer, Ray Catellier, PE was present to answer questions or comments from the council. Mr. Catellier reported that things had been quiet. He reported his Firm was continuing work on the grant application for the Lead and Copper Rule. He also informed the Council that Visionary Broadband has planned a new fiber network buildout in the neighborhood north of McMurry Boulevard beginning in January. Preliminary meetings were scheduled to ensure better communication and avoid issues experienced during the previous project.

Mayor Boyer reviewed past problems with the prior buildout, noting that fiber lines were mistakenly bored through several municipal water meter boxes, requiring repairs that Visionary ultimately paid for. Council members discussed the previous incident and noted the upcoming work will occur in front yards rather than alleyways. Mayor Boyer also requested legal clarification on Municipal authority and recourse. Town Attorney Pat Holscher stated that Visionary operated under an existing franchise agreement and must remain within granted easements; any trespass or damage outside those bounds is their liability. Holscher confirmed

no new agreement is required for the upcoming buildout.

- 10) **Police Department Report:** A written report was submitted by Interim Police Chief Steve Sheridan. Mr. Sheridan said the only thing to add was his meeting with Evansville Police Chief Mike Thompson to compare prices and added he thought the Department was in good shape. Sheridan said he appreciated Dustin and the Maintenance crew that cleaned out the Wardwell room, which he noted will become an evidence room.
- 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 said he had two items to add for Council. Smart said a Casper company drew up a sign to replace the old rotten wood sign at the corner of Antelope Park. Smart said the new sign would be six feet by eight feet of quarter inch steel. Smart said everyone should have a picture of it in his report, and the cost estimate was \$1,300.

Councilman Tim Ficken asked about replacing the sign on the end of McMurry also. Mayor Boyer and Council agreed to move forward with the new sign on Antelope Drive.

Smart also commented he created an estimate of paying a contractor for a VAC excavator truck for sewer jetting and water emergencies. Smart said if the Town purchased their own truck, following EPA rules, it would save about \$300,000 over 10 years.

Smart commented that Council had earmarked \$600,000 for the 2025 budget, adding that the quote from company selling the VAC truck would expire the end of the year.

Mayor Boyer inquired about the loan/grant for the VAC truck.

Town Engineer Catellier stated the facility use plan was resubmitted to the DEQ, and they commented it didn't meet their requirements. Catellier said it was edited and resubmitted the same day with an updated map and quote, and he added there would be a public hearing at the first meeting in January 2026 and then wait on state lands to review it.

Councilman Tim Ficken commented that the budget showed the Town spent \$65,000 currently but budgeted for \$75,000, so would the Town be ahead by \$50,000 on the budget? Ficken also asked if the estimate for a 10-year expense without the VAC truck only be \$800,000 instead of \$850,000? Ficken pointed out the budget showed \$75,000 a year for sewer maintenance, and he also asked if that was for overall sewer maintenance and verified the Town spent \$65,000 of it just on jetting?

Smart answered the current budget was \$75,000 under the line-item Sewer Maintenance and Repair. Smart added he was pointing out that they were using almost all of that line item on contractor expenses.

Councilman Ficken said it was great what Smart put together.

- 12) **Fire Department Report:** No written report was submitted. Fire Chief, Eugene Zahara was present for questions or comments from the council. Chief Zahara discussed personnel at the Firehouse and said they should end up with 22 total for the Fire Department and EMS (Emergency Medical Service) and two more on only on EMS. Zahara said he had 11 people working on hazmat awareness, and other firefighters were working on ADO (Apparatus Drive/Operator) pumper training for certification.

Chief Zahara said Bar Nunn hosted the entry level driver training last weekend with the Wyoming State Fire Academy instructors and was planning to do another class soon. Zahara also said he was looking for funding from different avenues to purchase the "cot and load" system for the ambulance and the cost for manual system would be \$40,000. Zahara said the goal was to have the ambulance put in-service on February 1, 2026.

Zahara updated Council about the new fire engine and said he received pictures last week, and said the chassis were in and could see they built out the boxes including all fabrication work. Zahara said he

forwarded the pictures to Mayor Boyer. Zahara also added they would be sending weekly updates and said the final inspection would be the middle of January.

Chief Zahara said he would be attending the Wyoming Rule Fire Chiefs Association meeting starting tomorrow and included meetings regarding training, fire warden meetings, end of the year review for the state of Wyoming's fires, and election of officers for the Chief's association for the state. Zahara said it would be good to get updated reports for grant funding for recruitment and retention of volunteers. Zahara remarked physicals were reimbursable for new people, so would get that turned in as well.

Chief Zahara finished his comments by requesting the Fire Department be in charge of the Christmas Parade next year.

13) **Office Staff Report:** A written report was submitted. Clerk Treasurer Kalista Schwarzrock was present for questions or comments from the council. Mrs. Schwarzrock requested a resolution to transfer the remaining mill levy funds from the General Fund to the Wyoming Class investment account, with the amount stated as \$150,605.06.

A motion to approve the transfer was made by Tim Ficken, seconded by Tyler Martin, and carried without dissent.

Schwarzrock also reported that office staff was assisting Parks and Recreation in the interim and recommended using gift cards for local businesses, such as to The Hangar or other local restaurants, as prizes for the holiday decorating contest. The council expressed support for the idea. It was noted that judging for the contest would take place after the next council meeting.

14) **Petitions And Public Comment:** Mayor Boyer called for petitions and public comment.

Venus Childress: Mrs. Childress asked if the Town needed to get three bids for the VAC truck. Childress also said she thought it was Visionary Broadband damaging some meter boxes. Childress commented that she worked 35 years at a municipal water agency in another state, and it seemed there were a lot of contractors come through and damage a lot of equipment, and they always got a bill for it. Childress added that they didn't always get paid, but they got a bill. Childress thanked the Council.

Mike Schoolcraft: Mr. Schoolcraft wanted to address Dustin Smart and the Parks and Recreation Department. Schoolcraft said it was an outstanding job at the Christmas tree lighting. Schoolcraft said he would include the Fire Department too. Schoolcraft added that Jan Schoolcraft did an outstanding job as well. He asked if the new VAC truck was \$500,000 and hoped it wouldn't be parked next to the paint truck, adding he was just kidding.

Tom Brauer: Mr. Brower stated he lived in Evansville, and he came to speak since he followed all the Radiant stuff on Facebook and saw all the negative comments. Brauer commented he had a great time working in the town of Bar Nunn and loved working on the community center, which was an amazing project. Brauer remarked that he had 33 years of experience in Engineering, having attended numerous community meetings, and never had them go as smoothly as those in Bar Nunn, and Brauer added that he had never seen the level of resident participation like that in Bar Nunn. Brauer said upon reflection, Bar Nunn was an amazing community. He remarked that the Council was here for honorable reasons. He stated he hated seeing the hyperbole, vitriol, and dishonesty that occurred around Radiant, the things that were said by Representative Allemand, and how Council was accused of being on the take. Brauer said he knew from working with the Town that the Council wasn't making a ton of money, but did it because they cared about their community. Brauer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and wanted to let Council know that other people in the region and the community recognize what a great job they were doing.

Brauer said he wanted Radiant to go a different way, and would have loved to have the industry here, it seemed to fit in line with the industry and energy production, but didn't work out that way, and that was OK too. Brauer finished his remarks by saying growing up they didn't have dogs or cats because his mother was allergic, and when the strays came around, she would say "Don't feed them, they'll just stick around."

Brauer said his invitation to the Council was don't feed the stray cats.

Mayor Boyer thanked Brauer for speaking and wished him a Merry Christmas. Mayor Boyer also answered the question Venus Childress asked about the Town getting three bids for equipment, and said the Town went through a company called Sourcewell and asked Town Attorney Holscher to explain.

Attorney Holscher said Sourcewell was a co-op that was authorized through state statutes where municipalities and public entities participate across the country. Holscher stated they accomplished all of the requirements for bids and whatnot beforehand. Holscher also said they draw a lot more attention than the Town can, and rates tend to be more favorable than putting out a bid individually.

15) Council Business:

A) Business License No. 2026-01: Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Tyler Martin, and carried without dissent to approve business license 2026-01 Pagel Storage.

Business License No. 2026-02: Moved by Dan Sabrosky, seconded by Tyler Martin and carried without dissent to approve business license 2026-02 Motor Power Casper, Inc.

Business License No. 2026-03: Moved by Tyler Martin, seconded by Dan Sabrosky, and carried without dissent to approve business license 2026-03 Scott's Hot Shot, LLC

Business License No. 2026-04: Moved by Tim Ficken, seconded by Tyler Martin, and carried without dissent to approve business license 2026-04 Brue Investments, LLC

B) Schedule of upcoming Meetings: Mayor Boyer announced the schedule for the following meetings:

- Community Information Board Meeting, January 13, 2026 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- Budget Amendment Meeting, January 20, 2026 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

C) Miscellaneous Business:

- Councilman Tim Ficken said Wyoming Trails Alliance came out to flag the bike park project.
- Mayor Boyer stated the Council needed to plan interviews for the Council Vacancy.
- Mayor Boyer said to Director of Maintenance Dustin Smart it was time to get code enforcement up and running again in late January or February and have a person designated specifically for it.
- Mayor Boyer announced the December 16 Council meeting is their ugly sweater Council Meeting, and the Mayor invited everyone in the crowd to wear an ugly Christmas sweater too.
- **Mayor Roundup:** Mayor Boyer said he wanted to publicly thank the Fire Department for the parade, and Public Works for their work on the Christmas lights. Mayor stated the lights looked amazing, and he thanked the Town staff for helping with that too. Mayor Boyer also thanked Jan Schoolcraft for heading up the Christmas Carnival, which was amazing, he added, and was glad tons of people showed up for it. Mayor Boyer also thanked Outfitter Church for volunteering. Mayor said it felt like the Town was turning a corner and putting away the divisiveness and the hate that was brought to the surface, and they could move past their differences and see that they all fish from the same boat and were always friends.

16) Executive Session – Legal Matter: Mayor Boyer adjourned the regular session and entered Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. Moved by Tyler Martin, seconded by Dan Sabrosky, and carried without dissent to enter Executive Session.

17) Reconvene Regular Council Session: Mayor Boyer reconvened the regular session at 8:18 p.m. Moved by Tim Ficken seconded by Dan Sabrosky and carried without dissent to reconvene regular council session.

Roll call: The roll was called, which determined the presence of a quorum.

Present- Mayor, Peter Boyer. Councilmembers: Tyler Martin, Tim Ficken and Dan Sabrosky

No action was taken.

18) **Adjournment:** Moved by Tyler Martin, seconded by Tim Ficken, and carried without dissent that there being no further business for the meeting of December 2, 2025, be adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

(Respectfully Submitted by Shelly Lantz)



Peter Boyer, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)



Kalista Schwarzrock, Town Clerk-Treasurer

