



TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 17, 2026- 7:00 P.M.

1500 Palomino Avenue,

Bar Nunn, Wyoming

- 1) **Roll Call:** Mayor Peter Boyer called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called, which determined the presence of a quorum.  
**Present:** Mayor, Peter Boyer. Councilmembers: Tyler Martin, Dan Sabrosky and Joy Shain.  
**Excused:** Councilman Tim Ficken
- 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 March 3, 2026:** Moved by Joy Shain, seconded by Dan Sabrosky. The motion carried without dissent to approve the minutes for March 3, 2026.
- 4) **Payables List for March 17, 2026:** Moved by Dan Sabrosky, seconded by Tyler Martin. The motion carried without dissent to approve the payables list of March 17, 2026.
- 5) **Financial Reports: Balance Sheet, Detailed Income Statement & Trial Balance for the period ending February 2026:** Moved by Tyler Martin, seconded by Joy Shain, and carried without dissent to approve the Financial Reports for the period ending February 2026.
- 6) **Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-01: “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE”** Moved by Dan Sabrosky, seconded by Joy Shain, and carried without dissent to adopt Ordinance 2026-01.
- 7) **Attorney’s Report:** A written report was submitted. Attorney Pat Holscher was present for questions or comments from the Council.  
Mayor Peter Boyer asked if any Council members had questions regarding the report. Councilman Tyler Martin referenced the section of the report addressing animal control services and asked whether the Town was planning to change its current commitment with Metro Animal Services.

Interim Police Chief Steve Sheridan stated that he had a meeting scheduled with Metro Animal Services the following Monday to discuss the matter. He explained that the discussion would focus on what Metro was requesting and whether the establishment of the Town’s police department might affect the existing arrangement.

Councilman Martin stated that he had simply noticed the topic in the attorney’s report and wanted to ask about it.

Attorney Holscher noted that if the Town were to enter into a new agreement with Metro, it would significantly change the current arrangement.

Mayor Boyer added that the topic had originally been planned for discussion during the Police Chief’s report but could be discussed at that time if the Council preferred.

Chief Sheridan clarified that the upcoming meeting with Metro would be exploratory and would address how an updated agreement might work moving forward. Attorney Holscher reiterated that any new agreement would likely alter the Town’s relationship with Metro substantially.

Chief Sheridan stated that a key question would be whether Metro would be willing to modify the existing

agreement or whether they would require an “all-or-nothing” arrangement. If Metro required an all-or-nothing approach, the Town might need to consider pursuing other options for animal control services.

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

Mr. Catellier reported that the Town is still awaiting confirmation from the contractor regarding fabrication of the replacement roof panels for the water tank. The contractor has indicated that delays from the manufacturer may push repairs into April.

Mr. Catellier further reported that a second panel, which had already shown signs of failure, completely failed during a recent windstorm. Replacement of this panel had already been anticipated.

Mayor Peter Boyer emphasized the urgency of completing the repairs to prevent escalating damage and costs, noting the potential for the project to increase significantly if additional panels fail.

Mr. Catellier stated that while contractors understand the urgency, all are dependent on a single manufacturer for the aluminum panels. He added that temporary mitigation options were explored but are not practical or safe due to wind conditions and the difficulty of securing materials on the tank. He will continue to follow up with the contractor and stress the urgency.

Councilman Dan Sabrosky inquired about panel dimensions. Mr. Catellier estimated the triangular panels to be approximately six to seven feet wide at the base and eight to nine feet in length and stated he would confirm exact measurements.

Mr. Catellier also reported that he has been assisting Public Works with ongoing clogging issues at the Sunset Lift Station. The Town is evaluating replacement pumps capable of handling larger solids and the potential addition of a grinder system to improve performance.

- 9) **Police Department Report:** A written report was submitted. Interim Police Chief, Steve Sheridan was present for questions or comments from the Council.

Interim Police Chief Steve Sheridan provided an update on the progress of establishing the Town’s police department. He reported that a meeting has been scheduled with Metro Animal Services on Monday to discuss how the creation of the Town’s police department may impact the current animal control agreement. He noted that Metro may view the establishment of a police department as a trigger for changes to the agreement. Chief Sheridan added that the Town is also exploring alternative options, including potential coordination with Evansville, and will report back following the meeting.

Chief Sheridan reported continued progress on department startup efforts, including the anticipated arrival of a third police vehicle at the end of March or early April. He also requested to host a public meet-and-greet event on March 31 at Town Hall to provide residents with accurate information and address misinformation circulating in the community. He indicated a desire to make this a quarterly public safety outreach effort.

Chief Sheridan further reported that coordination with the Natrona County Sheriff’s Office is progressing, with plans to begin shadowing deputies once radios are received. This will allow Bar Nunn officers to begin integrating into operations ahead of full dispatch implementation, which is anticipated July 1.

Chief Sheridan discussed ongoing work to finalize department policies, which are modeled after the Sheriff’s Office with adjustments for Town operations. He noted that policies will require review and approval by Council and the Town Attorney.

Chief Sheridan presented upcoming equipment needs, including radios and body-worn cameras, noting these items are part of initial startup costs. Mayor Peter Boyer explained that funding for these purchases had been set aside in prior years as part of long-term planning for the police department and that future replacement costs would be managed through annual budget allocations to avoid large one-time expenses.

Council discussion followed regarding the need to approve the purchase of radios and body-worn cameras in order to move forward with testing and implementation timelines.

Councilman Tyler Martin moved to approve the purchase of Motorola radios in the amount of \$42,417.57 for police department startup costs. Councilwoman Joy Shain seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Councilman Dan Sabrosky moved to approve the purchase of body-worn cameras through LensLock in the amount of \$40,121. Councilwoman Shain seconded the motion. The motion carried without dissent.

Chief Sheridan also requested approval to begin establishing a Bar Nunn Police Department Facebook page and to populate the police department section of the Town's website to provide accurate and timely public information. Approval was granted by consensus.

- 10) **Fire Department Report:** A written report was submitted. Fire Chief, Eugene Zahara was present to answer questions or comments from the Council. Chief Zahara stated that the only additional update was that Brush 11-2 had been demobilized that evening from the Road 203 Fire in Nebraska and would be returning home the following day.

Chief Zahara noted that the crew has not yet been reassigned, as no new resource orders have been issued, but that conditions will continue to be monitored for potential redeployment.

He also reported that the Town of Mills has extended the assignment of their surge engine in South Dakota through the 28th. Due to staffing needs, Bar Nunn will be assisting by sending Dave Potter to serve as Engine Boss and complete the assignment rotation.

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

He noted there were no significant additional updates and confirmed that the condition of the Coleman Circle water tank roof had been addressed earlier in the Engineer's Report. He added that upon inspection, both damaged panels were found to be severely deteriorated.

Mr. Smart brought attention to the Sunset Lift Station, stating that the structure was originally constructed in 1988 and is nearing 40 years of service. He explained that while the system is currently operational, key components, including the underground bypass vault, are aging and present safety concerns, including deteriorating valves, leaks, and potential exposure to hazardous gases. He advised that the facility is approaching the end of its useful life and should be considered for replacement in future planning.

Mayor Peter Boyer acknowledged the issue and indicated that the project should be considered during the upcoming budget process. Town Engineer Ray Catellier provided a preliminary estimate of approximately \$500,000 for replacement. Discussion followed regarding funding challenges, including limited grant opportunities for sewer infrastructure.

Council discussion also included the potential for public education efforts regarding improper materials being flushed into the system. Mr. Smart emphasized that so-called "flushable wipes" do not break down and contribute to pump failures.

Mr. Catellier further noted that there are multiple lift stations of similar age within the system and recommended long-term planning for eventual replacement, though immediate replacement is not yet required for all facilities.

- 12) **Petitions and Public Comment:** Mayor Boyer opened the floor for public comment.

Jason Nobles, identifying himself as a process server with Day and Night Process Serving, addressed the Council and stated he had been instructed to serve a summons and complaint to Councilman Dan Sabrosky during the meeting. Town Attorney Pat Holscher questioned the appropriateness of serving legal documents in an open public meeting and inquired as to which attorneys had provided those instructions. Mr. Nobles identified multiple attorneys and firms. Attorney Holscher declined to accept service, and Councilman Sabrosky did not accept the documents.

Following the exchange, Mayor Boyer asked for any additional public comments pertaining to Town business.

Ken Hume addressed the Council regarding emergency preparedness communications. He stated that recent changes had transitioned efforts toward emergency operations and inquired about creating a Facebook page dedicated to public information. Mayor Boyer indicated support for the idea, with no objections from Council, noting the page should be informational only with no public commenting. Mr. Hume also reported that he had completed certification as a Natrona County volunteer and was continuing communications training. Mayor Boyer called for any further public comment. Hearing none, public comment was closed.

13) **Council Business:**

A) **Dinsolar/Nextera Presentation:** Gene Galke, Senior Project Manager with NextEra Energy, presented an update on the Dino Solar Project located west of Bar Nunn. He provided an overview of NextEra's operations, noting the company's investment in Wyoming and existing energy projects within the state, including wind and renewable developments in the region.

Mr. Galke explained that NextEra has submitted a request to amend its state industrial siting permit. The amendment includes extending the construction start deadline from March 2026 to March 2029 and reducing the project size from approximately 440 megawatts to 240 megawatts. He stated the reduction is due to increased construction costs and interconnection constraints that made the larger project not commercially viable.

Mr. Galke confirmed that the current proposal reflects the original Phase 1 project footprint and does not expand beyond previously approved boundaries. He addressed several considerations, including Bar Nunn's growth boundary, the planned West Winds Road extension, and battery storage safety. He noted that adjustments are being explored within the project boundary to accommodate potential future Town expansion, including possible reconfiguration of solar panel placement.

Mr. Galke also discussed impact assistance funding, stating that while project timing delays will postpone related payments to local entities, the total funding allocation remains in place, with flexibility to address increased costs through the state process.

He provided an overview of the battery storage component, explaining that the system will include safety features such as thermal management, fire detection, automatic shutdown capabilities, and 24/7 monitoring both onsite and remotely. He noted that NextEra is coordinating with local fire agencies and plans to provide additional battery safety training.

Mayor Peter Boyer and Council discussed potential impacts to future Town expansion areas west of Bar Nunn. Councilman Dan Sabrosky confirmed areas currently under consideration for development, and Mayor Boyer emphasized the importance of preserving long-term growth opportunities. Town Attorney Pat Holscher inquired about accommodations for the planned West Winds Road extension, which Mr. Galke confirmed had been incorporated into project planning.

Councilwoman Joy Shain asked for clarification regarding project acreage given the reduced project size. Mr. Galke explained that the current layout reflects the original Phase 1 footprint, with Phase 2 no longer included.

Mr. Galke concluded the presentation and offered to provide additional information as needed.

B) **Regional Water Report:** Councilman Dan Sabrosky reported on current regional water conditions, noting that ongoing drought conditions have raised concerns about potential water restrictions. He stated that Regional Water has been actively evaluating the situation, including water rights and available supply.

Councilman Sabrosky advised that if restrictions are implemented, they are expected to occur prior to the end of May and would likely apply to large-scale water users, such as irrigation districts. He indicated that, at this time, restrictions on residential water use within member communities are not anticipated.

He further noted that multiple memos from the State Engineer's Office, Regional Water, and HDR Engineering have been provided for Council review. These documents outline reservoir levels, water rights considerations, and overall system capacity. He stated that the State Engineer's Office is closely monitoring the situation.

Councilman Sabrosky concluded that, based on current information, significant restrictions on individual residential use are unlikely, though continued monitoring will be necessary.

- C) **Police Department Discussion:** Mayor **Peter Boyer** opened discussion regarding the appointment of a full-time Police Chief, stating the Town has reached a point where a decision is necessary to move forward with full operations. Town Attorney Pat Holscher advised that a formal written resolution would be required.

Interim Police Chief Steve Sheridan outlined three options for Council consideration: appoint him as full-time Chief, advertise the position for candidates, or continue with the interim role. Mayor Boyer emphasized the need to make a decision in order to proceed with upcoming timelines, including hiring part-time officers beginning May 1 and a planned July 1 operational start.

Council discussion followed. Councilwoman Joy Shain expressed that, based on her observations, Chief Sheridan has demonstrated competence in the role. Councilman Tyler Martin voiced strong support, citing Chief Sheridan's performance, transparency, strong stewardship, and community engagement. Councilman Dan Sabrosky stated that while he previously had reservations about establishing a police department, Chief Sheridan's community policing approach addressed those concerns and earned his support.

Mayor Boyer also expressed support, noting the Town's evolving public safety needs and Chief Sheridan's performance.

Council reached consensus to move forward with appointing Chief Sheridan as full-time Police Chief. Mayor Boyer directed Attorney Holscher to prepare a resolution for consideration at the next meeting.

- D) **4<sup>th</sup> of July Discussion:** Mayor Peter Boyer opened discussion regarding 4th of July fireworks planning, stating that Bar Nunn and Mills are currently planning to coordinate their displays simultaneously, while Casper is considering a staggered schedule.

Fire Chief Eugene Zahara expressed concerns regarding adequate staffing and resource availability, particularly given wildfire risk and unpredictable conditions. He noted that while commercial displays are generally safe, private fireworks use throughout the community presents a greater concern. He advised that weather and fuel conditions may require cancellation or rescheduling.

Mayor Boyer acknowledged these concerns and stated plans remain flexible, with continued coordination among agencies.

Discussion followed regarding designating Antelope Park as a controlled area for residents to discharge personal fireworks. Chief Zahara and Interim Police Chief Steve Sheridan emphasized the need for structure, safety measures, and enforcement presence. Town Attorney Pat Holscher advised that liability waivers and event insurance would be appropriate.

Chief Zahara reported that Mr. McMurry is willing to lease adjacent property for the event, contingent upon insurance coverage. Mayor Boyer directed Attorney Holscher to obtain an event insurance quote and work with staff on leasing arrangements.

Council supported continued planning with an emphasis on safety, coordination, and further development of a controlled public fireworks area.

E) **Council Miscellaneous:** Mayor Peter Boyer addressed the attempted service of legal documents during the meeting, noting that the matter appeared to involve Councilman Dan Sabrosky and a private party. He stated that introducing a personal legal matter during a public council meeting was inappropriate and disruptive to Town business.

Mayor Boyer then asked if there were any additional items for discussion.

Councilman Tyler Martin provided an update on the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for March 28 at 10:30 a.m., noting that the location would be confirmed and communicated to the public. He added that additional activities, such as popcorn and bounce houses, were being considered.

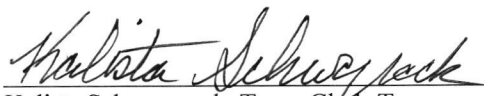
- 14) **Executive Session – Legal Mater:** Mayor Boyer adjourned the regular council meeting and entered Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. Dan Sabrosky moved to enter executive session, Joy Shain seconded, and the motion carried without dissent.
- 15) **Reconvene Regular Council Meeting:** Mayor Boyer reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:38 p.m. Joy Shain moved to reconvene the regular council meeting, Tyler Martin seconded, and the motion carried without dissent. No action was taken.  
**Present:** Mayor, Peter Boyer. Councilmembers: Tyler Martin, Dan Sabrosky, and Joy Shain.  
**Excused:** Councilman Tim Ficken
- 16) **Adjournment:** Moved by Joy Shain, seconded by Tyler Martin, and carried without dissent that there being no further business for the meeting of March 17, 2026, adjourned at 8:39 P.M.



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Peter Boyer, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)



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Kalista Schwarzrock, Town Clerk-Treasurer

