

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BURLINGTON  
COUNTY OF KIT CARSON  
STATE OF COLORADO  
Community Building  
340 S 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
6:30 pm  
September 12, 2016

Mayor Dale Franklin called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

**1 The roll call of members was read and those answering were:**

Kamron Weisshaar

Mark Burghart

Harold McNerney

Rod Murray

Absent: Beth Crites, Mike Halde

Staff/Officials:

James Bradley, City Administrator

Veronica Boyles, City Treasurer

Shelly Clark, City Clerk

Tim Ellis, Public Works

Barry Romans, Police

Also:

Donn Witzel

Stan Murphy

Ken Simmons

**2 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3 Consent Agenda Items**

*Any consent agenda item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Business if discussion is desired. Otherwise, one motion will pass all items.*

Approval of the bills.

**MOTION** by McNerney, second by Burghart to approve the bills.

Those yea: Burghart, Weisshaar, McNerney, Murray

Those nay:

**Motion passes.**

**4 Public Comments-** Ken Simmons asked if the City has an ordinance that addresses parking too close to stop signs. Simmons also shared with Council that the speed limit requirements within the City are not being followed.

**5 Departments**

**A. Administrator- James Bradley-** Report is in the packet. Shared with Council that Public Works purchased a used vehicle with money generated from sale of surplus equipment at an auction. Shared with Council a draft of the grant for the water project. Bradley told Council it is time-sensitive and needs to be adopted by the next Council meeting. He also shared with Council that there are new labor laws that will take effect on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. We have a few employees affected by this change. Bradley would like to address this during the budget talks.

**B. Clerk- Shelly Clark-** Report is in the packet.

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**C. Treasurer- Veronica Boyles**-Report is in the packet.

**6 Work Session Topics**

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

**A.** Discussion on appointing new Board of Adjustment and Appeals members.

Bradley shared with Council that the current Board of Adjustment and Appeals members have been on the board for many years. Bradley told Council it is up to them to appoint new members. Clark shared that we currently have six members and two of those would stay on for another cycle. Council can nominate members. Clark shared that we have had around four meetings a year. Clark was asked by a member of the Board why we have a Planning and Zoning Commission and a Board of Adjustment and Appeals and if they could be combined.

Mayor Franklin asked Bradley and Clark to discuss this with Grinnan to see if we could combine the BAA and Planning and Zoning. No action taken.

**B.** Donn Witzel inquired about the Old Black Hills building at 2296 Martin Avenue.

Bradley informed Council that Donn Witzel had approached him about trading the property at 2296 Martin Avenue for the property that he owns next to Health and Human Services. Bradley shared with Council that Ellis would like to keep the building to have the Water Department. Bradley told Witzel that Council would have to make that decision. Witzel shared with Council the lot is 2100 square feet. He acquired the property on a trade with the County and he has had no use for the lot. Discussion on property. Bradley asked if there are utilities on the property. Witzel said water and sewer and everything is there. Clark asked if there are utility lines that run across the property. Witzel shared the water for the tree runs along the west side. Clark had been told that a utility line runs through that property. Witzel stated that the property that Clark is thinking of is further down the street. Weisshaar feels if we are going to keep the property we need to find a use for it. Bradley knows that the Public Works would like to use the building, but he wants to stay neutral. Clark would like to see us keep the building for the Public Works. Murray feels if we are short on storage we need to utilize this building. Weisshaar and Burghart both feel we should keep the building. Franklin told Witzel that the City will be keeping the building and thanked him for the offer.

**C.** Discussion of police recruitment for 2017.

Romans shared with Council that he is having a hard time recruiting officers and keeping them. Romans would like to send a local person to Flat Rock Training Academy and have the City pay the cost for this training. The City would require



this person to sign a contract to guarantee they will stay with the City for a set number of years. Romans also feels we need to increase the pay for the officers. Bradley agrees we need to look at the wages for the entire City. Romans asked Council if we could send two people to the training starting in January. Discussion on vehicles for the Police Department. Mayor Franklin told Romans and Bradley to have Grinnan draft a contract. Franklin asked about the cost of ammunition for the training. Romans will draft a proposal with the cost per officer and present it at the next meeting.

**7 REPORTS AND COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

- A. Mayor Dale Franklin- Friday, Bradley received a text from a Council member upset about a purchase that was made. Franklin shared with Council that if they have a concern with something of this nature they need to address the Mayor. Bradley apologized to the Council if he offended anyone. He felt we had the opportunity to purchase a decent vehicle for a price we could afford. Weisshaar feels we need to follow the policies that are in place and not make special exception. Bradley asked if he needs to contact the Council or just the Mayor on all purchases. Bradley shared that the Mayor is the only one who can give him a directive. Bradley asked that we keep it professional. Bradley told Council he is professional and he is asking for the same respect. Weisshaar feels Bradley should contact the Mayor, so he has someone backing him. Bradley stated that he will contact the Mayor on purchases over \$5000.00, which is what is stated in the ordinances. Mayor Franklin shared that the unprofessional part occurred when Bradley received a text after hours when it could have waited until the next business day.
- B. Mike Halde- Absent
- C. Mark Burghart.
- D. Kamron Weisshaar
- E. Beth Crites- Absent
- F. Harold McNerney
- G. Rod Murray

**8 MOTION** by Burghart, second by McNerney to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM.

Those yea: Burghart, Weisshaar, McNerney, Murray

**Those nay:**

**Motion passes.**

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Dale Franklin, Mayor

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