

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL
BAR NUNN, WYOMING

A Special Meeting of the Town of Bar Nunn Town Council was held on Monday, July 25, 2016, 6:00 P.M., at 4820 N. Wardwell Industrial Avenue, Bar Nunn, Wyoming.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Ford.

The roll was taken by Carol Pendley, Clerk. Those present were Mayor Patrick Ford, Councilmembers Teri Kelly, Josh Brown, Robert Hoover and Steven Clark.

Mayor Ford led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Kelly made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting for the purpose of opening a public hearing. Councilman Brown seconded and motion was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Councilman Hoover made a motion to Open a Public Hearing seconded by Councilman Clark. Motion was unanimous.

Mayor Ford asked for the roll to be taken. Mayor Ford and all Councilmembers were present.

Mayor Ford declared the Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing comment for and against allowing chickens in the Town of Bar Nunn was now open.

Mayor Ford called for anyone to speak in favor of chickens in Bar Nunn.

Residents on Palomino Avenue, Mandan Trail, Antelope Drive and Sioux Trails End spoke in favor of having chickens in Bar Nunn, even though some expressed no desire to have them. Reasons cited for having them were fresh eggs, as pets, 4-H Projects, teaching children responsibility in caring for animals and pets, and as a food source when hens are too old to lay eggs. Residents also spoke of sharing eggs with neighbors who did not have chickens.

A resident from Antelope Drive spoke against having chickens. She stated chickens don't belong in Town, they get diseases and if coops are not properly maintained they stink.

Additional items discussed in relation to having chickens allowed were conditions under which they can be kept, numbers allowed, enforcement responsibility for not adhering to proper care, and responsibility of homeowners to research whether their lot is

under covenants (which run with the land) which do not allow chickens. Metro Animal Control would be the source for dealing with living conditions and care concerns/complaints.

It was stated it is a property owner's responsibility to research the rules and regulations of their property.

Mayor Ford took a poll of all people present to see who, by show of hands, were for or against chickens. The majority (17) were for and (2) against. Mayor Ford then called twice more for those who wished to speak in favor of chickens. There were none.

Mayor Ford call twice more for those who wished to speak against having chickens. There were none.

Councilmember Kelly made a motion seconded by Councilman Brown to close the Public Hearing. Motion was unanimous.

Public Hearing Closed.

Councilman Hoover made a motion to reconvene the Special Council Meeting of the Town of Bar Nunn. Roll call indicated Mayor Ford and all Councilmembers were present.

Mayor Ford called for Council discussion on chickens.

Councilman Brown clarified if the Casper Ordinance was to be used for drafting a Bar Nunn Ordinance, Casper's ordinance does not allow butchering of chickens within the city limits. This and other concerns can be addressed during the readings of an ordinance.

Councilman Hoover asked if the current 3 pet limit currently a part of Bar Nunn Ordinances would be affected with chicken numbers. Attorney Stedillie said it would not, as chickens are not classified as domesticated animals such as dogs, cats, ferrets. Chickens are considered poultry not livestock.

Councilman Hoover would like Attorney Stedillie to research covenants and rules for vacating them within Bar Nunn. There was a brief discussion among attendants and Councilmembers and what is considered to be the definition and application of covenants.

Councilmember Kelly is not against chickens although would not be raising any, and lives on a lot with covenants prohibiting it.

Councilman Clark has no issue with chickens and stated he would not be raising them.

Mayor Ford is not against chickens in Bar Nunn as long as they are maintained properly. The only issue as a homeowner would be if a neighbor chose not to maintain chickens properly and created health and cleanliness issues.

Councilman Brown is not against having chickens in Bar Nunn and would not be raising any. Councilman Brown also cited current Bar Nunn Ordinances already address cruelty and adverse living conditions for animals and would pertain to chickens.

Councilman Hoover clarified his request for research into covenants would not be a condition for not moving forward with an ordinance for chickens.

Councilman Hoover made a motion to proceed with the drafting of an ordinance, based on the City of Casper Ordinance, to allow chickens in Bar Nunn. Motion was seconded by Councilman Clark and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss pertaining to this Special Meeting, Councilmember Kelly made a motion seconded by Councilman Hoover to adjourn. Motion was unanimous.

Special Council Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m., July 25, 2016.

Patrick R. Ford, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Carol Pendley, Clerk Treasurer