

CITY OF BUCHANAN

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

April 6, 2021

Mayor: AJ Scott.

Council Members: Stanley Freeland, Teresa Barger, Kendall Holderfield, and Angie Hood were present.

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor and Interim Police Chief David Ratner

Mayor Scott: Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to approve the agenda. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for March 30, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for March 30, 2021. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Library Update: Jana Gentry not present.

Main Street Representative- Tina Southern: The Buchanan Easter egg hunt had a great turnout. The Buchanan Police Department, the Haralson County Fire Department, the Haralson County Sheriffs Office, local churches, and other organizations volunteered at the Easter egg hunt. The Buchanan Beautification Committee was awarded a plaque at the Keep Haralson Beautiful Award ceremony for their successful work. The plaque will hang in the Buchanan City Hall lobby. The Buchanan Beautification committee is also starting a new fundraiser called Flocking and Flagging. A citizen can pay \$25 to have another citizen's yard Flocked and Flagged. They will decorate the chosen yard with pink flamingos and American flags and hand a sign on the door explaining the fundraiser. If any citizen does not want to be Flocked and Flagged again, they can purchase insurance for \$10. The Buchanan Beautification committee will start meeting the third Thursday of each month at the City Hall at 6:00 PM.

Departmental Updates-

Public Works Director- Heath Lee: Not present. Mr. Heath Lee had to attend a meeting in the County. Mayor Scott updates council on budget preparation.

Interim Police Chief David Ratner: Updates on crime report and citations. There have been about 90 tickets written, 16 arrest, 16 warrants taken, and 6 of those cases were drug related. The code enforcement officer has been monitoring properties that are in violation and has cited the owners.

City Clerk- Sherry Taylor: Updates council on Budget preparation. Also, updated the council on the new clerks' class in June.

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to go into executive session for personnel. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to go into executive session for personnel. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session-Personnel

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to come out of executive session for personnel. Angie Hood made a motion to come out of executive session for personnel. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Teresa Barger: Made a motion to amend the agenda to include a new item that has become necessary to include throughout the course of this meeting, the appointment of the new Police Chief. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Angie Hood abstained.

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to appoint the new Police Chief of Buchanan. Stanley Freeland made a motion to appoint the new Police Chief as Mr. Brent Christopher. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Kendall Holderfield abstained.

Adjourn:

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland made a motion to adjourn. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried with 4-0.