

CITY OF BUCHANAN

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

March 9, 2021

Mayor: AJ Scott.

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

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Interim Police Chief David Ratner, Public Works Director Heath Lee.

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 with a suggested change to add executive session pertaining personnel and legal and vote to appoint planning commission board members. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda with the suggested change to add executive session pertaining personnel and legal and vote to appoint planning commission board members. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for February 9, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for February 9, 2021. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Kendall Holderfield was absent for February 9th, 2021 meeting.

Library Update: Jana Gentry not present.

Library Discussion: Jana Gentry not present. Tabled until next meeting.

Main Street Representative- Tina Southern: The easter egg hunt will be April 3rd, 2021 at noon at the ballfields near the Buchanan Elementary school. There will be crafts, foods, and activities at no cost. Local churches and businesses have volunteering to help. The Buchanan beautification committee is still advertising for adopt-a-pole to help beautify Buchanan. There are approximately 22 poles in Buchanan that are available to be decorated. The Buchanan Beautification cookbooks will be ready to be sold at the Spring Fling for \$12 each. The Buchanan Beautification committee is also looking for a new place to have their meetings.

Annexation- Korea Street: Heath Lee updates the council on the annexation of a piece of property on Korea Street. Once the annexation paperwork has been filled out, then we will work with the lawyer to get the process going.

Cemetery: Updates council on cemetery rates and regulations. Heath Lee presents the council with suggested rates and regulations for the cemetery. The council discusses the

problems that the City has had so far with inside and outside rates. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to approve cemetery rates with the exception that the council will revisit the rates later. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to approve the cemetery rates with the exception that the council will revisit the rates later. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Water Rates: Mayor Scott asks for a motion to approve water rates to increase inside residents .32 cents per thousand to not include sewer rates if the system allows us to do so and increase outside and governmental rates by .50 cents per thousand with the sewer remaining the same. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the water rates to increase residents .32 cents per thousand to not include sewer rates if the system allows us to do so and increase outside and governmental rates by .50 cents per thousand with the sewer remaining the same. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. 3-0. Stanley Freeland abstained.

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to go into executive session for personnel and legal. Angie Hood made a motion to go into executive session for legal and personnel. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session: Personnel and Legal

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

Departmental Updates-

Public Works Director- Heath Lee: No update currently.

Interim Police Chief David Ratner: Updates on crime report and citations. There have been about 79 new cases and 112 citations written this month. The code enforcement officer has been monitoring the property on First Avenue and College Circle. He has reported that the violations have been getting better.

City Clerk- Sherry Taylor: Updates council on the audit and financial reports.

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to elect Patty Hutcheson, Kim Scott, and Pete Ewing to the planning commission. Stanley Freeland made a motion to elect Patty Hutcheson, Kim Scott, and Pete Ewing to the planning committee. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn:

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to adjourn. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to adjourn. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried with 3-0.

