

CITY OF BUCHANAN

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

May 11, 2021

Mayor: AJ Scott.

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

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor and Police Chief Brent Christopher

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 change to move cemetery bids after executive session. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda with a change to move cemetery bids after executive session. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for April 6, 2021 and April 27th, 2021. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the minutes for April 6th, 2021 and April 27th, 2021. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Library Update: Jana Gentry not present. City Clerk Sherry Taylor presented library update for Jana Gentry. The library has been preparing for the Spring Fair on the Square and the 5K run for the books this Saturday, May 15th. Most of their time has been dedicated to plans for their summer reading. The plans include lots of outdoor fun and many tales to share with young patrons. They are also excited to be apart of the State fund program called BEANSTACK, which allows families to enjoy a virtual summer reading program. Mrs. Jana Gentry

Main Street Representative- Tina Southern: The Buchanan beatification committee has been busy. The Flocking and Flagging fundraiser has been successful. They have raised a little over \$1, 000 for the Library. The cookbooks are in and will be sold at the Spring Fair on the Square for \$12 a book. The committee has planted and cleaned up around the square for the Spring event this Saturday. The next upcoming Buchanan Beautification Committee meeting is May 20th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Buchanan. They encourage everyone to come to the Memorial Day service May 31, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Center Baptist Church. They are also working on the Courthouse Landscaping project and will set up a big work day to finish the project up within a month.

Sherry Taylor: Asks council to excuse her from the meeting.

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to go into executive session for land acquisition and personnel. Stanley Freeland made a motion to go into executive session for land

acquisition and personnel. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session- Land acquisition and Personnel

Mayor Scott: Asks for a motion to come out of executive session for land acquisition and personnel. Stanley Freeland made a motion to come out of executive session for land acquisition and personnel. Kendall Holderfeild seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Dumpster Purchase Approval: Stanley Freeland made a motion to purchase 5 dumpsters not to exceed \$6,000. Angie Hood 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 increase of police base pay. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Kendall Holderfield: Made a motion to increase the current police base pay to \$1.70 per hour. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Departmental Updates-

Public Works Director- Heath Lee: Not present. Mr. Heath Lee is in Jekyll Island for training.

Interim Police Chief David Ratner: Updates on crime report and citations. They are still working on getting quality personnel in the department. Thanks the council for the base pay raise.

City Clerk- Sherry Taylor: No update.

Cemetery Bids: Angie Hood made a motion to ask Heath Lee to contact the lowest bid for a 6 month contact until December 31, 2021. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn:

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