

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of the Work Session
January 23rd, 2023

Mayor: AJ Scott.

Council Members: Kendall Holderfield, Angie Hood, Stanley Freeland, and Steve Holcombe were present.

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Public Works Director Heath Lee, and Chief Brent Christopher.

Rick Martin: Mr. Martin discussed his concerns to the mayor and council concerning the new zoning ordinance not allowing farm animals, overgrown kudzu, and no visible fire hydrants located near his house. Mr. Martin asked the council to consider allowing property owners to have goats, horses, and hens. The council did not have any questions at that time.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott informed Mr. Martin that the council will review and discuss his concerns and will get back in touch with him.

Heath Lee: Mr. Lee informed the council that there are two fire hydrants located near Mr. Martin's home. There is one on Tallapoosa Street and one on Warehouse Street that will be available to reach his house in case of an emergency.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked Mrs. Taylor to research the Kudzu ordinance and see what can be done. He also asked Mr. Lee to paint the fire hydrants so they can be easily seen by the public.

Jana Gentry-Library: Mrs. Gentry informed the council of the upcoming events at the library and handed out the monthly flyer. The library has a new therapy dog from CAREing Paws, Barnaby. Children can come and read to him on the fourth Monday of each month. Mrs. Gentry is also making plans for the summer Reading program.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
January 23rd, 2023

Mayor: AJ Scott.

Council Members: Kendall Holderfield, Angie Hood, Stanley Freeland, and Steve Holcombe were present.

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Public Works Director Heath Lee, and Chief Brent Christopher.

Mayor Scott: Calls the meeting to order. The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stanley Freeland.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked 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: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for December 20th, 2022. Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve the minutes for December 20th, 2022. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem: Mr. Scott asked the council for any nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Steve Holcombe nominated Stanley Freeland as Mayor Pro Tem. There were no other nominations. Steve Holcombe made the motion to nominate Stanley Freeland as Mayor Pro Tem. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Stanley Freeland abstained. Motion carried 3-0.

Qualifying Fee: Mrs. Taylor asked the council to approve the qualifying fees set by state regulations. The qualifying fee for each council seat will be \$60 and the mayor's seat will be \$120. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the qualifying fees as presented. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Computers for Administration: Mrs. Taylor reminded the council that they had previously voted on the purchase of computers and chairs not to exceed \$5,000. However, the computers for administration have been quoted higher than expected and we will not be able to purchase computers and chairs not to exceed \$5,000. Mrs. Taylor presented three quotes to the council and recommended they approve the bid from Absolute Consulting with a three-year warranty and bigger monitors.

Brent Christoher: Mr. Christopher also informed the council that he received a quote for a used computer and a hard drive to back up body cam footage. Mr. Christopher informed the council that he would rather go with Mrs. Sherry's quote for a new computer and add the hard drive to it.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked the council to approve the purchase of computers for administration in the amount of \$4,710.00 that will be purchased from city SPLOST funds and the purchase of a computer and hard drive for the Police department in the amount of \$1,935.00 that will be purchased from their funds. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the purchase of computers as presented. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Departmental Updates

Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor informed the council that the tax sale for Buchanan will be February 7th, 2023. A lot of the back taxes have been paid and hopefully everyone remaining on the list will pay before the tax sale in February.

Brent Christopher: Mr. Christopher informed the council that the patrol car has been fixed and sent to the dealership to get checked. The car passed all inspections and can be back on the road. Mr. Whitfield discussed the outcomes of the GOHS road check and gave the council statistics. All officers are now field sobriety trained and they all have been working speed detection on 27 to decrease speeding and potential wrecks.

Heath Lee: Mr. Lee informed the council that the contract will be ready this week for USDA. The preconstruction meeting will be scheduled next, and the mayor can sign off on that. The insurance company will be sending a check for \$29,000 for the replacement of the tractor. The department will have to add extra funds to replace the tractor with a new tractor. The county has been discussing the increase on water, sewer, and trash. This will affect the city since we buy our water from the county. Mr. Lee informed the council that the city may have to gradually increase their costs over the next couple of months. Mr. Lee asked the council to approve the removal of trees on Dodson Street for \$4,000.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked the council to amend the agenda to add the approval of the removal of trees on Dodson Street for \$4,000. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to amend the agenda to add the approval of the removal of trees on Dodson Street for \$4,000. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Removal of Trees: Mr. Lee asked the council to approve the removal of trees on Dodson Street for \$4,000. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to approve the removal of trees on Dodson Street for \$4,000. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to go into executive session for legal, land acquisition, and personnel. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to go into executive session for legal, land acquisition, and personnel. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session-Legal, Land Acquisition, and Personnel

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

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add the approval of purchasing new chairs. Angie Hood made a motion to amend the agenda to add the approval of purchasing new chairs. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor asked the council to approve the purchase of 6 chairs. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the purchase of 6 chairs not to exceed \$2,000. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

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

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