

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of the Work Session**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 Interim Chief Charles Wood.

**Mary Jarell:** Mary Jarell represented the Friends of the Library as she requested funding in the amount of \$13,000 for 2023-2024 Salaries. The library offers many services and without proper funding, the library cannot continue to operate.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott thanked them for coming and told them the budget is being reviewed.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

**Adjourn**

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**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
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**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 Interim Chief Charles Wood.

**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 amend the agenda by adding a vote to sell the dog kennel after Tina Southern. Angie Hood made a motion to amend the agenda. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Jana Gentry-Library:** Not present.

**Tina Southern-Main Street Representative:** Mrs. Southern updated the council on the Buchanan Beautification Meeting that will be held at City Hall at 6 p.m. She welcomed anyone that is available to attend. The committee is also working on organizing a clean-up day around the square to get ready for the Spring Fling on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9 a.m. The Spring Fling is May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Donny and Patricia Rainey will be the Grand Marshalls for the parade. They have been working with Mayor Scott and Rhonda Holcombe to get the flags purchased to mount around the square. The Historical Society is covering the costs. Mrs. Southern is also working with Mr. Lee and the Historical Society to get the historical sign set up at the old wooden bridge.

**Dog Kennel:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to sell the Dog Kennel for 70 percent of what the city bought it for and if it is over the threshold Mr. Scott asked for a motion to auction it off. Steve Holcombe made a motion to sell the Dog Kennel for 70 percent of what the city bought it for and if it is over the threshold, Mr. Scott asked for a motion to auction it off. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Keith Worthan:** Mr. Worthan introduced himself to the council as the owner of Buchanan City Pizza and Wings. He congratulated Mrs. Taylor on 15 years of service to the city. He began discussing his concerns of the grease trap regulations that the City enforces. Mr. Worthan said he had to install an inground grease trap before opening his business and wants to ensure that all businesses are treated equally when regulating grease traps.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott suggested that Mr. Worthan and Mr. Lee sit down and discuss the ordinance regulating grease traps within the city. Mr. Worthan agreed. He also stated that the city does not have an ordinance enforcing dynamic breaking from log trucks through town and would like to see one created.

**Donny Boswell:** Mr. Boswell asked about the Infra-Metals Project.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott informed the public that they have broken ground. Infra-Metals will have 120 jobs available at the time of completion.

### **Departmental Updates**

**Public Works Director Heath Lee:** Mr. Lee informed the council that he is working with Infra-Metals to discuss their land disturbance permits, sewer, and water. He finished looking through the subdivision plans on Carrollton Street and will be getting those sent back over to Greg Dewberry. The maintenance building will be delivered on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Interim Police Chief Charles Wood:** Mr. Wood updated the council on crime and statistics.

**City Clerk Sherry Taylor:** Mrs. Taylor informed the council that the administration office has been working with the auditors to discuss the upcoming audit. The new computers are being installed. Mrs. Taylor thanked the council for allowing them to be purchased.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to go into executive session for legal and personnel. Stanley Freeland made a motion to go into executive session for legal and personnel. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Executive Session-Legal and Personnel**

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked 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.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott updated the council on the new houses on Carrollton Street, all three houses have been sold. They are also on the final steps of starting the building of the 14 houses on Carrollton Street as well. Mr. Scott and Mr. Lee will be attending the North Georgia Water Resources Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Scott will also be meeting with Drew Furgeson to discuss additional funding resources.

**Sherry Taylor:** Mrs. Taylor informed the council that there will be a sign demonstration Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to show us their work.

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

### **Adjourn**