

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
August 21st, 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 Police Chief David Ratner.

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. Stanley Freeland 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 June 26th, 2023. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the minutes for June 26th, 2023. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Jana Gentry-Library: Mrs. Gentry spoke at the work session.

Tina Southern-Main Street Representative: Mrs. Southern spoke at the work session.

Letter of Support to Water Shed to handle future water need of the County: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the presented letter of support to Governor Kemp. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the letter of support to Governor Kemp. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Adjourn

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Tina Southern-Mainstreet Representative: The Buchanan Beautification Committee will have a meeting at City Hall on August 24th at 6:00 p.m. The committee will work with the historical society on the Annual Fried Pie Festival, the Pumpkin Caper, and the Christmas festivities. The committee will also host a fundraiser dinner at Hawkiis Farm in Buchanan. Tickets can be purchased through the Buchanan Beautification Committee. Mr. Scott reminded the clerk to make sure there are no meetings scheduled during October and November due to early voting and the election.

Departmental Updates

Heath Lee-Public Works Director: Mr. Lee updated Mrs. Southern on the Historical sign for the old wooden bridge. He also updated the council on the Maintenance Building. They plan on having a grand opening and ribbon cutting on September 1st around 11:00-1:00p.m. The scheduled paving projects will start around the middle of September and the public works crew will be working on getting ready for the Fried Pie Festival.

David Ratner-Police Chief: Mr. Ratner introduced two new officers to the mayor and council, Tiffany Creel and Mark Riley. He updated the council on crime and statistics. The department has an increase of 230 calls compared to last year.

Sherry Taylor-City Clerk: The final 2021-2022 Audit report has been completed. The clerk's office has begun working on the 2022-2023 Audit. Mrs. Taylor also informed the council that she has been working on the Election. Qualifying is this week and the city has already had three candidates qualify. The clerk's office has also been working on setting the millage rate. The current millage rate is 4.636. The rollback rate is 4.135. The city plans on rolling the millage rate back to ensure there will be no property tax increase for the citizens.

Jeff and Gina Burrand: Jeff and Gina Burrand presented the council with their concerns on 10 Macedonia Church Circle. They had purchased the land under the impression that they would be able to move in a mobile home. The council suggested the Burrands to set up a meeting with the zoning chairman to discuss what they could build on the property. They denied the meeting and stated that they could not build.

Jana Gentry: Mrs. Gentry updated the council on the library. They had a great summer reading program, enjoyed giving away 4 grand prizes-one for each age group, and had a great turnout at Monday's Story Time. They are excited to see lots of new books coming into the library and happy to have new partnerships. The Friends of the library will be selling tickets for the Annual Brown Bag BBQ. This event will be on Friday, September 15th between 10a.m. and 6 p.m.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn