

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Special Called Meeting**  
**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** 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 Mayor Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the minutes for September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Appointment of Council Member:** Mr. Scott announced that there is a council seat that is currently vacant. Mr. Scott asked for a motion to appoint Sterling Moore to fill Kendall Holderfield's position on the Buchanan City Council. Stanley Freeland made a motion to appoint Sterling Moore to fill Kendall Holderfield's position. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Judge Hulsey:** Judge Hulsey administered the oath of office to Sterling Moore.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott welcomed Sterling Moore to the council.

**Marcy Heath:** Mrs. Heath informed the council that there has been an increase in insurance this year. Mrs. Heath presented the council with several bids and suggested that the council stay with the current carrier. Mayor Scott asked for a motion to accept the Standard In-Network plan presented. Angie Hood made a motion to accept the Standard In-Network plan. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0. Angie Hood amended the motion to add the approval to stay with the current carriers for dental, vision, and life insurance.

**Buchanan Drugs Variance:** Casey from Buchanan Drugs informed the council that they are wanting to add medical cannabis products to their store that Georgia has legalized. They have spoken with the pastors around the drug store as well as many other pastors and citizens in the area. They have had no opposition from the surrounding pastors. It would take around 3 months to finish this process to get started. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the variance for Buchanan Drugs. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0. The city attorney will write up a resolution for this variance.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott and the council presented Stanley Freeland with a plaque recognizing his time served with the City of Buchanan as a Council member and Mayor Pro-Tem.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stanley Freeland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourn**