

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of the Work Session
January 29th, 2024

Mayor: AJ Scott.

Council Members: Angie Hood, Steve Holcombe, Sterling Moore, and Ron Moser were present.

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Public Works Director Heath Lee, and Police Chief David Ratner.

Honorable Judge Hulsey: Judge Hulsey administered the oath of office to Ron Moser.

State and County Candidates: Mr. Ivey, Mr. Bearden, and Mr. Ridley presented the council and public with their reasons for candidacy.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

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Council Members: Angie Hood, Steve Holcombe, Sterling Moore, and Ron Moser were present.

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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 amend and approve the agenda by adding a discussion to purchase a public works truck. Angie Hood made a motion to amend and approve the agenda by adding a discussion to purchase a public works truck. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for November 28th, 2023. Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve the minutes for November 28th, 2023. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Jana Gentry-Library: Mrs. Gentry updated the council on the library. They are continuing to work on the materials weeding project, which should wrap up in a month or two. They have also been working with a new materials vendor since they have been experiencing delivery issues in the past. In January, they enjoyed construction day, lego day and reading with Barnaby, the CAREing Paws dog.

Tina Southern-Main Street Representative: Mrs. Southern updated the council on the upcoming events for the city. They will be having a meeting on February 5th at 6:00 p.m. to encourage business owners and civic organizations to help better Buchanan. They will be working on planning the upcoming events that are in the City. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will need to be planned also. The Historical Society has turned over the Spring fair on the Square to the City of Buchanan/Buchanan Beautification Committee. The money that is made off the Spring fair on the Square will be used to purchase new Christmas Lights that go on the power poles around the City. Mrs. Southern will review the Spring Fair on the Square folder to see what kind of up-front expense that the City will need to cover.

Mayor Pro Tem: Mr. Scott asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Angie Hood nominated Steve Holcombe. Sterling Moore also nominates Steve Holcombe. Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve Steve Holcombe as the Mayor Pro Tem. Angie Hood made a motion to nominate Steve Holcombe as the Mayor Pro Tem. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Steve Holcombe abstained.

Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Ordinance: Mrs. Taylor explained that one of the changes with this ordinance is the age that employees are required to take their

retirement. Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the adoption of the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Agreement. Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve the adoption of the Georgia Employees Benefit System Agreement. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Zoning Map Update: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the updated zoning map. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the updated zoning map. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Budget 2023-2024 Amendment: Mrs. Taylor asked the council to table the budget amendment until the next council meeting. The General fund is complete; however, we are still reviewing the Water fund.

Purchase of Public Works Vehicle: Mr. Lee presented the council with a quote to purchase a 2024 2500 Heavy Duty GMC truck for \$46,800. The truck will be purchased from TSPLOST. Mr. Lee informed the council that they have approximately \$76,000 in TSPLOST. This vehicle will be used for roads and streets. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the purchase of the quoted truck for \$46,800. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Departmental Updates:

Public Works Director, Heath Lee: Mr. Lee updated the council on the public works department. They have had some infiltration in sewer lines due to the rain that they are working on. They are also starting on the lead and copper inventory that is required by the State. The department has also been looking at pricing for storm drains to elevate some of the water on Depot Street. They are also looking at adding some parallel parking spaces to help with parking at the park as well as some quotes for rubberized mulch for the park. The life expectancy is about 15-20 years.

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor informed the council that clerk's training will be February 4th-7th. The newly elected officials will be going to training February 28th-March 1st in Athens. The Annual GMA Convention will be held June 21st-25th in Savannah. Mrs. Taylor also updated the council on the issue with Microsoft, regarding city emails. The City's IT is working on resolving this issue.

Police Chief, David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on statistics and citations. In December, there was a total of 293 cases. Mr. Ratner has been working on drafting a new city ordinance regarding Delta 8 and Delta 9 use in the City. The DEA considers those a concerned drug. They have already stopped the local stores from selling pipes. They have also been working on lowering the speed limit from 65 mph to 55 mph on Hwy 27. The department has also submitted an open records request to GSP regarding the accidents at the intersection on Hwy 27. Mr. Ratner will continue to work on this to get the speed limit lowered.

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

Adjourn