

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of the Work Session
February 19th, 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.

State and County Candidates: Mr. Walker and Mr. Barkley presented the council and public with their reasons for candidacy.

Chief David Ratner: Mr. Ratner introduced our newly hired police officer, Dakota Blackwelder. Mr. Ratner also recognized Corporal Marc Riley and Corporal Tiffany Creel for their work.

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.

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 and amend the minutes by correcting the motion made during adjournment to Steve Holcombe. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda and amend the minutes by correcting the motion made during adjournment to Steve Holcombe. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Jana Gentry-Library: Not present.

Tina Southern-Main Street Representative: Mrs. Southern updated the council on the upcoming events for the city. At their last meeting, they discussed the upcoming events in the City. The St. Patrick's Day Festival, the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Square, Clean-up Day with Keep Haralson Beautiful, and the Spring Fair on the Square will all be coming up in the next couple of months. The committees have also been discussing bringing the Bell Tower Bash back this year. Mrs. Southern also stated that she has been working to get a meeting set up with the downtown businesses to get them involved in the event planning.

Depot Street Road Project: Mr. Lee presented the council with his plans for Depot Street. The Mayor, Council, Department Heads, and Public went outside to the park to visually see what would be done on Depot Street. Once everyone returned to City Hall, Mr. Lee asked for a motion to spend up to \$13,000 of TSPLOST funds to complete the Depot Street project. Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve the Depot Street Road Project as discussed. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

General Fund Budget 2023-2024 Amendment: Mrs. Truett presented the council with the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Amendment. The department had to amend the budget to reflect the increases in insurance, election expenses, and supplies. The general fund is also doing better than expected in fines, prior property taxes, and building permits. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Amendment as discussed. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Departmental Updates:

Police Chief, David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on statistics and citations. In January, the department had 249 calls, 234 case numbers, and 160 tickets. Mr. Ratner will be

receiving the Technology Grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$8,000.

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor updated the council on our Microsoft issues. Mrs. Truett and Mrs. Brock worked with Microsoft all day to get our emails up and running and to get our accounts two-step verification process fixed. Mrs. Taylor reminded the council that the newly elected officials' class will be at the end of February.

Public Works Director, Heath Lee: Mr. Lee did not have any additional updates.

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

Adjourn