

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of the Work Session**  
**March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott not present.

**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.

**Sammy Robinson:** Mr. Robinson and his colleague presented the plans for the West Georgia Military Museum and Educational Center in Tallapoosa. They are currently seeking donations in support of the project.

**Steve Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe adjourned the meeting.

**Adjourn**

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**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
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**Mayor:** AJ Scott not present.

**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.

**Steve Holcombe:** Calls the meeting to order. The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Holcombe.

**Steve Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve and amend the agenda by adding a vote for the Zoning Ordinance before the re-zoning application item. Angie Hood made a motion to approve and amend the agenda by adding the vote for the Zoning Ordinance before the re-zoning application item. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Steve Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the minutes for February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the minutes for February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Jana Gentry-Library:** Mrs. Gentry presented the council with a library update and upcoming budget.

**Tina Southern-Main Street Representative:** Mrs. Southern updated the council on the upcoming events for the city. The Annual Egg Hunt will be this Saturday at 1 p.m. The committee is asking for egg donations and volunteers to help at the event. The Spring Fair on the Square will be April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They have around 60 vendor spots sold. There are still around 20 spots available. The committee has partnered with Keep Haralson Beautiful to host a clean-up day on the square April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 8 a.m.

**Zoning Ordinance:** Mr. Holcombe opened the public hearing for the zoning ordinance. Mrs. Taylor explained to the council and public that the City is required to adopt certain changes to its zoning procedures based on state legislative changes, which were set forth in H.B. 1405.

**Public Hearing:** There was no public comment. Mr. Holcombe closed the public hearing.

**Zoning Ordinance:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the zoning ordinance as presented. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the zoning ordinance. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Rezoning Application by Bobby Mehan to re-zone parcel BU02 0050 to office Residential (O-R):** Mr. Mehan presented his plans to the board. They plan to use the front of the building for daily office space rental and meeting rooms by the hours. The back of the building they plan to use for residential nightly rental. They are thinking about using the

basement as a J Carl Cleaners drop off location. The three parts of the building will have separate entrances.

**Public Comment:** The public asked about the timeline of the project and details about the dry cleaning drop off location. Mr. Holcombe closed the public hearing.

**Rezoning Application by Bobby Mehan to re-zone parcel BU02 0050 to office Residential (O-R):** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the re-zoning request as presented. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the re-zoning request as Office Residential (O-R). Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Boundary Map:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the City boundary map as presented. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the City boundary map as presented. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Zoning Map:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the City zoning map to reflect the recent zoning variance. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the City zoning map to reflect the recent zoning variance. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Departmental Updates:**

**Public Works Director, Heath Lee:** Mr. Lee updated the council on the Depot Street project. They have also been working around City Hall to get the building up to code for a fire inspection.

**Police Chief, David Ratner:** Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics. There have been 217 cases and 189 citations written this month. They are waiting for their new laptops to come in that they received through a grant. Mr. Ratner is also working on an ordinance prohibiting anyone within 1,000 feet of a church from selling Delta 8 and Delta 9 products for the lawyer to review.

**City Clerk, Sherry Taylor:** Mrs. Taylor updated the council on the postal service. The events page is up and running on the website. Waffle House is expected to be finished in June, if not sooner. Mrs. Taylor also reminded the council of the Annual GMA conference in June and the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner on Thursday.

**Steve Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie Hood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Adjourn**