

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session
August 19th, 2024

Mayor: AJ Scott.

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

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

Jana Gentry: Mrs. Gentry updated the council on the library. Children's Story Time is back at 2 p.m. each Monday. The summer reading attendance is up 48 percent, and the annual report has been completed.

Millage Rate: Mrs. Glore presented the council with the proposed 2024 Millage Rate. The 2023 Millage Rate is 4.135 and the proposed 2024 Millage Rate is 4.253. The real growth in the city has increased our digest this year, however the inflationary growth decreased from last year making our millage rollback rate 4.253.

Golf Cart Ordinance: The council discussed the presented golf cart ordinance.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
August 19th, 2024

Mayor: AJ Scott.

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

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor, 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 and amend the agenda by adding Golf Cart Ordinance Discussion after Tina Southern and potential Bush Hog purchase. Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve and amend the agenda by adding Golf Cart Ordinance Discussion after Tina Southern and potential Bush Hog purchase. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for July 15th, 2024. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the minutes for July 15th, 2024. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Tina Southern-Main Street Representative: Mrs. Southern updated the council on the upcoming events in the city. Mrs. Southern would like to have a meeting September 16th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Annual Pumpkin Caper, the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade, and the Bell Tower Bash.

Golf Cart Ordinance: The council stated that they have been discussing the golf cart ordinance for the last couple of council meetings. Mr. Pilgrim stated that there is a new law on this topic that just came out in 2023, he was not aware of this at the last meeting. Mr. Pilgrim will need to review the new law, and he believes it will answer a lot of questions that the council still has concerning age limits, registration and inspection rules. Ron Moser made a motion to table this item. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Millage Rate: Mrs. Glore asked the council to approve the 2024 Millage Rate as 4.253. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the 2024 Millage Rate as 4.253. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Patrol Vehicle Purchase: Mr. Ratner asked the council to approve the purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe for \$36,995.00. The funds will come out of SPLOST. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe for \$36,995.00. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Cemetery Tree Removal (Road Right-of-way): Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the removal of Trees on the road right-of-way at the cemetery not to exceed \$10,000 using

TSPLOST funds. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the removal of Trees on the road right-of-way at the cemetery not to exceed \$10,000 using TSPLOST funds. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Cemetery (Additional Tree Work): The council discussed the possible tree work at the cemetery if we obtain additional land. There would be approximately three acres to clear between the existing cemetery and railroad tracks. The council tabled this until the land is obtained.

Public Works Bush Hog Purchase: Mr. Lee asked the council to approve the purchase of a new Bush Hog not to exceed \$22,000. Mr. Lee's main concern is the safety of his crew when cutting the city right-of-way. The funds will come from TSPLOST to upkeep the city right-of-way. Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Bush Hog not to exceed \$22,000 using TSPLOST funds. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Departmental Updates

Police Chief, David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics. They received \$7,450 from a grant that was put into their SPLOST account. They also received a Carroll EMC Impact Grant for \$3,500.

Public Works Director, Heath Lee: Mr. Lee and his department have been bush hogging and cutting grass this week. They have also worked on installing water and sewer taps on Jacksonville Road. They are also still working on the lead and cooper test; it is due in October of this year.

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor updated the council on the audit. The auditors are scheduled to be onsite next week. The accountant, Mrs. Mastrangelo, is currently enrolled in a budgeting class this month that will help in upcoming budget preparations.

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

Adjourn