

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session
October 12, 2021

Mayor: AJ Scott.

Council Members: Angie Hood and Teresa Barger were present.

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

Mayor Scott: Mayor Scott welcomes and thanks all visitors for attending the work session. We had to change the regular meeting into a work session due to the absence of two council members.

Library Jana Gentry: On behalf of the Historical Society, Jana Gentry thanks the City of Buchanan for their participation in the Fried Pie Festival. The festival turned out to be successful. The library recorded 926 people that visited the library during the Fried Pie Festival. Jana Gentry also updates the council on library projects and upcoming activities.

Main Street Representative Tina Southern: Not present.

Mayor Scott: Asks the department heads to discuss the agenda items during their departmental updates.

Departmental Updates-

Public Works Director-Heath Lee: Updates council on the maintenance building. The USDA is reviewing the final documents on the plans for the maintenance building then we can go out for bids. He also updated the council on the cemetery maintenance, they have reached out to the contracted business. The business offered to continue upkeep of the cemetery for the winter for \$950 a month. Heath Lee proposes that the council revisit this next meeting. Turnip Seed Engineering has prepared the list of projects and proposals to apply for the Governors Discretionary funds. The public works department has also worked on various water and sewer lines throughout the month.

Police Chief-Brent Christopher: Updates council on police vehicles. The police trucks should be ready by the end of the month and the police SUVs should be ready next month. Brent Christopher also updated the council on citations, arrests, and the aggressive task force newly created by the county. The aggressive task force is compiled of County, Buchanan, and Bremen officers that work together to work drug cases around the county. The Buchanan Police Department and the City will benefit from this task force.

City Clerk-Sherry Taylor: Updates council on 2021 property tax billing.

Mayor Scott: Asked Alex Melendez to present his concerns with the council. Alex Melendez asks the council to approve alcohol sales to go. The Governors' emergency order allowed restaurants to participate in alcohol to go sales. Mr. Melendez asks the council if he is still allowed to participate. The council tables this item until the next meeting. Alex Melendez also presented patio plans for his restaurant to the council. The council discussed potential problems and benefits with the proposed plans. The council tabled this item until the next meeting.

Mayor Scott: Asked Mike Patel to presented his concerns with the council. Mike Patel asks the council to allow Sunday package sales to be added to the next election ballot. The council tables this until the next meeting. Mr. Patel announces that Kimball's General Store will be getting gas pumps installed soon.

Angie Hood: Asked about insurance quotes for the upcoming year. Mayor Scott informs council member Hood of the process.

Adjourn

Mayor Scott: Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting.