

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session

April 21st, 2025

Mayor: AJ Scott.

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

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

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott made an announcement that the Grand Marshall for the Spring Fair on the Square Parade will be Steve Holcombe.

Jana Gentry: Mrs. Gentry updated the council on library statistics, programs offered at the library, budget requests, and the 5K at the Spring Fair on the Square.

Columbarium purchase for City Cemetery: Mr. Moser presented the council with a proposal to purchase a columbarium for the city cemetery. We currently do not have anything for cremated remains. The total costs will be approximately \$31,900. The city would charge \$600-\$800 per slot. The council also discussed updating the regulations and policies regarding the cemetery. The council tabled this item until the next meeting. In the meantime, the council will draft their opinions concerning the location of the columbarium and the regulations.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

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Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

April 21st, 2025

Mayor: AJ Scott.

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

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

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. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the agenda. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for March 17th, 2025. Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve the minutes for March 17th, 2025. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation: Allen Babcock presented the council with statistics regarding child abuse within the Haralson County area and what they do as an organization to help the children in the county. Mr. Babcock requested that the council proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Angie Hood made a motion to proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Purchasing Policy and Ordinance: Mrs. Glore stated that there have been no new changes to the purchasing policy and the attorney has drafted an ordinance to update the changes we made to the City of Buchanan Code of Ordinances. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the purchasing policy and ordinance as presented. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Sewer Camera: Mr. Bell presented the council with a quote for a sewer camera in the amount of \$17,500 with a 7-year warranty. The sewer camera they currently have is from the 1980s and needs to be replaced. Angie Hood made a motion to purchase the sewer camera using SPLOST funds. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Parts for Belt Press: Mr. Bell presented a quote to purchase parts for the belt press not to exceed \$2,000. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the purchase of parts for the belt press not to exceed \$2,000 using water funds. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Sanitation Rate Increase: Mr. Scott presented the increase rates for sanitation. The dumpster costs will be increased by 3 percent and the inside polycart will be going from \$14.45 to \$16.00, outside residential and commercial polycarts will be increasing to \$17.50, and handicap inside polycarts will be increased to \$17.00. Mr. Scott stated that we will still be the

cheapest in the county. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the sanitation rate increase as presented. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Sidewalk on Magnolia Street: Mr. Bell presented the plans to pave the sidewalk to complete the existing sidewalk on Magnolia Street. Tritt Homes, LLC are building a house on Magnolia Street, and they agreed to complete the paving project. The city will be paying \$1,145.00 Ron Moser made a motion to give Tritt Homes permission to complete the sidewalk on Magnolia Street. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Asphalt Speed Bumps: Mr. Bell presented the council with a quote from McIntosh Specialty Services to install asphalt speed bumps. This is a drive up, drive over, and drive down speed bump. Mrs. Hood believes that the speed bumps presented are too much for our small town. There have been no complaints from the petitioners regarding the current speed bumps. The council would like to table this item until the next meeting so they can all look at examples of the asphalt speed bumps presented. Ron Moser made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

2025 Paving Project for Paving Evelyn S Wade Blvd and Patch Work: Mr. Bell presented a quote to pave Evelyn S Wade Blvd and complete some patch work in the city. This will include the paving from Bobby Reid's property to the Bypass and several patches that need to be patched as well. Mrs. Taylor stated that we received approximately \$25,000 from the 2025 LMIG Grant to assist in paving Evelyn S Wade Blvd. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the paving project for Evelyn S Wade Blvd and patch work not to exceed \$135,000 using TSPLOST funds. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro-Tem, Steve Holcombe, to conduct the public hearing on the re-zoning application.

Public Hearing: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Angie Hood made a motion to open the public hearing. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Stephen Sapp: Mr. Sapp presented his plans for the property to the council. This will be a 2-3-year development to develop at least 40 houses- 52 houses, with a community park. He will be working with Mr. Dewberry to present some concepts to the city before the work is started. The houses will be around \$250,000-\$250,000 with houses an average of 1,600 square feet. They will be going with a different color scheme than Addie Jane Lane. The plans also include a community park that includes pickleball courts, basketball court, and a dog park. This will include parking as well. They have also talked about extending the road from Magnolia Street to McClure Circle as well. Mrs. Hood stated that there is a big difference between 40 and 52 houses. Mr. Sapp stated that the number of houses would depend on how many roads the council would like to see in the development, etc. Mrs. Taylor stated that the Zoning Commission has approved to recommend this approval to the council.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Ron Moser made a motion to close the public hearing. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Application made by Frank Norment Homes, LLC, on behalf of Robert Ballew, to re-zone 0075 0026, located at 45 Carrollton Street, to R-10 Medium Density Residential:

Mr. Holcombe asked the council for a motion to approve the re-zoning application made by Frank Norment Homes, LLC, on behalf of Robert Ballew, to re-zone 0075 0026 to R-10 Medium Density Residential. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the re-zoning application as presented. Sterling Moore seconds the cote. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session- Land Acquisition and Legal

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to go into the executive session for land acquisition and legal. Angie Hood made a motion to go into executive session for land acquisition and legal. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session-Legal and Personnel

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked the council for a motion to come out of executive session. Ron Moser made a motion to come out of executive session. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Departmental Updates

Police Chief, David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics for the month. Mr. Ratner also informed the council that there will be a candlelight vigil on the square April 22nd from 5-8 p.m. hosted by DFAX and the Carroll County Advocacy Center. The department has not received any complaints concerning speed bumps and believes they are working on Highland Avenue.

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the public works department. They have 20 locates, 2 water leaks, they installed 2 water/sewer taps, replaced a sewer main that runs behind Plaza Liquors, installed a storm drain at Epling's Lawn Shop, and hired a new employee. Mr. Bell and Mr. Holcombe were granted the water tower and the surrounding property from the Haralson County School Board.

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor informed the council that the department has been working on 2025-2026 budgets. Mrs. Taylor stated that the first public hearing for the budget will be in May, and the second public hearing and vote will be in June. The department has also been helping Mrs. Streetman with the Spring Fair on the Square.

Event Coordinator, Shyanne Streetman: Ms. Streetman updated the council on the events in the city. The Spring Fair on the Square will be this Saturday and we will be marking spots on Thursday. The vendor revenue was \$5,090 and the expense total was \$680.00, leaving us \$4,410.00 to go toward the Bell Tower Bash.

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.

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