

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Called Council Meeting**

**February 3, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Teresa Barger, and Angie Hood were present.

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Police Chief Chad Henderson, Public Works Director Heath Lee.

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into a regular called meeting. Angie Hood made a motion to go into a regular called meeting. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into executive session concerning land acquisition. Stanley Freeland made a motion to go into executive session concerning land acquisition. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to come out of executive session. Stanley Freeland made a motion to come out of executive session. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve logo design. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve logo number 09 with "Growth" and "Prosperity" added to replace stars. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to buy property located on the corner of Macedonia Church Road for 90,000. Angie hood made a motion to buy property located on the corner of Macedonia Church Road for 90,000. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve 90,000 plus tax credits. Teresa Barger made a motion to approve 90,000 plus tax credits. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to have the authority to cash CD for 102,415.46. Angie Hood made a motion to cash CD for 102,415.46. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to use remainder of CD money to pay off debt. Teresa Barger made a motion to use remainder of the money from the CD to pay off debt. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for motion to stop maintaining any privately owned cemetery in the city with a 90-day notice. Angie Hood made a motion to stop maintaining any privately owned cemetery in the city with a 90-day notice. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourn:**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland made a motion to adjourn. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried with 3-0.

# CITY OF BUCHANAN

## Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

February 9, 2021

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Teresa Barger, and Angie Hood were present.

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Police Chief Chad Henderson, Public Works Director Heath Lee.

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the agenda with a suggested change to add legal to the executive session. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the agenda with the suggested change to add legal to the executive session. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for December 8, 2020 and February 3, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for December 8, 2020 and February 3, 2021. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Library Update:** Updates council on monthly library activity. The genre labeling is finally completed. The library is continuing Monday virtual readings on Facebook live. The library is partnering with The Georgia Public library system and The Georgia Public Broadcasting system to celebrate "Be My Neighbor Day." The library and the partners are handing out tiger ears to the people who show an act of kindness by being a good neighbor in the community to make Mr. Rogers proud. "Be My Neighbor Day" is on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. They will be handing out tiger treats, and a list of actions children can do to make a difference within the community.

**Mayor Scott:** Presents the Library with a donation from the City. Jana Gentry accepts and thanks the City for their continuing support.

**Main Street Representative- Tina Southern:** The holidays were a success with the help of local organizations. The Buchanan Beautification was able to add more Christmas decoration and help the City with the Bell Tower Bash. They are planning a community Easter Egg hunt on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon, hopefully at the old ballfields located near the Elementary school. The Board of Education will be meeting to vote on the Buchanan Beautification Committee to use this location. They are also planning on the Spring Fling in May. They are hoping that the Buchanan Beautification cookbooks will be finished in time for the Spring Fling.

**Website:** Asks for a motion to approve the website in the amount of \$5,500. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the website in the amount of \$5,500. Stanley Freeland

seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Website:** Asks for a motion to approve website maintenance plan in the amount of \$200 a month for at least three months until the council reevaluates the maintenance plans. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the website maintenance plan in the amount of \$200 a month for the first three months until the council reevaluates. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Gary Garner:** Asks the council for help regarding a property on First Avenue and College circle. The property has had a trailer removed and there is a lot of trash that needs to be cleaned up. Also, about one hundred yards from that property is 110 College Circle that needs to be cleaned up as well. The code officers have said it was being remodeled. The property continues to grow and needs to be cleaned up.

**Chief of Police -Chad Henderson:** The code enforcement officer has sent a letter to the owner. There have been no permits issued though the City so they will cite them for the violations.

**Discussion:** The public discussed their concerns with special events throughout the City. They are concerned that other small events will take away from the Spring Fling that they have been having for years. The council has discussed the concerns with the public and asks the other organizer to change the event name to prevent confusion. Communication between local organizers is recommended to prevent future complications.

**Patty Hutcheson:** Presents the council with concerns regarding City Cemetery prices and regulations. The mayor has scheduled a meeting on February 10, 2021 at 3:45 to listen to the suggestions she may have regarding the City Cemetery.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into executive session for legal and personnel. Angie Hood made a motion to go into executive session for legal and personnel. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Executive Session: Legal and Personnel**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to come out of executive session. Angie Hood made a motion to come out of executive session. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for any nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. Angie Hood nominated Stanley Freeland for Mayor Pro-Tem. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Departmental Updates-**

**Public Works Director- Heath Lee:** Updates council on the replacement of 28-

year-old pump stations. They are in the process of getting quotes on the Water Shed protection plan monitoring that they are required to do for the new Wastewater treatment plant. The Haralson County Water Authority has increased their wholesale rates by 12%. Our rates will have to increase around 32 cents per thousand gallon to make up for the difference. The council requested this item to be added to the next agenda per attorney recommendation.

**Police Chief Chad Henderson:** Updates on crime report and citations. The mayor accepts Chad Henderson's resignation letter and thanks him for his time with the City. The Mayor asks the council to allow David Ratner to step in as interim chief effective February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 until the City has gone through the hiring process. Stanley Freeland made a motion to allow David Ratner step in as interim chief until they can go through to hiring process. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**City Clerk- Sherry Taylor:** Updates council on the audit and financial reports. The city is also in the process of getting a .gov email for all employees to go along with the new website.

**Adjourn:**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland made a motion to adjourn. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried with 3-0.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**March 9, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Teresa Barger, Kendall Holderfield, and Angie Hood were present.

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Interim Police Chief David Ratner, Public Works Director Heath Lee.

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the agenda with a suggested change to add executive session pertaining personnel and legal and vote to appoint planning commission board members. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda with the suggested change to add executive session pertaining personnel and legal and vote to appoint planning commission board members. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for February 9, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for February 9, 2021. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Kendall Holderfield was absent for February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting.

**Library Update:** Jana Gentry not present.

**Library Discussion:** Jana Gentry not present. Tabled until next meeting.

**Main Street Representative- Tina Southern:** The easter egg hunt will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 at noon at the ballfields near the Buchanan Elementary school. There will be crafts, foods, and activities at no cost. Local churches and businesses have volunteering to help. The Buchanan beautification committee is still advertising for adopt-a-pole to help beautify Buchanan. There are approximately 22 poles in Buchanan that are available to be decorated. The Buchanan Beautification cookbooks will be ready to be sold at the Spring Fling for \$12 each. The Buchanan Beautification committee is also looking for a new place to have their meetings.

**Annexation- Korea Street:** Heath Lee updates the council on the annexation of a piece of property on Korea Street. Once the annexation paperwork has been filled out, then we will work with the lawyer to get the process going.

**Cemetery:** Updates council on cemetery rates and regulations. Heath Lee presents the council with suggested rates and regulations for the cemetery. The council discusses the

problems that the City has had so far with inside and outside rates. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to approve cemetery rates with the exception that the council will revisit the rates later. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to approve the cemetery rates with the exception that the council will revisit the rates later. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Water Rates:** Mayor Scott asks for a motion to approve water rates to increase inside residents .32 cents per thousand to not include sewer rates if the system allows us to do so and increase outside and governmental rates by .50 cents per thousand with the sewer remaining the same. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the water rates to increase residents .32 cents per thousand to not include sewer rates if the system allows us to do so and increase outside and governmental rates by .50 cents per thousand with the sewer remaining the same. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. 3-0. Stanley Freeland abstained.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into executive session for personnel and legal. Angie Hood made a motion to go into executive session for legal and personnel. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Executive Session: Personnel and Legal**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to come out of executive session. Stanley Freeland made a motion to come out of executive session. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Departmental Updates-**

**Public Works Director- Heath Lee:** No update currently.

**Interim Police Chief David Ratner:** Updates on crime report and citations. There have been about 79 new cases and 112 citations written this month. The code enforcement officer has been monitoring the property on First Avenue and College Circle. He has reported that the violations have been getting better.

**City Clerk- Sherry Taylor:** Updates council on the audit and financial reports.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to elect Patty Hutcheson, Kim Scott, and Pete Ewing to the planning commission. Stanley Freeland made a motion to elect Patty Hutcheson, Kim Scott, and Pete Ewing to the planning committee. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Adjourn:**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to adjourn. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried with 3-0.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Called Council Meeting**

**March 16, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Teresa Barger, and Angie Hood were present.

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Sherry Taylor and Interim Police Chief David Ratner

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to amend the agenda and add the memo for a new pH meter from Mr. Lee. Stanley Freeland made a motion to amend the agenda and add the memo for a new pH meter from Mr. Lee. Angie Hood seconds vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the USA Blue Book quote for the pH meter at the City Wastewater Plant. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the USA Blue Book quote for the City Wastewater Plant. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into executive session concerning personnel. Stanley Freeland made a motion to go into executive session concerning personnel. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to come out of executive session. Stanley Freeland made a motion to come out of executive session. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Adjourn:**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland made a motion to adjourn. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried with 3-0.



**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Called Council Meeting**  
**March 23, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Teresa Barger, Kendall Holderfield, and Angie Hood were present.

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Interim Police Chief David Ratner, and Public Works Director Heath Lee

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into a regular called meeting. Angie Hood made a motion to go into a regular called meeting. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Library Update:** Not present.

**Library Discussion:** Tabled until next meeting.

**Main Street Representative:** Not present

**Sandie Shackelford:** Presents the council with information regarding "Your Haven" program. This is a long-term recovery program to help with drug misuse. They have been looking at property within the City limits of Buchanan to setup the program. All government units are participating. Asks the council for \$7,000 to fund the organization yearly for support. They hope to be operational by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**Mosley Lane Sale:** Heath Lee updates the council on the Mosley Lane sale. The lawyer has deemed this property useless by the City. It was offered to adjacent properties for bid. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to sell Mosley Lane property to Jesse and Joseph Thompson for \$4,000. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to sell the Mosley Lane property to Jesse and Joseph Thompson for \$4,000. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Departmental Updates:**

**City Clerk Sherry Taylor-** No update.

**Public Works Director Heath Lee-** No update.

**Interim Police Chief David Ratner-** Updates council on code enforcement concerns.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into executive session concerning personnel. Kendall holderfield made a motion to go into executive session concerning personnel. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to come out of executive session. Teresa Barger made a motion to come out of executive session. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** No action has been taken at this time.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve minutes for March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Angie hood made a motion to approve the minutes for March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve minutes for March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Kendall Holderfield abstained.

**Adjourn:**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to adjourn. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried with 4-0.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Special Called Council Meeting**  
**March 30, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Teresa Barger, Angie Hood, and Kendall Holderfield were present.

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Sherry Taylor and Interim Police Chief David Ratner

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve agenda. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the agenda. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the minutes from March 23, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes from March 23, 2021. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Updates council that all department heads are turning in their budget worksheets on May 1, 2021 for discussion.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into executive session concerning personnel. Kendall Holdrefield made a motion to go into executive session concerning personnel. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to come out of executive session. Stanley Freeland made a motion to come out of executive session. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Adjourn:**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland made a motion to adjourn. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried with 4-0.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 6, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Teresa Barger, Kendall Holderfield, and Angie Hood were present.

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Sherry Taylor and Interim Police Chief David Ratner

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the agenda. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for March 30, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for March 30, 2021. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Library Update:** Jana Gentry not present.

**Main Street Representative- Tina Southern:** The Buchanan Easter egg hunt had a great turnout. The Buchanan Police Department, the Haralson County Fire Department, the Haralson County Sheriffs Office, local churches, and other organizations volunteered at the Easter egg hunt. The Buchanan Beautification Committee was awarded a plaque at the Keep Haralson Beautiful Award ceremony for their successful work. The plaque will hang in the Buchanan City Hall lobby. The Buchanan Beautification committee is also starting a new fundraiser called Flocking and Flagging. A citizen can pay \$25 to have another citizen's yard Flocked and Flagged. They will decorate the chosen yard with pink flamingos and American flags and hand a sign on the door explaining the fundraiser. If any citizen does not want to be Flocked and Flagged again, they can purchase insurance for \$10. The Buchanan Beautification committee will start meeting the third Thursday of each month at the City Hall at 6:00 PM.

**Departmental Updates-**

**Public Works Director- Heath Lee:** Not present. Mr. Heath Lee had to attend a meeting in the County. Mayor Scott updates council on budget preparation.

**Interim Police Chief David Ratner:** Updates on crime report and citations. There have been about 90 tickets written, 16 arrest, 16 warrants taken, and 6 of those cases were drug related. The code enforcement officer has been monitoring properties that are in violation and has cited the owners.

**City Clerk- Sherry Taylor:** Updates council on Budget preparation. Also, updated the council on the new clerks' class in June.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into executive session for personnel. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to go into executive session for personnel. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Executive Session-Personnel**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to come out of executive session for personnel. Angie Hood made a motion to come out of executive session for personnel. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Teresa Barger:** Made a motion to amend the agenda to include a new item that has become necessary to include throughout the course of this meeting, the appointment of the new Police Chief. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Angie Hood abstained.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to appoint the new Police Chief of Buchanan. Stanley Freeland made a motion to appoint the new Police Chief as Mr. Brent Christopher. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Kendall Holderfield abstained.

#### **Adjourn:**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland made a motion to adjourn. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried with 4-0.

# CITY OF BUCHANAN

## Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

May 11, 2021

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Teresa Barger, Kendall Holderfield, and Angie Hood were present.

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Sherry Taylor and Police Chief Brent Christopher

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the agenda with a change to move cemetery bids after executive session. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda with a change to move cemetery bids after executive session. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for April 6, 2021 and April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the minutes for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Library Update:** Jana Gentry not present. City Clerk Sherry Taylor presented library update for Jana Gentry. The library has been preparing for the Spring Fair on the Square and the 5K run for the books this Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Most of their time has been dedicated to plans for their summer reading. The plans include lots of outdoor fun and many tales to share with young patrons. They are also excited to be apart of the State fund program called BEANSTACK, which allows families to enjoy a virtual summer reading program. Mrs. Jana Gentry

**Main Street Representative- Tina Southern:** The Buchanan beatification committee has been busy. The Flocking and Flagging fundraiser has been successful. They have raised a little over \$1, 000 for the Library. The cookbooks are in and will be sold at the Spring Fair on the Square for \$12 a book. The committee has planted and cleaned up around the square for the Spring event this Saturday. The next upcoming Buchanan Beautification Committee meeting is May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall in Buchanan. They encourage everyone to come to the Memorial Day service May 31, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Center Baptist Church. They are also working on the Courthouse Landscaping project and will set up a big work day to finish the project up within a month.

**Sherry Taylor:** Asks council to excuse her from the meeting.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into executive session for land acquisition and personnel. Stanley Freeland made a motion to go into executive session for land

acquisition and personnel. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Executive Session- Land acquisition and Personnel**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to come out of executive session for land acquisition and personnel. Stanley Freeland made a motion to come out of executive session for land acquisition and personnel. Kendall Holderfeild seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Dumpster Purchase Approval:** Stanley Freeland made a motion to purchase 5 dumpsters not to exceed \$6,000. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Teresa Barger:** Made a motion to amend the agenda to include a new item that has become necessary to include throughout the course of this meeting, the increase of police base pay. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Kendall Holderfield:** Made a motion to increase the current police base pay to \$1.70 per hour. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Departmental Updates-**

**Public Works Director- Heath Lee:** Not present. Mr. Heath Lee is in Jekyll Island for training.

**Interim Police Chief David Ratner:** Updates on crime report and citations. They are still working on getting quality personnel in the department. Thanks the council for the base pay raise.

**City Clerk- Sherry Taylor:** No update.

**Cemetery Bids:** Angie Hood made a motion to ask Heath Lee to contact the lowest bid for a 6 month contract until December 31, 2021. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Adjourn:**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried with 4-0.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN  
WORK SESSION**

**May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Work Session**

Members Present: Mayor AJ Scott

Stanley Freeland, Mayor ProTem  
Teresa Barger Council  
Kendall Holderfield Council  
Angie Hood Council

City Clerk Sherry Taylor  
Captain David Ratner  
Public Works Director Heath Lee

**Work Session**

Mayor Scott welcomed and thanked all visitors for attending the work session. The purpose of the work session was to discuss Budget, Carrollton Street Property, Mobile Home Discussion, departmental updates, and executive session concerning legal. Mayor Scott asks to amend the agenda to add approval of minutes. Angie Hood made a motion to add approval of the minutes to the agenda. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to amend the agenda by switching budget and executive session on the agenda. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to amend the agenda by switching the budget and executive session on the agenda. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to approve the agenda. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to go into executive session concerning legal. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to go into executive session concerning legal. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to come out of executive session. Stanley Freeland made a motion to come out of executive session. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to approve the Minutes for May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the minutes for May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to follow attorneys' suggestion on the sale of the Carrollton Street property. Angie Hood made a motion to follow the attorney's suggestion on the sale of the Carrollton Street property. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0. The council discussed the Planning Commission's recommendation on the Mobile Home Ordinance. The attorney will draft a mobile home ordinance for the council to review at the next meeting. Council Member Angie Hood will be setting up a retreat for the Council and Planning commission to attend. The council discussed the 2021-2022 budget.



**Departmental updates**

- Captain David Ratner- Updated council on the search for new police cars.
- Public Works Director Heath Lee- Updated council that the transmission on the service truck went out and he is currently looking for bids to get the transmission replaced. Thanks the council for the approval to purchase new dumpsters.
- City Clerk Sherry Taylor- Updated council on audit and classes we have scheduled.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland made a motion to adjourn. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

***Called***

**Adjourn:**

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**

**June 30, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Kendall Holderfield, and Angie Hood were present.

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

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the agenda. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the agenda. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Parnell Insurance- Allen Parnell:** Presents the council with 2021-2022 insurance proposal. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 insurance proposal with cyber security insurance added to the policy. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 insurance proposal with the cyber security insurance added to the policy. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Departmental Updates-**

**Police Chief- Brent Christopher:** Updates on crime report and citations. They have written 178 Citations and made 38 arrests. The department is still in the process of getting quotes for the new police vehicles to present to the council.

**Public Works Director- Heath Lee:** Updates council on the paving projects and will get quotes to get the roads stripped soon.

**City Clerk- Sherry Taylor:** Updates council on website and new emails, which will go live June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Also updates council on upcoming clerk classes scheduled in September.

**Main Street Representative- Tina Southern:** The next Buchanan Beautification meeting will be July 15 at 6:30 here at City Hall. They will be getting an additional grant

for the landscaping project at the Courthouse and will be continuing with the project. The cookbooks are still on sale for \$12. They are also selling Keep Haralson Beautiful discount cards for \$10. The Buchanan Beautification committee will continue the Flocking and Flagging in September and that money will be used for decorations for the City. The money raised from the last fund raiser will go to the library. Tina Southern presents Jana Gentry a check for the library in the amount of \$1,285.00.

**Adjourn:**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland made a motion to adjourn. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried with 3-0.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**

**July 13, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland and Kendall Holderfield were present. Angie Hood participated by conference call.

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

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Chief's proposal concerning the need for new police cars. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Chief's proposal concerning the need for new police cars. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for June 29, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for June 29, 2021. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Budget Proposal:** Mayor Scott asks the council and audience if they have any questions or concerns pertaining to the 2021-2022 proposed budget. Jana Gentry asked where the library was in the budget. City Clerk Sherry Taylor answered the question.

**Sealed Bids on Carrollton Street Property- Approval:** Asks for a motion to vote to sell the Carrollton Street property. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to sell the Carrollton Street property. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Jana Gentry- Library:** Updates council on the library and explains the need for more funding to keep the library open. The 5k attracted people from out of state. A woman from Texas travelled all the way to Buchanan just to participate in the 5k run. The library was able to use grant funding to strengthen Wi-Fi around the library to help people that cannot afford it. The summer reading program has been very busy, and they hope to continue the events held by the library throughout the year.

#### **Departmental Updates-**

**City Clerk- Sherry Taylor:** Updates council on new website, the new .gov email addresses, and this year's audit.

**Public Works Director- Heath Lee:** Updates council on the several service line repairs that were conducted and the two water and sewer taps that are scheduled to be installed on Korea Street.

**Interim Police Chief David Ratner:** Updates on crime report and citations. Introduces the three new police officers which are Kristopher Whitfield, Cole Pate, and Cain Decker.

**Police Car Proposal:** Police Chief Brent Christopher asks the council to approve the purchase of 4 new police cars. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to approve the purchase of 4 new police cars. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

#### **Adjourn**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried with 3-0.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Called Council Meeting**

**July 20, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Angie Hood, and Kendall Holderfield were present.

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Sherry Taylor and Public Works Director Heath Lee.

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the approval of July 13, 2021 minutes. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the approval of July 13, 2021 minutes. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for July 13, 2021. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the minutes for July 13, 2021. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Budget 2021-2022:** Mayor Scott asks the council and audience if they have any questions or concerns pertaining to the 2021-2022 proposed budget. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Budget. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Budget. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Discussion:** Mayor Scott and the Council have a discussion with the City Attorney concerning the process of zoning and the role the planning commission has with updating the zoning ordinance.

**Adjourn**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland made a motion to adjourn. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried with 3-0.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland and Kendall Holderfield were present. Angie Hood and Teresa Barger participated by conference call.

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

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. Asks Stanley Freeland to lead the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by AJ Scott.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the agenda. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the agenda. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for July 20, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for July 20, 2021. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Amend Budget:** Mayor Scott asks for a motion to amend the budget due to the Auditors request to move Sanitation to its own fund. Stanley Freeland made a motion to amend the budget due to the Auditors request to move Sanitation to its own fund. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Jana Gentry- Library:** Updates council on the library. The library has hired a new employee and have been helping children that are homeschooled. The summer reading program has been busy, and they hope to continue the events held by the library throughout the year. They were able to increase their cloud holdings with the Grants

they have received, and they are working with the Caring Paws group to schedule an event with their therapy dogs.

**Main Street Representative- Tina Southern:** The Buchanan Beautification committee will be Flocking and Flagging in September to benefit the committee for this year's Christmas decorations. The Fried Pie Festival will be September 18 and the Buchanan Beautification committee will be selling cookbooks and fried pies. The next Beautification meeting will be August 19, 2021 at the Buchanan City Hall.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into executive session. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to go into executive session. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Executive Session**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to come out of executive session. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to come out of executive session. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Residential Zoning Moratorium:** Mayor Scott asks for a motion to place a moratorium on all residential and mobile home zoning for 45 days. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to place a moratorium on all residential and mobile home zoning for 45 days. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Annexation of Korea Street Public Hearing:** Mayor Scott asks the council and audience for any questions or concerns pertaining to the annexation of Korea Street property. An attendee asks the council where the property was located. Mayor Scott answered the attendee's question. There were no further questions or concerns.

**Increasing Capital Threshold to \$2, 000 Retrospective to 2021:** Mayor Scott asks for a motion to increase the Capital Threshold to \$2, 000 Retrospective to 2021 per the Auditors request. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to increase the Capital Threshold to \$2, 000 Retrospective to 2021 per the Auditors request. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Departmental Updates-**

**Public Works Director- Heath Lee:** Updates council on the building process at the new property. A metal recycling company will be getting all the scrap metal from the building, at no cost for the city. Once the building is cleared, the city will begin clearing for a new building. Also, informs the council that we are still waiting for an update from USDA.



**Police Brent Christopher:** Updates on crime report and citations. They have ordered the new police cars and should receive them in a month or two.

**City Clerk- Sherry Taylor:** Updates council on audit and informs council on the Qualifying dates for next week.

### **Adjourn**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried with 4-0.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Called Council Meeting**  
**August 31, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott not present.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Angie Hood, and Kendall Holderfield were present. Teresa Barger called in by phone.

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

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

**Stanley Freeland:** Asks for a motion to approve the agenda. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to approve the agenda. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Stanley Freeland:** Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for August 10, 2021. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to approve the minutes for August 10, 2021. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Annexation of Korea Street:** Stanley Freeland asks for a motion to vote on the annexation of Korea Street. Angie Hood made a motion to vote on the annexation of Korea Street. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Library Jana Gentry:** Not present.

**Main Street Representative Tina Southern:** Not present.

**Departmental Updates-**

**Public Works Director-Heath Lee:** Updates council on main line repairs.

**Police Chief-Brent Christopher:** Updates council on vehicles and training for officers. The department is also looking into updated body cameras.

**City Clerk-Sherry Taylor:** Updates council on the results of qualifying, The City will not have an election this year, Angie Hood was re-elected to her position and Steve Holcombe was elected for Teresa Barger's council seat.

**Discussion:** Stanley Freeland and the Council have a discussion with the planning and zoning committee about their efforts to rewrite the zoning ordinance.

**Adjourn**

**Stanley Freeland:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to adjourn. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried with 3-0.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Called Council Meeting**  
**September 28, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Angie Hood, and Kendall Holderfield were present.

**Department Heads:** City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Public Works Director Heath Lee, and Captain David Ratner.

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stanley Freeland.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the agenda. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve the minutes for August 31, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for August 31, 2021. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Moratorium Extension:** The City Attorney recommended the city extend the Moratorium on Residential Zoning for 30 days. Mayor Scott asks for a motion to vote on the 30-day moratorium extension. Angie Hood made a motion to vote on the 30-day moratorium extension. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Drafting Zoning Ordinance Review:** The planning commission will review the Zoning ordinance draft and recommend the final draft to the council for approval. Sherry Taylor will also provide the council with a copy to review.

**Library Jana Gentry:** Not present.

**Main Street Representative Tina Southern:** Not present.

**Departmental Updates-**

**Public Works Director-Heath Lee:** Updates council on the Transportation SPLOST. The City will be able to use TSPLOST funds to buy vehicles and equipment. Also updates the council on the funds that are available in the State of Georgia. Heath Lee proposes that the City use Turnip Seed Engineering to write the application to receive these funds.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to approve Heath Lee's proposal to use Turnip Seed Engineering to write the application to receive these funds. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to approve Heath Lee's proposal to use Turnip Seed Engineering to write the

application to receive these funds. Stanley Freeland seconded the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**Police Capitan-David Ratner:** Updates council on citations and statistics.

**City Clerk-Sherry Taylor:** Updates council on 2021 property tax billing and Clerk's training.

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to go into executive session for legal and land acquisition. Stanley Freeland made a motion to go into executive session for legal and land acquisition. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Executive Session**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to come out of the executive session. Stanley Freeland made a motion to come out of the executive session. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

### **Adjourn**

**Mayor Scott:** Asks for a motion to adjourn. Stanley Freeland made a motion to adjourn. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried with 3-0.

**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.

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**October 26, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Teresa Barger, and Kendall Holderfield were present. Angie Hood was present on the phone.

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

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stanley Freeland.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the agenda. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to go into executive session. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to go into executive session. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Executive Session**

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to come out of executive session. Stanley Freeland made a motion to come out of executive session. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Library Jana Gentry:** Not present.

**Allen Parnell:** Presented the workers compensation insurance proposal for the City. The top two bids were from Key Risk and BITCO for workers compensation insurance. The council discussed the bid proposals with Mr. Parnell. Stanley Freeland made a motion to stay with Key Risk for workers compensation insurance. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Teresa Barger:** Dismissed herself from the meeting.

**Solid Solutions:** Presented an overview of the Solid Waste Facility and answered questions concerning the new project.

**Zoning Ordinance:** Mrs. Taylor informed the council that the zoning ordinance is still being drafted.

**Alex Melendez:** Presented his plans to build a patio in front of his restaurant. The attorney informed Mr. Melendez that we would have to look into the proposed project to see if it can be done.

**Los Cowboy's to-go alcohol sales:** The city attorney informed Alex Melendez that to-go alcohol sales were legal as long as he followed state guide lines. The Police Chief will deliver a copy of the laws the following day.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott adjourns the meeting.

**Adjourn**



**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Called Council Meeting**  
**November 8th, 2021**

**Mayor:** AJ Scott.

**Council Members:** Stanley Freeland, Teresa Barger, Kendall Holderfield, and Angie Hood was present.

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

**Mayor Scott:** Calls the meeting to order. The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stanley Freeland.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the agenda with an addition to Sheriff Stacy Williams speaking after Patty Hutcheson. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the agenda. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to go into executive session for legal and personnel. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to go into executive session for legal and personnel. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Executive Session- Legal and Personnel**

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to come out of executive session. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to come out of executive session. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Angie Hood:** Ms. Hood made a motion to approve the employee raise as discussed in executive Session. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Angie Hood:** Ms. Hood made a motion to approve employee bonuses as discussed in executive session. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Innovative Solutions-Marcy Heath:** Presented health, dental, vision, and life insurance proposals for the City. Mrs. Heath informed the council that the vision and life had stayed the same, while the dental and health insurance changed. The dental insurance increased; however, she suggested that the City stay with Humana dental. Mrs. Heath presented several different health insurance plans. The council discussed the health insurance proposals with Mrs. Heath. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to

go with the first plan presented that is beneficial to the employees. Teresa Barger seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Library-Jana Gentry:** Not present.

**Main Street Representative-Tina Southern:** Mrs. Southern updated the council on the pumpkin caper success. They have begun to decorate the square for Christmas, they will finish decorating closer to the Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony. The Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony will be November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The grand marshal for the parade will be Chief Brent Christopher. The Buchanan beautification committee selected Donny and Mitzi Boswell as yard of the month and Strawberry Hill Photography was selected for business of the month.

**Moratorium Extension:** Mr. Scott informed the council that the Planning and Zoning committee still needs to discuss and suggest the proposed zoning ordinance to the council. They will be meeting on this issue November 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Scott asks for a motion to extend the moratorium until January 25, 2021 to give them enough time to suggest the updated zoning ordinance. Angie Hood made a motion to extend the moratorium until January 25, 2021. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Sunday Packaging Sales:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the Sunday packaging sales resolution. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to approve the Sunday package sales resolution. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Stanley Freeland abstained.

**Cemetery Maintenance:** Mr. Lee updated the council on the cemetery maintenance. The current contractor's agreement has ended. Mr. Lee asked the council to approve another 6-month contract with the current contractor. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to approve a 6-month contract with the current contractor. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Patty Hutcheson:** Mrs. Hutcheson discussed her concerns about the TSPLOST expenditures and the roads in the city that need to be paved. Mrs. Hutcheson presented several pictures of Park Heights Street to the council. The council informed Mrs. Hutcheson that Park Heights Street is on the top of the paving list pending tree removal. The public works director, Heath Lee, will begin the paving process of Park Heights Street.

**Sherriff Stacey Williams:** Sherriff Williams wanted to inform the council that the Haralson County Sherriff's office is here to help the City of Buchanan. He thanked the city departments for their continuous support and help they have provided. Sherriff Williams updated the council on the various projects and concerns the Sherriff's office is currently working on.

## **Departmental Updates**

**Public Works Director-Heath Lee:** Mr. Lee updated the council on the various tasks that public works have been working on.

**Police Chief-Brent Christopher:** Mr. Christopher informed the council that the Police Department is now fully staffed and they have been working on getting all employees trained. The department is still waiting for the vehicles. Major Kristopher Whitfield updated the council on crime and statistics.

**City Clerk-Sherry Taylor:** Mrs. Taylor updated the council on the collection of property taxes and upcoming business license renewal. Mrs. Taylor also updated the council on how wonderful the accounting clerk, Melanie Mastrangelo, has been doing.

**Mayor Scott:** Mr. Scott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Adjourn**