

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session
November 17th, 2025

Acting Mayor: Steve Holcombe

Council Members: 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.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe called the work session to order.

Grand Marshall for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade: Mr. Holcombe announced that Mrs. Romona Sims accepted the nomination as the Grand Marshall for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade. Mr. Holcombe stated that Mrs. Sims said that she was “delighted but didn’t feel like she deserved it.”

Events Coordinator, Shyanne Streetman: Mrs. Streetman stated that they will be going to Creel’s Christmas Tree Farm to purchase an 18 ft tree for the square. It will be about \$500. She also showed the council the ornaments the children made, to go on the tree on the square, from the Buchanan Elementary School.

Donation of property with Water Tower from the Haralson County School Board: The Haralson County School Board signed off on the deed at this month’s School Board meeting. We are just waiting for the paperwork to be filed.

Donation of Morgan Park property: The Haralson County School Board agreed to donate a little over an acre to the City of Buchanan. The goal is to make this property a city park.

Meeting Dates for 2026: The council discussed meeting dates for the upcoming year. The January meeting date has been changed to January 5th and the December meeting has been changed to December 14th. The council will vote on the meeting dates discussed at the next regular meeting.

Entrance Signs: Mrs. Hood updated the council on the entrance signs project. Mrs. Hood is working on the designs and asked the council to send her their ideas.

Acting Mayor Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

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Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
November 17th, 2025

Acting Mayor: Steve Holcombe.

Council Members: 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.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Calls the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Holcombe, and the innovation was led by Horatio Bell.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the minutes for October 20th, 2025. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the minutes for October 20th, 2025. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Zoning Ordinance: Mr. Holcombe stated that the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission is still reviewing the zoning ordinance changes. Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to table this item. Ron Moser made a motion to table this item. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Ron Moser made a motion to open public hearing. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Application by Frank Norment Homes, LLC, to re-zone parcel 0075 0005A to HDR High Density Residential: Mr. Dewberry presented a revised plan to the council. They have allocated a buffer at the corner of Jeffers Street, and a land swap can be done if needed. Phase one will include all amenities, single, and dual cottages. Phase two will include the assisted living and dining hall. The streets will be the same length as the existing road on Jeffers Street. All plans will be submitted to the State for approval as usual. The community will remain a 55 and older community with an HOA.

Public Comment: No comment.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Angie Hood made a motion to close the public hearing. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Application by Frank Norment Homes, LLC, to re-zone parcel 0075 0005A to HDR High Density Residential: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the application to rezone parcel 0075 0005A to High Density Residential. Mr. Moser made a motion to approve the application to rezone parcel 0075 0005A to High Density Residential. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Departmental Updates

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor updated the council on the City Clerk's Department. The Christmas party will be on December 5th from 12-2 p.m. here at City Hall for employees and council members. The Annual Christmas Parade will be November 29th, and the Bell Tower Bash will be December 31st. We have also been getting ready for business license renewals and waiting for the final digest to set the new mill rate.

Events Coordinator, Shyanne Streetman: Mrs. Streetman updated the council on the donations received for the Bell Tower Bash. The city has received a total of \$4,100 so far, that includes sponsors and vendor fees. She shared the sponsorship levels with the council and handed out copies.

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the Public Works Department. The department had 4 water leaks on Perry Lane. He also informed the council that the warranty on the water meters will expire in two years, they have around 530 meters currently. The tree work has been completed in front of the Water Tower; they are working on Christmas decorations, and they cut down 4 trees at the cemetery.

Police Chief David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics for the month. Mr. Ratner also informed the council that he has hired a new employee that will start November 19th. The officers will be measured for their new body vests that were purchased with donation money.

Public Comment: Mrs. Holcombe opened the meeting to public comments and stated his goal is to be responsive to the citizens.

Matt Cook: Mr. Cook thanked the council for all they do.

Angie Hood: Mrs. Hood thanked all visitors for attending the meeting.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Moser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourn