

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session
January 20th, 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 Horatio Bell.

Purchasing Policy: The City Clerk's office personnel created a purchasing policy based off our current practices and what is stated in the charter. The council reviewed the policy and suggested that the requirement for bids should not be limited just to construction projects. The lawyer confirmed that they can be more restrictive but not less restrictive than the Charter. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Personnel Policy: Mrs. Taylor discussed the changes in the personnel policy. In the personnel policy it states that our new proposed office hours would be Monday and Tuesday 8:00 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., Wednesday 8:00 through 12:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 through 5:30 p.m., and Friday 8:00 through 5:00 p.m. The other minor changes included corrections on how we accrue sick time, the paid holidays that we receive, how new hires accrue vacation leave, and we also removed where the policy refers to a City Manager.

Babloo Bagga: Not present.

Ashley Blue and Amy Connole: Mrs. Blue and Mrs. Connole expressed their concerns to the council concerning the safety hazards on Highland Avenue. They requested the council to install speed bumps on Highland Avenue, between Depot Street and East Head Avenue to attempt to slow speeding drivers, where there are many children that play daily. Mrs. Hood asked where they would like the speed bumps installed. They responded that they would like them installed between Depot Street and East Head Avenue on Highland Avenue. Mr. Holcombe asked if this would be a problem for the buses. Mrs. Connole, a current bus driver for Haralson County, stated that the speed bumps would not be an issue. Mr. Moser asked Chief Ratner if there had been any complaints. Chief Ratner stated that there have been issues, and he does have officers patrolling that area. The council requested that Mr. Bell get quotes for 4 speed bumps and the council can review them at the next meeting.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott re-opened the work session to hear Mr. Bagga's request due to his unpunctual arrival.

Babloo Bagga: Mr. Bagga presented the council with his plans for the gas station at 3686 Highway 27 in Buchanan. They are not allowed to obtain an alcohol license since their front door and the church's front door is less than 300 feet away. They asked the council to make an exception, so they can obtain an alcohol license. Mayor Scott informed them to get the exact distance from door to door between the church and the business. The lawyer informed the

council that they would have to make an ordinance amendment if they were considering accepting this request. This item will be added to the next regular session council meeting.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

January 20th, 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 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 with the removal of Tires for 2024 Chevrolet GMC Public Works Truck. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of Tires for 2024 Chevrolet GMC Public Works Truck. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for October 21st, 2024. Sterling Moore made a motion to approve the minutes for October 21st, 2024. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Jana Gentry: Not present.

Health Insurance Renewal: Mrs. Heath informed the council that the renewal information is the same as when she met with them in December. After going over the options for the city, Mrs. Heath suggested that the council approve the renewal of the current Health, Dental, and Life plans. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the renewal of the current Health, Dental, Vision, and Life plans. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Parnell Insurance Renewal: Mr. Parnell went over the renewal information that was presented to the council in December. The renewal plans have decreased by about one-third. Mr. Parnell is suggesting that we renew the plan as presented. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the renewal as presented. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Waiving Annexation Fees: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the waiving of annexation fees for 6 months, ending July 20th, 2025, as an incentive for surrounding properties that receive our services to annex into the City. Sterling Moore made a motion to approve the waiving of annexation fees as presented. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Intent to Opt out of Homestead Exemption: Mayor Scott invited the Chief Appraiser from the Haralson County Assessors office to answer any questions the council may have about the new Homestead Exemption. Mr. Smith clarified that this exemption does not affect the 65 and older exemption that is already in place. The previous format assumes a 5 percent fair market value increase per year and assessed (taxable) value also increases 5 percent a year. Citizens only have two assessed values (City and County/School). The Floating homestead exemption assumes a 5 percent annual fair market value increase and assumes a 3 percent Inflationary increase to the assessed (taxable) value. If the School System opts out, citizens would have three

assessed values. (City, County, and School). This public hearing is just giving the City of Buchanan options, if they did not advertise to opt out they would automatically be opted in the exemption.

Public Hearing: Mayor Scott 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.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Mayor Scott: Mayor Scott asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Sterling Moore made a motion to close the public hearing. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Annexation Application submitted by Bremen Farms, LLC to annex 32.90 acres of 0088 0001 and re-zone to General Commercial C-2: Mr. Grayson presented his plans for the 32.90 acres of parcel 0088 0001 to the council. They plan to have an RV/hospitality space with rental cottages. They also want a commercial village that includes an artist maker space, micro-brewery/distillery, café, and stores for the visitors and residents. They would also offer a farm stand from their local farmer to attract visitors and residents to the property. The C-2 requested zoning gives them the flexibility for the variety of things they are wanting to do.

Public Hearing: Mayor Scott asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Sterling Moore made a motion to open the public hearing. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Mayor Scott: Mayor Scott asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Ron Moser made a motion to close the public hearing. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mayor Scott asked for a motion to approve the annexation and re-zoning request made by Bremen Farms, LLC to annex 32.90 acres of parcel 0088 0001 and re-zone it as General Commercial C-2 pending recording of the plat. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the annexation and re-zoning request made by Bremen Farms, LLC to annex 32.90 acres of parcel 0088 0001 and re-zone it as General Commercial C-2 pending recording of the plat. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Appointment of Max Crook to the Buchanan Housing authority Board: Ron Moser made a motion to approve the appointment of Max Crooks to the Buchanan Housing Authority Board for a one-year term. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Appointment of Donny Rainey to the Buchanan Housing authority Board: Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve the appointment of Donny Rainey to the Buchanan Housing Authority Board for a two-year term. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Appointment of Debra Thompson to the Buchanan Housing authority Board: Sterling Moore made a motion to approve the appointment of Debra Thompson to the Buchanan Housing Authority Board for a three-year term. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Appointment of Gene Fields to the Buchanan Housing authority Board: Ron Moser made a motion to approve the appointment of Gene Fields to the Buchanan Housing Authority Board for a four-year term. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Water Rate Increase: Mayor Scott went over the water rate increase with the council. Mrs. Taylor explained that they are requesting a 3 percent increase for inside water rates and a 5 percent increase for outside water rates. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the water rate increase as presented. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Emergency Mixer Motor for Digester at Sewer Plant: Mr. Bell informed the council that the department had to make an emergency purchase in the amount of \$4,477.20, with the approval of Mayor Scott, to replace the mixer motor for the digester at the Sewer Plant. Mayor Scott asked the council to formally vote on the purchase and replacement of the mixer motor for the Digester at the Sewer Plant. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the emergency purchase for the mixer motor for the digester at the Sewer Plant. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Replacing pipes at Young Street Pump Station: Mr. Bell explained to the council that the pipes at the Young Street Pump Station need to be replaced as soon as possible. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the purchase of replacing the pipes at the Young Street Pump Station in the amount of \$5,998.84 using SPLOST funds. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Purchasing Water/Sewer Parts: Mr. Bell asked the council to approve the purchase of water/sewer parts to stock up on their inventory. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the purchase water/sewer parts in the amount of \$2,810.86 using water and sewer general funds. 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 months of November and December. Mr. Ratner is also looking at hiring an additional night shift officer.

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor informed the council that she and the Deputy Clerk will be attending Clerks Class in Jekyll, February 2nd through the 5th. The department has been working on collecting property taxes and business licenses renewals. The accounting clerk is working on getting W-2s and 1099s out now. There was a lot of good feedback on the Bell Tower Bash, everyone loved the fireworks. Mrs. Glore and Mr. Bell have been working together to submit the 2025 LMIG grant to pave Evelyn S Wade Blvd. The city has also received their completion certificate from 120Water for the Lead and Copper Inventory.

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the public works department. They repaired several leaks on Pine Street, Park Heights Street, and several on Tallapoosa Street. They have a list of road patch projects that they will start once the weather gets warmer. Mr. Bell has also noticed an issue with our fat oil grease levels at our sewer plant. Mr. Bell has sent out letters to all properties requesting a letter of intent to install an inground grease trap to

eliminate this issue. In addition, Mr. Scott requested that Mr. Bell prioritize the quotes for the water tank on Carrollton Street.

Personnel Policy: Mrs. Taylor asked the council to approve the updated personnel policy as presented in the work session. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the updated personnel policy as presented in the work session. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Executive Session-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.

Hiring of Public Works Director: Ron Moser made a motion to hire Horatio Bell as the new Public Works Director. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Public Hearing
January 27th, 2025

Mayor: AJ Scott.

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

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor.

Int to Opt Out of Homestead Exemption-Public Hearing

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Angie Hood made a motion to open the public hearing. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: Mr. Rainey asked the council what the main monetary difference was between opting in and opting out of the Homestead Exemption. Mr. Scott informed Mr. Rainey that they are on board with opting in the Homestead Exemption, meaning that your homestead property value cannot be assessed for more than 3% higher every year. The state is stepping in to ensure citizen's properties don't double in value each year.

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

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

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Public Hearing
February 3rd, 2025

Mayor: AJ Scott.

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

Others: Accounting Clerk Melanie Mastrangelo

Int to Opt Out of Homestead Exemption-Public Hearing

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Angie Hood made a motion to open the public hearing. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: A citizen asked what it means to opt out of the Homestead Exemption. Mayor Scott stated that your homestead property value cannot be assessed for more than 3% higher every year if we opt in. The state is stepping in to ensure citizen's properties don't double in value each year. This exemption does not affect the 65 and older Homestead Exemption.

Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe informed the council that Infra-Metals will be meeting at City Hall on Friday at 12 p.m. to answer questions concerning police security, liability, and any questions the City Clerk and Public Works Director might have.

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

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott went over items that will be on the agenda for the next meeting. He also updated the council on the new Special Events Coordinator, Shyanne Streetman. Rhonda Holcombe and Kris Moser helped train her today and helped her get started on the Annual Egg Hunt and the Spring Fair on the Square flyers. The Easter Egg Hunt is April 5th, 2025, to give time in case of rain. The Spring Fair on the Square will be April 26th, 2025. The max number of vendors will be 70. The costs for the spring fair will be \$90.00 without electricity and \$100.00 with electricity.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session
February 17th, 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.

Purchasing Policy: The City Clerk's office personnel created a purchasing policy based off our current practices and what is stated in the charter. The council reviewed the policy and suggested that any purchases needed over \$1,000 but less than \$2,500 can be approved by the City Clerk. They would also like to change the minimum amount for bidding from \$5,000 to \$7,500. This will need to be changed in the policy and in our city ordinance. The office will get in touch with the city attorney to get this ready for the next meeting.

Speed Bumps: Mr. Bell presented the council with a quote for a 20' long 3' wide, single concrete speed hump which includes materials and labor in the amount of \$3,850.00. He also has two rubber speed humps in stock at the shop already that was used on Carrollton and Tallapoosa Street. If they purchased two more of the rubber speed humps it would be around \$200. Mr. Bell recommends the cement speed humps due to longer duration and low maintenance. The council discussed what they could do in the meantime while looking into cement speed humps further.

Shyanne Streetman: Ms. Streetman introduced herself to the council as the new City Events Coordinator. The Annual Egg Hunt has been set for April 5th, 2025. She has already received sponsors for the event. The Annual Spring Fair on the Square has been set to April 26th, 2025, and she has already booked 30 vendors so far.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
February 17th, 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 with addition of temporary speed humps on Highland Avenue and moving the executive session after Mrs. Gentry. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of temporary speed humps on Highland Avenue and moving the executive session after Mrs. Gentry. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for January 20th, January 27th, and February 3rd, 2025. Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve the minutes for January 20th, January 27th, and February 3rd, 2025. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Jana Gentry: Not present.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to go into the executive session for legal. Ron Moser made a motion to go into executive session for legal. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session-Legal

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.

Hotel/Motel Tax Resolution: The council was presented with the Hotel/Motel Tax Resolution. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the Hotel/Motel Tax Resolution. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Temporary Speed Humps: The council discussed placing the rubber speed bumps temporarily on Highland Avenue until they can get more information on the cement speed bumps. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the temporary placement of the rubber speed bumps on Highland Avenue. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-1. Ron Moser opposed.

Babloo Bagga Alcohol License Request: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the alcohol license variance. Ron Moser made a motion to disapprove of the alcohol license variance for 3686 Business 27. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Withdrawal from the Haralson County Solid Waste Special Tax District: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to withdraw from the Haralson County Solid Waste Special Tax District. Angie Hood made a motion to withdraw from the Haralson County Solid Waste Special Tax District. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Servicing Mixer Motors at Sewer Plant: The sewer plant has three blowers that need to be serviced once a year. Mr. Bell asked the council to approve West Georgia Air to service the three blowers once a year not to exceed \$3,000.00. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the present quote not to exceed \$3,000.00. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Police Server- Mr. Ratner asked the council to approve the purchase of a new police server, this purchase will also include a domain name as well. The total costs would be \$1,800. \$1,100 would be paid using Technology funds and \$700 using General Funds. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the purchase of a new police server for \$1,800.00. Steve Holcombe 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 updated the council on the road rage shootings, the same man was responsible for both incidents and he is currently in jail with no bond.

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the public works department. They repaired two water leaks, had three Jetter calls, cleaned storm drains, and they also had the plugs repaired around the square.

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor informed the council that she and the Deputy Clerk completed their courses at the Jekyll Convention. The DOT approved our 2025 LMIG application. We were granted \$21,327.69 to go toward the Evelyn S Wade paving project. We will also start working on the budget in March. It has been lovely working with our new events coordinator, Shyanne Streetman.

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

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session

March 17th, 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.

Purchasing Policy: Mrs. Gloré informed the council that the changes they requested had been made to the policy and an ordinance will be ready for the next meeting to change the City code and vote on the purchasing policy.

Cement Speed Bumps: Mr. Bell presented the council with a quote from McIntosh Specialty Services. The quote breaks down the price for a speed table and the price for a smaller asphalt speed bump. The two types of speed breakers are at Mirror Lake, if the Mayor and Council would like to compare the two in person. Mr. Scott requested that the public works department install the temporary speed bumps they have in stock by Wednesday. The council will revisit this discussion.

John Downing: Mr. Downing presented the council with two sets of plans that are examples of what Cobb and Forsyth County requires for development. Mr. Downing presented the council with his concerns concerning erosion control at the Addie Jane Lane development. Epling's Lawn Mower Shop and Westmoreland Work Wear were flooded due to his concerns on Addie Jane Lane. He requested a moratorium on all building permits until the city is better equipped to deal with subdivision developments. He also stated that his request is based off his concerns with the final house being built on lot 8. Mrs. Epling stated her concerns as well. Mr. Scott stated that he would meet with her tomorrow to discuss her concerns. Mr. Scott stated that this is just a work session, and they would not vote at this time. Another resident at Addie Jane Lane requested to speak as well. Mr. Scott told the resident that he can fill out a request form for the next meeting. The resident then stated that he agrees that this issue needs to be addressed. Mr. Scott stated that within the next two weeks, the city will be meeting with the Department of Transportation, Norfolk Southern, and Public Works. Mr. Scott stated that they are welcome to attend and observe the meeting.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

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

Jana Gentry: Not present. The Chairman of the library advisory board presented the budget on her behalf. Due to the increase in health insurance and their retirement plan for their employee. The chairman requested that the donation from the city be increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The council also questioned why the Board of Education was only donating \$2,509 in the current year's budget. The chairman stated that the school boards around the area usually do not donate a large amount. The council thanked the chairman for presenting on behalf of Mrs. Gentry.

Purchase of Cones and Barricades: Mr. Bell presented the council with three bids for 50 traffic cones, 10 A-Frame Barricades, and 8 crowd control barricades. He stated that for the events, road closures, and road repairs, they have to borrow cones and barricades from the Department of Transportation. Mr. Bell suggested that the council go with the quote from Uline to purchase 50 28-inch reflective cones and 8 powder-coated crowd-controlled barricades not to exceed \$3,000 using TSPLOST funds. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the Uline quote not to exceed \$3,000 using TSPLOST funds. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Cemetery Bids: Mr. Bell presented the council with three bids for the Cemetery maintenance. Mr. Scott stated that he will not be participating in the discussion due to one of the bidders being his relative. The council discussed the three bids. Mr. Bell did not have a recommendation to the council. Ron Moser made the motion to approve the second bid in the amount of \$1,100 a month to maintain the cemetery. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-1. Angie Hood abstained from the vote.

New Police Software: Mr. Ratner requested that the council approve the purchase of new software. The current software has been mixing up citations and causing them a lot of issues.

The police server that was voted on last month was installed for this new software to run correctly. The new software will be \$2,650 and the monthly fee will be about 1,800 a month. Mr. Ratner asked that the initial costs be taken out of SPLOST funds and the monthly fee be taken out of general police funds. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the software purchase as presented. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to go into the executive session for legal and personnel. Ron Moser made a motion to go into executive session for legal and personnel. Sterling Moore 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

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor informed the council that the department has been working on 2025-2026 budgets. Mrs. Taylor stated that the budget will be presented in April, the first public hearing will be in May, and the second public hearing and vote will be in June. Ms. Streetman has been doing a wonderful job with the events.

Event Coordinator, Shyanne Streetman: Ms. Streetman updated the council on the events in the city. There will be a Vietnam Ceremony on the square on March 29th at 10 a.m. The egg hunt and Spring Fair on the Square is scheduled for April.

Police Chief, David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics for the month. Mr. Ratner also informed the council that they are in the middle of several big investigations that they cannot discuss at this time.

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the public works department. They 20 locates, 2 water leaks, repaired the storm drain at MCL, repaired a sewer main on Tallapoosa Street, replaced the pump on the fountain, and got some classes scheduled to take.

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

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

CITY OF BUCHANAN
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.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session
May 19th, 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.

Columbarium purchase for City Cemetery: The council discussed the purchase of a columbarium for the City Cemetery. Mrs. Hood thinks we should start with a smaller size that holds around 20-40 niches. Mayor Scott stated that the smaller columbarium's that hold around 40 niches would be around \$6,000 to purchase. Mr. Holcombe discussed the possible location of the columbarium and expressed the importance of having space for grave side services for the families around the designated area. The council discussed that each niche could sell for around \$600-\$800 each. Mr. Moser discussed the possible increase in grave plots; this will be revisited at a later date. Mrs. Hood also wants an area for paupers. The council discussed the idea of finding space for paupers in the future.

Cemetery Regulations: The council discussed the cemetery regulations presented. They discussed the possibility of the city buying and setting corner stones to ensure their plots are marked correctly. They also discussed headstone deposits, grave coping and walls, as well as regulations and ground maintenance.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott stated that they will begin the regular session and add the remaining items to the regular session agenda.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
May 19th, 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 with the addition of cemetery discussion at the beginning and columbarium vote following. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Cemetery Regulations: The council continued reviewing the proposed cemetery regulations. Mr. Scott suggested that the council make their edits and email them to Mrs. Sherry so we can vote on the regulations at the next meeting.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for April 21st, 2025. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the minutes for April 21st, 2025. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Columbarium Purchase for City Cemetery: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to purchase a columbarium not to exceed \$6,000 using SPLOST funds. Steve Holcombe made a motion to purchase a columbarium not to exceed \$6,000 using SPLOST funds. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Golf Cart Ordinance: The council discussed the Golf Cart Ordinance that was presented. Mrs. Glore explained "Exhibit A" in the Ordinance. The roads that are highlighted are roads that need to be discussed and possibly removed due to the volume of traffic. The council agreed that Jacksonville Road, Buchanan Bypass, and Infra-Metals Way be removed from the list of roads approved to drive golf carts on. The city attorney stated that the city will need to install signage that states "Golf Cart crossing ahead" on the state roads that the golf carts can pass through to get to the approved roads within the city. Mr. Scott stated that he will meet with GDOT to discuss all the signage that is needed legally. The attorney also stated that the state requires golf cart drivers to have a valid driver's license to be able to operate the golf cart. There are also strict restrictions on registration so there is nothing regarding registration in the proposed ordinance. Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the golf cart ordinance as

presented with excluding Jacksonville Road, Infra-Metals Way, and Buchanan Bypass effective July 1st so the proper signage can be installed. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the Golf Cart Ordinance as presented. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Asphalt Speed Bumps: Mr. Bell presented the council with pictures of an asphalt speed bump for an example. The price is still the same as the quote that was presented last month. The council decided not to purchase the asphalt speed bumps at this time.

Survey 10 acres on 120/27-Not to exceed \$3,000: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to allow Greg Dewberry to survey 10 acres on 120/27 not to exceed \$3,000. Angie Hood made a motion to allow Greg Dewberry to survey 10 acres on 120/27 not to exceed \$3,000. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

City Hall Renovations: Mrs. Taylor asked the council to table this item. The council tabled this item until the next meeting.

Public Hearing: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the 2025-2026 Budget. Ron Moser made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2025-2026 Budget. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: No public comment.

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

Executive Session-Legal and Personnel- Mr. Scott and the council decided not to go into the executive session.

Departmental Updates

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor informed the council that the department has been working on getting bids for the City Hall renovations and working on the 2025-2026 budgets. Mrs. Taylor informed the council that she will be receiving her Clerk's Certification in September, along with Deputy Clerk, Maizie Glore. The accountant has been taking some online courses and eventually the Events Coordinator will be working toward her certificate as a Main Street Representative.

Event Coordinator, Shyanne Streetman: Ms. Streetman informed the council that she has been working on a historical project showing past Mayors, Council members, City Clerks, Police Chiefs, and Public Works Directors dating back to the 1960s. She will be requested 5X7 photos be turned in of each one. The City Clerk's office has been cross training her in the front office in between planning future events.

Police Chief, David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics for the month. Mr. Ratner also informed the council that the department hired Blane Cochran, the new assistant police chief. Mr. Cochran has worked for the City of Bremen for over 31 years and is a certified instructor. This will allow the city to host training at the city instead of traveling for training. There will be taser training hosted tomorrow here at City Hall.

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell presented the new camera to the council. The new equipment has already found several problems that the department has fixed. The department would like to record all of the service lines in the city eventually. They have installed a water/sewer tap on Weaver Street, completed 12 locates, and tracked the problem causing the fire hydrant volume to decrease near Legend Inc. They have fixed this issue that was found.

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

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session
June 16th, 2025

Mayor: AJ Scott.

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

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Major Blane Cochran, and Public Works Director Horatio Bell.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott thanked the Chief Appraiser for attending the meeting to answer questions the council and citizens may have concerning the tax assessments.

Chief Appraiser, Zachary Smith: The county had to do a complete and total re-evaluation this year. In this process, they anticipate a mass number of appeals and encourage people to do so to ensure that everything is evaluated correctly. The council asked questions concerning valuations and the school board opting out of the homestead exemption. Mr. Smith states that the assessor's office only handles appeals concerning the property valuations. The cities adopt their millage rate each year, which will determine the amount of taxes each city collects.

Parking Ordinance: This item has been tabled until the next meeting.

Trespassing Ordinance: This item has been tabled until the next meeting.

Jada Ross: Ms. Ross asked the council some questions concerning zoning and manufactured homes within city limits. Mr. Scott stated that the council does not usually answer questions back in forth in meetings, however the zoning ordinance does not state that manufactured homes are not allowed within city limits if the property meets the criteria. Mr. Scott stated that he is available to meet with her tomorrow concerning her questions about the zoning ordinance and manufactured homes.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
June 16th, 2025

Mayor: AJ Scott.

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

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Major Blane Cochran, and Public Works Director Horatio Bell.

Mayor Scott: Calls the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Scott and the innovation was led by Horatio Bell.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of Parking Ordinance and Trespassing Ordinance and replace that with Parnell Insurance and City Computers. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Allen Parnell: Mr. Parnell presents the renewal figures. The renewal date is July 6th, 2025. They have received three different quotes; however, the best one is who we are currently with now. We have a \$4,400.00 increase overall. The Worker's Comp plan is renewed in November. Mr. Scott stated that he noticed some vehicles that need to be removed from the policy and that the new sewer camera needs to be added as well. Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the presented renewal not to exceed \$62,000. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the presented renewal pending final review not to exceed \$62,000. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0. Mrs. Glore met with Mr. Parnell before he left to discuss the removal of the vehicle along with any other changes that need to be made.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for May 19th, 2025. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the minutes for May 19th, 2025. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

City Computers: Mrs. Taylor stated that the city needed to purchase computers for the police and one for the sewer plant not to exceed \$5,500. The current computers are not able to update to Windows 11 due to their age. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the purchase of computers not to exceed \$5,500. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Cemetery Regulations: Mr. Scott discusses the cemetery regulations with the council. Mrs. Hood asked the council if vaults are required for cremated remains, they are. Mrs. Hood suggests that this be clarified in the ordinance. They also discussed that flags should not exceed 6X8. Also, instead of holding a deposit until the mandatory

coping or walls are finished, the city can hold on to the deed until it is completed. Options were discussed concerning adding the costs of the headstone and walls to the plot costs. Mayor Scott asked for a motion to approve the cemetery regulations pending the addition of the costs of a headstone to the plot price. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the cemetery regulations pending the addition of the headstone costs to the plot price. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

City Hall Renovations: Mrs. Taylor presented the City Hall Renovation quotes to the council. We requested three bids; however, we only got one for flooring for \$30,425, one for just painting the inside of the building for \$15,000, and one for painting the inside of the building, flooring for the three front offices, lobby, bathrooms, and courtroom as well as baseboards for \$35,762.00. Mrs. Taylor stated that the best option would be the quote from ABA Construction & Consulting. This would be coming from SPLOST funds. Mayor Scott asked for a motion. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the City Hall renovations quote from ABA Construction. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Steve Holcombe abstained. Ron Moser voted no. Motion carried 2-1.

Public Hearing: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the 2025-2026 Budget. Ron Moser made a motion to open the public hearing for the 2025-2026 Budget. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: Larry Wood spoke for the Haralson-Buchanan Library Advisory Board. He requested an increase from \$12,000 to \$15,000. He stated that the library is important and is very disappointed that it was not increased. This item can be revisited at a later date in the year, and he hopes that the council does that.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott 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.

2025-2026 Budget: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Budget. Ron Moser made a motion to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to go into executive session for legal. Ron Moser made a motion to go into executive session for legal. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session-Legal

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

Departmental Updates

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the Public Works Department. They have had 16 locates, replaced check valves, completed flow test on hydrants, used the new camera twice, and started on the grass cutting schedule as well. Next month they will need to come before the council to purchase parts not to exceed \$2,000.

Major, Blane Cochran: Mr. Cochran updated the council on crime and statistics for the month. He also stated that they have an open investigation about a fake nurse, we currently have around 49 counts on him. They also have two training courses scheduled this year that Major Cochran will be instructing.

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor informed the council that the auditors will be here to begin the audit for the past fiscal year. We will be working on putting the newly adopted budget into the system before July 1st and the council have the GMA Convention scheduled for the end of this week. We will get with ABA Construction to see when work will begin.

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

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session

July 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.

Joint Work Session Discussion: Mr. Scott reminded everyone that we will be holding a joint work session meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. here at City Hall. The council had no additional comments and would like to wait until the work session to review the ordinance together. Mrs. Hood stated that she is unable to attend.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott reminded Mrs. Glore to advertise the Cemetery Rules and Regulations on the website, Facebook, and the digital sign.

Council Member Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for an update on the columbarium. The company will not install the columbarium unless they do it themselves, so the city is searching for another company.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
July 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 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Scott, and the innovation was led by Gene Fields.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to add David Wooten to the agenda for public comment. Angie Hood made a motion to add David Wooten to the agenda for public comment. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for June 16th, 2025. Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve the minutes for June 16th, 2025. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

David Wooten: Mr. Wooten discussed the issue of speeding on First Avenue. He has spoken to his fellow neighbors, and they do not want any speed bumps installed. However, Mr. Wooten requested that the 15 mph speed limit signs be installed to reduce speeding as well as an increase in police presence in that area. Mayor Scott assigned the public works director to install the 15 mph speed limit signs and suggested Mr. Wooten meet with the Police Chief regarding police patrolling the area.

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

Application by McBrayer Development, LLC to re-zone 42.34 acres of 0075 0044V to General Commercial C-2: Mr. Grayson presented the council with plans for parcel 0075 0044V. It is currently zone heavy industrial; they own the adjoining property and would like to re-zone it so it can be an addition to their existing business plan. They plan to have an RV/hospitality space with rental cottages. They also want a commercial village that includes an artist maker space, micro-brewery/distillery, café, and stores for the visitors and residents. They would also offer a farm stand from their

local farmer to attract visitors and residents to the property. The C-2 requested zoning gives them flexibility for the variety of things they want to do. They have also submitted a memorandum of understanding to the council for approval.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott stated that the attorney is still reviewing the memorandum of understanding, and he can ask for a motion to approve the zoning application pending legal review of the memorandum of understanding. The attorney agreed.

Public Comment: Gary Garner asked about the location and acreage of the property. The property is located east of Infra-Metals on McBrayer Rd and is around 75 acres combined.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott 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 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the re-zoning application to re-zone parcel 0075 0044V to General Commercial C-2 pending legal review of the memorandum of understanding. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the re-zoning application to re-zone parcel 0075 0044V to General Commercial C-2 pending legal review of the memorandum of understanding. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott hands the meeting over to Mayor Pro-Tem, Steve Holcombe.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to open the public hearing for the re-zoning of parcel BU06 0011. Ron Moser made a motion to open the public hearing for the re-zoning of parcel BU06 0011. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Application by Frank Co on behalf of Dean Tanner to re-zone parcel BU06 0011 to Central Business District CBD: Mr. Dale presented the council with plans for parcel BU06 0011. They are requesting a Central Business District zoning to build 5-7 mixed-use commercial buildings to resemble the buildings on the square. This building will include commercial space on the lower floor with a restaurant and loft apartments on the top floor.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Ron Moser made a motion to close the public hearing. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the re-zoning application to re-zone parcel BU06 0011 to Central Business District CBD. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the re-zoning application to re-zone parcel BU06

0011 to Central Business District CBD. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Departmental Updates

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor updated the council on the renovations and the audit. Mrs. Taylor thanked her employees and the council for their hard work. The auditors will be returning in August so they can finish up this fiscal year. New monitors for the police department have also been ordered.

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the Public Works Department. They have had 3 water leaks on Alta Vista and Pine Street. He thanked the mayor and council for their help and kind gestures while they were working on the main leak on Alta Vista. They installed a storm drain box on Highland Avenue and have a DOT class scheduled as well. The inventory test with the auditors went well and they are going to start patching soon. Mr. Scott asked Mr. Bell about the work being done at West Georgia Form Repair. Mr. Bell informed the council that they are installing a pole barn, doing some grading on the property, and constructing a driveway that will connect to Evelyn S. Wade Boulevard.

Police Chief David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics for the month. He also stated that he will make sure that the department will increase their presence on First Avenue as requested. The department has completed a training on active shooting classes and plans to schedule additional trainings as well.

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

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

August 18th, 2025

Mayor: AJ Scott.

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

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

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

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Sterling Moore made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for July 21st, 2025. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the minutes for July 21st, 2025. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Spending Police Donations: Mr. Ratner informed the council that the police department has collected \$7,000 in donations. Mr. Ratner asked for a motion to allow the department to use those donation funds to purchase new weapons for the department. The total amount used will be around \$6,442. They plan on collecting more donations so they can remark the police vehicles and purchase new uniforms. Ron Moser made a motion to use the donation funds to purchase new weapons for the department in the amount of \$6,442. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Resolution for SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the resolution for the SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the resolution for the SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Application by Jada Ross to re-zone parcel BU06 0078 to R-20 Residential Estate with a variance to allow a Manufactured Home to be placed on the parcel: Ms. Ross presented the council with her request to bring in a manufactured home on her parcel. The building codes are the same as a stick-built home. She stated

that the zoning board had concerns about depreciation of property values. She ensures the council that this will add value to the community not depreciate it. She has done research and stated that new manufactured homes appreciate and depreciate the same as stick-built homes. Ms. Ross is concerned that the stigmatism around mobile homes has been carried over to manufactured homes. The manufactured home she is looking at will be placed with a permanent brick foundation. Ms. Ross presented the council with the floor plans.

Ron Moser: Mr. Moser asked for the exterior pictures of the home.

Jada Ross: Ms. Ross worked on getting the pictures pulled up but did not have any service.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked Mr. Glore to clarify what the current zoning is for parcel BU06 0078. Mrs. Glore stated that R-20 Residential Estate does not allow manufactured homes. They are allowed in a mobile home park; however, they must meet the requirements in the ordinance. Ms. Ross is asking for a variance to place one on her property, which is zoned R-20 Residential Estate.

Jada Ross: Ms. Ross stepped outside to get the pictures of the manufactured home to load.

Public Comment: Mrs. Davis stated that these manufactured homes can be borrowed on just like stick-built homes can be. They are constructed off site and then brought in to be put on the permanent foundation.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked Mrs. Glore to clarify the variance request. Mrs. Glore stated that Ms. Ross is asking for a variance to bring in a manufactured home in, currently Residential Estate does not allow any mobile, manufactured, and modular home in that zoning code. The only zoning code it is allowed in is a Mobile Home Park zoning code.

Jada Ross: Ms. Ross presented the council with floor plans and pictures of the manufactured home.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to accept or deny the re-zoning request with a variance as presented. Ron Moser made a motion to deny the re-zoning request with a variance as presented. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 2-1. Sterling Moore opposed.

Departmental Updates

Police Chief David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics for the month. The golf cart inspection stickers have been ordered as well as the inspection reports, they will have to come back yearly for their registration and inspection.

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the Public Works Department. The paving on Evelyn S. Wade Blvd has been completed and it looks great. The patching work has also been completed. They also had a sewer main upgrade on Van Wert, a sewer tap repair on Head Avenue, installed three 15 mph speed limit signs on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Avenue. Mr. Bell will be attending sewer training this upcoming week.

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor presented the council with Mrs. Gentry's library newsletter to review. She also updated the council on the current audit. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Glore will be attending training the first week of September to receive their Clerk's Certificate.

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

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of a Special Called Meeting
September 2nd, 2025

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

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor.

Steve Holcombe: Calls the meeting to order.

Ron Moser: Mr. Moser asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Angie Hood: Mrs. Hood made a motion to remove Mayor Scott as Mayor per the City Charter, Article III, Section 3.19. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Ron Moser: Mr. Moser made a motion to appoint Steve Holcombe as the Acting Mayor. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Steve Holcombe abstained from the vote.

Ron Moser: Mr. Moser made a motion to appoint Angie Hood as the Acting Mayor Pro-Tem. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Angie Hood abstained from the vote.

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

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session
October 20th, 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 and invited Ms. Jada Ross, who was attending via Zoom, to provide her public comment.

Jada Ross: Ms. Jada Ross addressed the Council regarding her zoning variance request. She expressed concern that her application was not reviewed in accordance with the intended purpose of a zoning variance, which is to address unique hardships. Ms. Ross stated that during meetings with both the rezoning committee and the City Council, the discussion focused primarily on opinions related to neighborhood property values and the impact of manufactured homes, rather than her state hardship. She noted that suggestions were made for her to build a home or seek property elsewhere, though financial limitations make that unfeasible. The denial of the variance has placed her and her daughter in a difficult housing situation. She requested clarification on how the City Council and rezoning committee handle zoning variance requests and emphasized that such variances are intended to address individual hardships rather than general financial or neighborhood considerations. Ms. Ross expressed confusion as to why her request was not considered under the definition of a hardship, particularly since one council member from the affected area supported it.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe stated that Mr. Ross's property is zoned Residential Estate (R-20), which does not permit the placement of mobile or manufactured homes outside of designated mobile home parks. It was explained that allowing an exception could set a precedent leading to legal challenges, as similar requests have been denied in the past under the same zoning restrictions. The Council acknowledged Ms. Ross's financial hardship and stated that they would reconvene to review her concerns and consider any possible options within existing zoning regulations.

Jada Ross: Ms. Ross reiterated that her application was made properly under the city's variance process and emphasized that her request should be evaluated as a hardship case, as intended by zoning variance provisions. Ms. Ross expressed concern that her hardship had not been properly considered and requested clarification on what qualifies as a hardship under the city's zoning regulations.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe reiterated that the city must consider potential legal liabilities and act in accordance with existing zoning laws. The council will consult with the City Attorney to confirm the legal definition and application of a zoning variance. The Council assured Ms. Ross that they would review before the next scheduled meeting.

Jada Ross: Ms. Ross emphasized that being fair to citizens includes considering individual hardships and asked that her request be reviewed through the proper lens as outlined in the city's zoning definitions.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe stated that the Council will follow up and provide clarification, affirming their intent to handle the matter fairly and in compliance with the city's regulations.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe turned the meeting over to Acting Mayor Pro-Tem, Angie Hood, due to a conflict of interest.

Diane Williams: Mrs. Diane Williams addressed the Council to request reconsideration of the city's requirements for an on-site security guard and permit when serving beer and wine at private events. She explained that her events do not include cash bars and typically involve small gatherings, such as toasts, where the cost of a required security guard is \$40 per hour with a three-hour minimum, which creates a financial burden. Mrs. Williams noted that nearby cities such as Bremen and Tallapoosa do not require security for similar events unless alcohol is sold, and as a result, she lost several bookings to venues in those areas.

Acting Mayor Pro-Tem, Angie Hood: Mrs. Hood asked clarifying questions regarding the presence of liquor and confirmed that only beer and wine are served at her events. Mrs. Hood stated that they would review the current ordinance and discuss possible adjustments, and they agreed to follow up after consideration.

Strong House Proclamation: Ms. Streetman read the Strong House Proclamation aloud proclaiming the month of July as Strong House Foundation Month. Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the Strong House Proclamation. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the Strong House Proclamation. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Representative with the Strong House Foundation: A representative from the Strong House Foundation explained what they do as a foundation through mentorship, health education, and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Representative with Your Haven LLC: Chris Martin, a representative from Your Haven, LLC, thanked the council for the opportunity to present the organization's proposal to participate in their Narcan saturation project. He emphasized the critical role Narcan plays in saving lives and combating the ongoing opioid crisis.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe stated that they are working on drafting a Narcan policy to adopt before they participate in the Narcan saturation project. The city will ensure that all employees wishing to participate receive the appropriate training provided by the Your Haven organization.

Acting Mayor Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
October 20th, 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 with the change of moving Frank Norment Homes up to the top of the agenda. Sterling Moore made a motion to approve the agenda with the change. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the minutes for August 18th, 2025. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the minutes for August 18th, 2025. Sterling Moore 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 the public hearing. Angie Hood 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. Sapp presented the council with his plans for Grace Gardens, a proposed 55 and older active living community planned for approximately 19 acres on Jeffers Street. The project aims to create a gated community for seniors seeking independent, comfortable living. This project will include amenities like indoor swimming, pickleball courts, walking trails, outdoor fire pits, community gathering areas, shared community garden, etc. Phase one will include the initial residential units within a gated community, which will be a combination of rental and privately owned units to support project financing. All homes will adhere to a unified Homeowners Association (HOA) for consistent design and maintenance standards. An on-site manager will reside within the property to residents who choose to use them. Phase two will be designed years later, consisting of an assisted living facility for residents who may require additional care later in life. Mr. Sapp stated that the intent of Grace Gardens is to provide a vibrant, independent-living option for senior citizens while encouraging social engagement and well-being.

Angie Hood: Mrs. Hood asked clarifying questions concerning the on-duty personnel on site. Mr. Sapp clarified that this will not be a security guard, just a resident that

provides oversight for the gated community. They also clarified that phase two will not be a nursing home.

Ron Moser: Mr. Moser stated that the plans given are different than the ones that were being shown to the community. He also noticed a significant increase in the number of houses on the conceptual plans.

Stephen Sapp: Mr. Sapp stated that 40 units were initially discussed, however further review of the site layout showed that additional cottages could be accommodated without overusing available space. Although the current plan shows an increase in units, traffic impact is expected to remain low due to the nature of the community. He provided additional details regarding the design and layout. Mr. Sapp confirmed that the central portion of the property will be dedicated to the amenities discussed.

Ron Moser: Mr. Moser asked about potential buffers for the surrounding properties. Mr. Sapp ensured that they would work with the community and place any trees or fencing to add an additional buffer as needed.

Stephen Sapp: Mr. Sapp expressed a strong commitment to the community and stated the many projects that he has invested in downtown and the two development projects on Carrollton Street. Mr. Sapp stated his interest in donating welcome signs to the city to give the town a nice facelift.

Keith Worthan: Mr. Worthan shared his concerns regarding the proposed Grace gardens development. He stated that while he respects the intent of creating a 55 and older community, he personally does not support this pace of growth within the city. He is concerned that large developments could change the community's atmosphere. He also noted that this development could potentially increase the demand for local services, given the city's existing challenges with power reliability. Mr. Worthan urged the council to be mindful of the overall pace of growth and its long-term impact on the community.

Shelly Norton: Mrs. Norton expressed several concerns primarily related to access, infrastructure, safety, and neighborhood impact. She noted that the plans do not include a turnaround at the end of the roadway near their property, which has already resulted in vehicles using and damaging their driveway when turning around. She also expressed her concerns with privacy, traffic safety, and drainage and runoff. Mrs. Norton stated that she is not in favor of the development but would remain open to continued discussion.

Stephen Sapp: Mr. Sapp addressed the concerns raised by nearby residents. He agreed that the lack of a turnaround near the project entrance was a valid concern and stated that it would be feasible to include a cul-de-sac or turnaround to accommodate both emergency vehicles and drivers who mistakenly enter the property. He also assured

that emergency services would have gate access to the community. He emphasized that the proposed senior community would generate less traffic than a traditional residential subdivision with younger families and more frequent drivers. Mr. Sapp also offered to install privacy fencing or landscaping buffers as needed. He also highlighted the economic benefits of the project as well. Regarding the electricity impact, he believed that Georgia Power would ensure reliable electrical service for the area as well.

Matthew Moser: Mr. Moser expressed his concern about traffic near his home, noting that his children play in the front and side yards close to where an exit for the proposed development is planned. Mr. Sapp reiterated that the traffic would be far less than in a residential subdivision. They are also willing to install speed bumps and ensure that there is proper signage as well.

Acting Mayor, 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 3-0.

Application by Frank Norment Homes, LLC, to re-zone parcel 0075 0005A to HDR High Density Residential: Mr. Holcombe asked if the council had any further discussion. Mrs. Hood stated that these plans are a lot different than what was discussed and need further discussion. Mr. Moser agreed. The attorney stated that it would have to be at another public meeting, so they will revisit this at the November Council meeting. Mr. Sapp stated that they are willing to work with the council and answer any questions that they might have. Mr. Moser made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Bids for Tree Work: Mr. Bell presented two bids to cut and remove trees on Warehouse Street, from Business 27 up to Van Wert Street. This project affects the city, Buchanan Pizza and Wings, and the trailer park. All parties have agreed to the cutting and removal of the trees discussed. Mr. Worthan, owner of Buchanan City Pizza and Wings, stated that he is willing to pay half of the costs to remove the trees since they pose a threat to his building if they were to fall. The council looked over the bids and decided D&M Tree Service was the lowest bid. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the bid from D&M Tree Service for \$6,000. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Parnell Insurance-Worker's Compensation: Ty Parnell presented the insurance renewal for worker's compensation. He stated that the total premium has decreased from last year, with a total premium of \$13,246. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the workers' compensation renewal as presented. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to go into executive session for legal. Ron Moser made a motion to go into executive session for legal. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session-Legal

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe made 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 3-0.

Moratorium: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to place a 90-day moratorium on high density plat approvals and building permits due to needing to reevaluate zoning and safety codes. Angie Hood made a motion to approve a 90-day moratorium on high density plat approvals and building permits. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Zoning Amendments: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to table this item until Northwest Georgia Regional Commission has a chance to review the changes and give any needed feedback. Ron Moser made a motion to table this item until Northwest Georgia Regional Commission has a chance to review the changes. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Departmental Updates

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the Public Works Department. The department had 27 locates and 5 water leaks this month. They re-built the pump at the Westmoreland lift station. They will also need to purchase a new tract for the mini excavator.

Police Chief David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics for the month. Mr. Ratner asked Gene Fields to be the Chaplin for the city for spiritual guidance on calls as well as emotional support for the officers.

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor updated the council on the City Clerk's Department. The taxes will be delayed until the county sends over the final digest. From the calculations, it looks like the city will be able to roll the millage rate back. The budget will be tight, but the city can make it work. Mrs. Streetman has been working on the Pumpkin Caper, Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting, and the Bell Tower Bash. We ordered Christmas ornaments for the children to decorate to place on the tree on the square. The city plans on getting a real tree this year for the tree lighting.

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

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

CITY OF BUCHANAN
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

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session
December 22nd, 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.

Meeting Dates for 2026: The council discussed meeting dates for the upcoming year. They agree with the meeting dates presented. Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the 2026 council meeting dates as presented. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the 2026 council meeting dates as presented. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Bell Tower Bash Updates: Mrs. Streetman updated the council on the Bell Tower Bash planning. They have received \$9,055 in donations. The city will be selling cups and giving out wristbands to allow them to purchase alcohol at Los Cowboys and walk around the square with it. Local Honey and the State 100 Band will be performing at the event. They will use a goose neck trailer for the stage. There will be about 12 vendors there. The department heads will meet tomorrow to discuss all the details and the timeline for the night. Mrs. Taylor suggested that if the Bell Tower Bash is not as busy as they want it to be, we can always do fireworks at our Annual Christmas Parade and amp up that event instead.

Acting Mayor Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
December 22nd, 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 with the addition of Jana Gentry, library update. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the minutes for November 17th, 2025. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the minutes for November 17th, 2025. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Jana Gentry-Library Update: Not present.

Health Insurance: Mrs. Heath asked the council to approve the health insurance as presented. The rates have decreased from last year and suggested the city approve the cigna plan. The department heads are pleased with the plan presented. Sterling Moore made a motion to approve the health insurance as presented. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Hearing: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to open the public hearing to set the millage rate. Ron Moser made a motion to open public hearing. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Acting Mayor, Steve Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe stated that the city will be adopting the rollback rate of 3.700. Mrs. Glore further explained that the city will be rolling back the millage rate from 4.253 to 3.700.

Public Comment: No further comment.

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

Millage Rate: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to adopt the millage rate. Ron Moser made a motion to adopt the millage rate. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

Departmental Updates

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the Public Works Department. The department had 1 water leak on Wesley Camp Rd, used the Jetter 3 times, replaced 20 inches of sewer line on third avenue, rebuilt 2 fire hydrants on Park Heights and Perry Lane, and fixed a pump at the sewer plant.

Police Chief David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics for the month. Mr. Ratner also informed the council that they will be re-doing the lettering/decals on the patrol vehicles.

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor updated the council on the City Clerk's Department. The office has been working on renewing business licenses as well as the process for property taxes.

Public Comment: Mr. Holcombe opened the meeting to public comments.

Matt Cook: Mr. Cook wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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