

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Work Session**  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Mayor:** Steve Holcombe

**Council Members:** Ron Moser, Sterling Moore, Matt Cook, and Angie Hood were present.

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

**Mayor Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe called the work session to order.

**Jana Gentry:** Not present.

**Departmental Updates**

**David Ratner, Police Chief:** Mr. Ratner updated the council on crimes and statistics. The department has partnered with Your Haven to update the city ordinances to ban additional drugs from being sold in convenience stores, like K10, Delta 8 and 10, and any pipes. Mr. Ratner will consult with the City Attorney to add these changes to the ordinance.

**Horatio Bell, Public Works Director:** Mr. Bell updated the council in the Public Works Department. Mr. Bell and Mr. Williams have returned from a conference on Jekyll Island. They learned a lot of new information on water tank restoration and will have quotes to present at the next meeting. They have installed the new welcome to Buchanan road signs. He also informed the council of the lawnmower that broke down after 13 years. They would like to purchase a new lawn mower that they will be proposing at the regular session. This lawn mower would be a great accessory to the bush hog when cutting medians and rights-of-way.

**Sherry Taylor, City Clerk:** Mrs. Taylor updated the council on the administration department. The department has completed the 2026-2027 budget. The first public hearing is tonight at the regular session, and the second public hearing and vote will be at the June council meeting. The first three building permits were issued to the Griffin Court Subdivision. The office will be closed on Monday in honor of Memorial Day. The Planning and Zoning Commission has an upcoming meeting scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. We also want to congratulate Shyanne Streetman for her upcoming graduation.

**Shyanne Streetman, Events Coordinator:** Ms. Streetman updated the council on the upcoming events in the city. The city has decided not to do the Bell Tower Bash this year and do fireworks at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade. Mrs. Streetman informed the council that the quote for fireworks would be half the cost. Since July is Strong House Month, the city is going to reach out to the friends of the library to see if they would like to make homemade ice cream for the kids when they come and tour City Hall.

**Mayor Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe adjourned the meeting.

**Adjourn**

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Mayor:** Steve Holcombe.

**Council Members:** Ron Moser, Angie Hood, Sterling Moore, and Matt Cook were present.

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

**Mayor Holcombe:** Calls the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Holcombe, and the innovation was led by Gene Fields.

**Mayor Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of tabling Parnell Insurance and quotes to purchase a new AC unit for the Police Department. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the agenda with those changes. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the minutes for April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Matt Cook made a motion to approve the minutes for April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Proposal to purchase a lawnmower:** Mr. Bell presented the council with the proposal to purchase a new commercial LXR 850 Exmark with a 60-inch deck. This will assist bush hogging medians and rights-of-way in the city while also cutting grass throughout the city. This lawnmower will be purchased using TSPLOST funds. Sterling Moore made a motion to approve the purchase of the proposed lawnmower with TSPLOST funds. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Proposal to purchase a used patrol vehicle:** Mr. Ratner presented the council with the proposal to purchase a used 2019 Ford Explorer from Temple Police Department not to exceed \$10,000 using TSPLOST funds. This patrol vehicle can be used to assist when the public works department is bush hogging and working on infrastructure. Matt Cook made a motion to approve the purchase of a used 2019 Ford Explorer using TSPLOST funds. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Open Public Hearing:** Mr. Holcombe 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.

**2026-2027 Budget:** Accounting Clerk, Melanie Mastrangelo, reviewed the 2026-2027 budget with the council and public. There has been a 7.5 percent increase from last

year's budget. This was due to an increase in wages, expenses, tax base, and building permits. The city was able to give cost of living raises to all employees.

**Public Comment:** No comment.

**Close Public Hearing:** 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.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Holcombe asked if there was any public comment. Shannon, Owner of Muscle Medic, discussed possible expansion ideas of her business on the square. She mentioned a cigar bar, coffee shop, and booths to rent out to local merchants to sell their products. The new expansion would be called "Square Roots," since she wants to give back to the community.

**Mayor Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe asked Mr. Bell if he could schedule the training for CPR certification with the Fire Department. Once that is completed, 3:16 Healthcare can train the city for the donated AED that will be located at city hall.

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

**Adjourn**