

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Work Session**  
**April 20<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:** Mrs. Gentry updated the council on the statistics and upcoming programs for the library. She reminded everyone to come out and support the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K run that will be this Saturday at the Spring Fair on the Square. Council members are encouraged to stop by the library anytime to see programs in action.

**Larry Wood:** Mr. Wood turned it over to Mr. Downing, the new chairman on the library board. Mr. Downing thanked the council for their time and requested that the city increase their donation to \$13,000 for the 2026-2027 budget.

**Departmental Updates**

**Horatio Bell, Public Works Director:** Mr. Bell updated the council on the Public Works Department. The department had 66 locates and 10 leaks repaired. They also spent 3 days flushing out manholes with acid, this resulted in them asking the Fire Department to install a grease trap. They have repaired 200 feet of water line on Perry Lane, drained and recoated the water fountain, re-painted curbs, crosswalk pads, and handicap spots. Mayor Holcombe asked about Griffin Court Subdivision. Mr. Bell stated that everything is running smoothly and all materials have been delivered. Mr. Moser stated that One Church is having some issues with their plumbing. Mr. Bell stated that their next project will be finding out where the grease is coming from. Lastly, Mr. Bell informed the council that the department will be hiring one part-time employee to manage the city cemetery. They will move his contract details over to a job description. The city will be paying for all chemicals and gas for the cemetery maintenance. Mr. Bell reminded the council that all churches in the city have agreed to pitch in to improve the cemetery.

**David Ratner, Police Chief:** Mr. Ratner updated the council on crimes and statistics. Major Blane Cochran will be handling all code enforcement from now on. The uniforms should be delivered soon. Mr. Ratner was happy to announce that the Department of Transportation has reduced the speed limit on Highway 27 from 65 mph to 50 mph. The speed limit reduction will begin at Hamil Rd and continue past the intersection at 120 and 27. Mrs. Hood asked about renting signs showing the reduced speed to inform the citizens of the speed reduction. Mr. Ratner stated that he would look into this and advertise it in the paper, social media, and digital sign.

**Sherry Taylor, City Clerk:** Mrs. Taylor updated the council on the administration department. The department has been working on the budget and will have the public hearing on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and the budget will be adopted on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The department has also been working with the newly elected mayor on several projects as well. Mr. Cook asked about possibly starting yard of the month again. Mrs. Taylor informed the council that the previous Buchanan Beautification Committee did that as a fundraiser to raise money, however that is something we can look into starting again.

**Shyanne Streetman, Events Coordinator:** Ms. Streetman updated the council on the upcoming events in the city. The easter egg hunt was a success and the kids loved their stuffed bunny prizes. The Spring Fair on the square is this Saturday; there will be around 40-50 vendors. The city tent will be set up, so all council members are invited to come and hang out at the city tent.

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

**Adjourn**

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 20<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 Horatio Bell.

**Mayor 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 4-0.

**Mayor Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the minutes for December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, and January 5<sup>th</sup>, January 20<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, and March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the minutes for December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, and January 5<sup>th</sup>, January 20<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, and March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Library Donation:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the increase in the library donation amount from \$12,000 to \$13,000. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the donation amount of \$13,000 to the library. Matt Cook seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-1. Ron Moser voted no.

**Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation:** Dorien Lee, along with other partners of the organization, informed the council on the importance of supporting and protecting children. Mr. Holcombe reads the proclamation proclaiming April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Ron Moser made a motion to proclaim April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Ron Johnson:** Mr. Johnson was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Mrs. Sherry informed the council to review the Zoning Ordinance Audit and the proposed Animal Ordinance.

**Zoning Moratorium 90 Day Extension:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to extend the zoning moratorium for 90 days due to the continued reviewing of the ordinance. Ron Moser made a motion to extend the zoning moratorium for 90 days. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Purchase of Uniforms for Public Works Department:** Sales representative, Taylor Piatt, with Cintas presented the council with the quote to purchase uniforms for all public works department employees. This will ensure that all employees look uniform, clean, and most importantly safe. The Cintas program cleans and repairs all uniforms for employees each week. Mr. Bell informs the council that he has spoken to each employee, and they are on board with getting new uniforms. This program will ensure all employees are safe out in the field and easily identified with a new uniform look. Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the presented quote to purchase uniforms for the public works department. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the presented quote to purchase uniforms for the public works department. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

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

### **Executive Session-Legal**

**Mayor Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to come out of executive session. Ron Moser made a motion to come out of executive session. Matt Cook seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Holcombe opened the meeting to public comments. There were no public comments.

**Mayor 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 4-0.

### **Adjourn**