

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Work Session**  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**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.

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

**Jana Gentry:** Not present.

**Tammy Deese:** Mrs. Deese addressed the Mayor and Council regarding concerns about the conduct of Council Member Ron Moser. Mrs. Deese stated that elected officials are entrusted with representing citizens fairly, respectfully, and professionally and expressed concern regarding comments allegedly made by Council Member Moser on social media. Mrs. Deese references a complaint she had filed and expressed concern that the City Council had not publicly addressed the matter through discussion, corrective action, or reprimand. Mrs. Deese concluded by requesting that the City Council review the concerns raised and address her concerns appropriately and thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak.

**Mayor Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe thanked Mrs. Deese for her comments.

**Steve Deese:** Mr. Deese addressed the Mayor and Council regarding concerns about ordinance enforcement related to the Griffin Court subdivision development. Mr. Deese stated that he was not opposed to growth or development but questioned whether the city was enforcing its ordinances consistently. Mr. Deese expressed concerns that homes were being constructed before infrastructure was completed and that permits had been issued without the required bond being in place. He questioned why the ordinances were not being enforced and whether any penalties have been imposed for potential violations. Mr. Deese requested that the City publicly acknowledge whether the referenced ordinances had been followed, provide written explanations if they had not, and explain any corrective actions that may be taken. Mr. Deese concluded by stating that the issue concerns accountability, transparency, and equal enforcement of City ordinances. He encouraged the Council to demonstrate its commitment to providing clear information to the public regarding the development.

**Mayor Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe thanked Mr. Deese for his comments.

**Departmental Updates**

**Horatio Bell, Public Works Director:** Mr. Bell updated the council in the Public Works Department. He reported that the department repaired three service line leaks and four water main leaks. Several of these leaks were attributed to aging pipe bells. Due to the number of repairs, the department had to replenish portions of its inventory. Mr. Bell also informed the Mayor and Council that the department is prepared for the annual audit of its inventory. In

addition, Public Works staff installed new playground safety mulch at the city playground. Mr. Bell reported that the uniforms previously ordered for department personnel are expected to arrive soon, and the department will then be fully outfitted in uniform.

**David Ratner, Police Chief:** Mr. Ratner updated the council on crimes and statistics. The department purchased a used patrol car from the Temple Police Department. Blane Cochran has completed the GAPCS program and is now a certified assistant police chief.

**Sherry Taylor, City Clerk:** Mrs. Taylor updated the council on the administration department. The department has been getting ready for the upcoming audit that will be starting sometime in August. The planning and zoning commission have a meeting scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> here at City Hall. The council will meet regarding those requests at the July 20<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Mrs. Taylor also thanked the sanitation crew for their hard work and dedication. The front office has received many praises from citizens regarding the sanitation crew.

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

**Adjourn**

**CITY OF BUCHANAN**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Mayor:** Steve Holcombe.

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

**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 with the addition of FLOST Intergovernmental Agreement. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of FLOST Intergovernmental Agreement. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Mayor Holcombe:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the minutes for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Sterling Moore made a motion to approve the minutes for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**FLOST Intergovernmental Agreement:** Mr. Holcombe explained that this is an intergovernmental agreement for FLOST with the county. Each city must approve the agreement for it to go on the November Ballot. FLOST is a one-penny sales tax that will result in the reduction of property taxes levied by the County and the Cities. More information will be available regarding this tax from the county and local cities. Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve intergovernmental agreement for FLOST. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement for FLOST. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Parnell Liability Insurance Renewal:** Mr. Parnell presented the council with the renewal rates for 2026. The policy is set to renew on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The proposed plan is with Trident Insurance, there will be an increase, however it was due to the addition of the recently purchased patrol car and zero turn mower. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the renewal of the liability insurance policy. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Water/Sewer/Sanitation Rate Increases:** Mr. Holcombe stated that he is a board member of the Haralson County Water Authority Board. At their last meeting, they voted to approve a 5 percent increase in wholesale water rates due to the increase in production costs. Mr. Bell presented rate increases for water, sewer, and sanitation due to the water authority's increase. Mr. Bell asked for a motion to approve the proposed

rate increases. Sterling Moore made a motion to approve the proposed rate increases for water, sewer, and sanitation. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Fee Schedule Ordinance:** Mrs. Glore asked for a motion to approve the proposed fee schedule ordinance to formally establish and update the City's fee schedule to reflect current fees. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the fee schedule ordinance as presented. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**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. There have been no additional changes since the first public hearing.

**Public Comment:** No comment.

**Re-zoning application submitted by Kris Moser to re-zone parcel BU02 0026 to R-12 Low Density Residential:** Kris Moser asked the council for a motion to approve the re-zoning application to re-zone parcel BU02 0026 to R-12 per the planning and zoning commission's recommendation.

**Public Comment:** No comment.

**Close Public Hearing:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Sterling Moore made a motion to close the public hearing. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**2026-2027 Budget:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Budget. Angie Hood asked for a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Budget. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

**Re-zoning application submitted by Kris Moser to re-zone parcel BU02 0026 to R-12 Low Density Residential:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve or deny the re-zoning application to re-zone parcel BU02 0026 to R-12 Low Density Residential. Sterling Moore made a motion to approve the re-zoning application to re-zone parcel BU02 0026 to R-12 Low Density Residential. Matt Cook seconds the vote. Ron Moser abstained. Motion carried 3-1.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to go into executive session for personnel and legal. Angie Hood made a motion to go into executive session for personnel and legal.

**Executive Session-Personnel and Legal**

**Matt Cook:** Mr. Cook is no longer present by telephone.

**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. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0.

**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 3-0.

**Adjourn**