

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
February 21st, 2022

Mayor: AJ Scott.

Council Members: Kendall Holderfield, Angie Hood, Stanley Freeland, and Steve Holcombe were present.

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Public Works Director Heath Lee, and Chief Brent Christopher.

Mayor Scott: Calls the meeting to order. The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Stanley Freeland.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the agenda. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for January 11th and February 3rd, 2022. Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the minutes for January 11th and February 3rd, 2022. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Library-Jana Gentry: Not present.

Main Street Representative-Tina Southern: Not present.

Mayor Pro-Tem: Mr. Scott asked the council if anyone would like to nominate a council member as Mayor Pro-Tem. Stanley Freeland nominated Angie Hood. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-0. Angie Hood abstained.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to go into executive session for personnel and land acquisition. Stanley Freeland made a motion to go into executive session for personnel and land acquisition. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session- Personnel and Land Acquisition

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to come out of executive session. Stanley Freeland made a motion to come out of executive session. Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Gregory Chappell-Public Comment: The mayor and council have discussed this issue on Macedonia Church Rd. Mr. Scott asked Mr. Chappell to meet with the public works director to discuss the next steps on getting them access to city water.

Haralson County Joint Comprehensive Plan: Mrs. Taylor explained the importance of the comprehensive plan to the council. Mr. Scott asked for a motion to adopt the comprehensive plan resolution. Angie Hood made a motion to adopt the comprehensive plan resolution. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to strike out City Ordinance on the agenda and replace it with trash discussion. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to replace City Ordinance with Trash discussion. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Trash Discussion: Mr. Lee proposed that the inside and outside residential trash fees increase by 50 cent each. The current inside rate for trash is \$13.75 and the outside rate for trash is \$14.85. Mr. Freeland does not think we should go up on trash for inside residents. The council asked for more time to discuss the proposed rates. Mr. Scott tabled the trash discussion.

Police K-9 Kennel: Mr. Christopher asked the council to approve the K-9 kennel presented for the new police dog. Mr. Christopher has received \$500 in donations to go toward the kennel. Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the k-9 kennel in the amount of \$1,280.00 Stanley Freeland made a motion to approve the purchase of the present k-9 kennel in the amount of \$1,280.00 Kendall Holderfield seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Heath Lee: Mr. Lee presented three bids to remove trees on park heights street so they can proceed with the paving. Mr. Scott tabled the acceptance of a bid until Mr. Lee contacts all homeowners regarding the tree removal.

Departmental Updates

Public Works Director-Heath Lee: Mr. Lee updated the council on the various tasks that public works have been working on, including park heights street, grant process, and daily operations. The city will be accepting bids for the new Maintenance building soon so they can get the building process started.

Police Chief-Brent Christopher: Major Kristopher Whitfield updated the council on crime and statistics. The department received two of the vehicles and they will be ready to hit the roads by the end of the week. Officer Boyd has about three weeks of training left and the whole department is caught up on this year's training hours.

City Clerk-Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor updated the council on the various training classes scheduled for the newly elected official and city staff. Mrs. Taylor thanked the mayor for all the compassion he has shown to the citizens of Buchanan. The city is caught up with the audits and the upcoming audit will be around July.

Council Meeting Date and Times: The mayor and council discussed the viable options for a new meeting date and time. The council suggested that the new meeting schedule will be the third Monday of every month. The work session will start at 5:00 and the regular meeting will start at 6:00. Mr. Scott has tabled this discussion to vote on at the next meeting.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kendall Holderfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stanley Freeland seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

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