

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session

August 17th, 2026

Mayor: Steve Holcombe

Council Members: Angie Hood, Sterling Moore, Ron Moser, and Matt Cook 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 provided the Council with an update on the library. She announced that the library's Storytime program will resume every Monday at 2:00 p.m. The 20th Annual Friends of the Library Brown Bag BBQ will be held on Friday, September 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase at the library. She encouraged everyone to support the fundraiser.

David Rush: Mr. Rush presented a proposal to the Council requesting permission to construct and place a Veterans Memorial Monument at the Buchanan City Cemetery. He provided a conceptual design of the monument and an illustration of the proposed site layout. Mr. Rush explained that the organization would sell commemorative bricks to families wishing to honor veterans by having their names included in the memorial. The organization would also assume responsibility for maintaining the monument and the surrounding area, including cleaning the monument and caring for the landscaping. He noted that the Buchanan City Cemetery contains approximately 19 veterans' burial plots. Mr. Rush stated that the project has been in development for the past 12 years and that its purpose is to honor Haralson County soldiers who did not return home from service and do not have a headstone, ensuring their sacrifices are remembered. Mr. Rush advised that, if the city approves the memorial's placement in the Buchanan City Cemetery, the organization will begin fundraising efforts to finance the project. Mayor Holcombe thanked Mr. Rush for his presentation and stated that the Council would discuss the proposal during the Regular Session meeting.

Departmental Updates

Horatio Bell, Public Works Director: Mr. Bell provided the Council with an update on activities within his department. Routine maintenance was also completed on the department's dump truck and the Jacksonville lift station. Mr. Bell advised that the water line tie-in at Alta Vista and Business 27 have been completed. He informed the Council that asphalt repairs for the section of roadway disturbed during the project are estimated to cost approximately \$2,500. The repairs will consist of 6-inch Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) grade asphalt and will be funded using TSPLOST proceeds. The Council agreed with the proposed use of TSPLOST funds for the roadway repairs.

David Ratner, Police Chief: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crimes and statistics. The department was awarded the Carroll EMC Impact Grant in the amount of \$3,080 to purchase computers for patrol cars.

Sherry Taylor, City Clerk: Mrs. Taylor provided an update on the City Clerk's Department. The Clerk's Office has continued normal daily operations during the reporting period. Staff participated in the Joint Work Session held at the beginning of the month and have been working to close out the City's fiscal year, which ended on June 30, 2026. The Clerk also reminded the Council of several upcoming community events. The annual Pumpkin Caper is scheduled for October 27th, and the Light Up the Night Tree Lighting event will be held on November 28th.

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

Adjourn

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
August 17th, 2026

Mayor: Steve Holcombe.

Council Members: Angie Hood, Ron Moser, 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 executive session for legal at the end. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Holcombe: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the minutes for July 20th, 2026, and August 6th, 2026. Matt Cook made a motion to approve the minutes for July 20th, 2026, and August 6th, 2026. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Proposed Unified Development Code: Mr. Holcombe stated that consideration of the proposed Unified Development Code has been tabled due to further review. Ron Moser made a motion to table the proposed Unified Development Code until the September Council meeting. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Consideration of Citizen Request to Research and Review an Ordinance

Amendment Regarding Manufactured Homes: A citizen submitted a request for the Council to review and consider amending the City's ordinance regarding manufactured homes. Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to consider, deny, or table this request. Ron Moser made a motion to deny. Matt Cook made a motion to table this request. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-1. Ron Moser opposed the motion.

Veterans Memorial at the Buchanan City Cemetery: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to approve the placement of a veteran's memorial monument in the Buchanan City Cemetery. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the placement of the monument in the Buchanan City Cemetery. Matt Cook seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Holcombe clarified that the location is to be determined, the council will visit the cemetery to decide the appropriate location for the monument.

Development Agreement with Frank Norment Homes, LLC: Mr. Holcombe asked for a motion to table this item for further review. Matt Cook made a motion to table this item for further review. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session: 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 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. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Adjourn