

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
April 25, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jake Schmidt called the regular session of the City Council for the City of Buhler to order at 7:00 pm at the Buhler City Offices on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Councilmembers present: Michael Yutzy, Ryan Brady, and Andrew Epp. Councilmembers absent: Candace Davidson and Charles Taylor.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

PLANNED PRESENTATION

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the March 28, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Appropriations Ordinance #1145 and the Budget, Income and Water Reports. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Brady to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Appropriations Ordinance #1145 and the Budget, Income and Water Reports.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nay – carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Water Rates Ordinance No 641 – **A motion was made by Councilmember Epp, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the Water Rates Ordinance No 641.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nay – Carried.

Pathways Grant MOU – Still in application process the MOU is just to acknowledge we are collaborating with the community on the project. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the signing of the Pathways Grant MOU.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nay – Carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Epp to go into Executive Session at 7:15 pm to last up to 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, City Clerk Merrill Peterson asked to stay. Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nays – Carried.

Mayor Jake Schmidt called back to regular session of the City Council for the City of Buhler to order at 7:23 pm. All persons present prior to the Executive Session were present for the return to Regular Session.

NEW BUSINESS

City Clerk Appointment – **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Brady to appoint Sara Howard as the City Clerk for the City of Buhler.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nays – Carried

Oath of Office – Retiring City Clerk, Merrill D. Peterson, CMC, administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed City Clerk Sara M. Howard.

Wage Resolution 2023-4 – **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Epp to approve the Wage Resolution 2023-4.** Voice Vote 3 yeas, 0 nays – Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Merrill Peterson- Just wanted to Thank everyone for the last 30 years or so and looking forward to retirement.

Deputy City Clerk Sara Howard- Excited and nervous about taking over all, going to ask for a lot of patience. Turned in the ARPA report- took all three of us so far nothing in return so good sign. Interfaith housing grant update- one roof is for sure is going to happen, possibly talk to some churches.

Police Chief Darrin Banning – Several traffic citations including several stop signs on buses. Multiple calls- Suicidal, threats, burglary alarm, domestic and assistance. Working on wellness center camera system, possibly just replacing receiver could solve issues.

City Superintendent James Perry –Met with the new pool manager will soon start pool work. We purchased used crack sealer, doing some minor work on it then excited to get out and start using it. Got a proposal for purchasing trees for by the ball diamond, dead tree by wellness center and small area by entrance from Prairie Hills Nursery. 5 trees by diamond, New Port Plum to replace dead. Looking to see if possibly school will split costs.

Teagan Meadors, Wellness Director—Rec-Preparing for summer and league, registration almost completed it is ahead of last year. Wellness- down 4% for March but still ahead for year, City guys have been very helpful with maintenance.

Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass—Dog Vaccinations/Registrations went well, total dogs register was 54 plus had some out of town people who took advantage of the Vet being here. Mid Kansas Credit Union was there handing out treats and toys have already heard from them asking for number of dogs and seemed to be pleased. Starting next week plan on delivering the CCR.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Resolution 2023-5 – Mayor Jake Schmidt presented a resolution to confer honorary title of City Administrator to Merrill D. Peterson's. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Brady to approve Resolution 2023-5.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nays – Carried.

Councilmember Yutzy Thanks Merrill for his Service, other Councilmembers concur.

A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Brady to adjourn. Voice vote – 3 yeas, 0 nays - carried
Adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Glass, Assistant City Clerk

PRESENT:

City Clerk Merrill D Peterson, CMC
City Superintendent James Perry
Deputy City Clerk Sara Howard
Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass
Teagan Meadors, Wellness Director
Police Chief Darrin Banning
Captain Anthony Baldwin
Assistant City Superintendent Casey Howard
Police Officer Bill Tracy

GUESTS: