

MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
June 27, 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, June 27, 2023. Councilmembers present: Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, Ryan Brady, Charles Taylor, and Andrew Epp.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Sue Maxwell (400 S Wall) came to address council about how she feels her neighborhood is deteriorating because of people are not taking care of their yard. Several needs mowed and trees need to either be removed or cleaned up. Most have been addressed by Capt. Baldwin.

PLANNED PRESENTATION

Buhler Economic Development Board- Ashley Showalter said this quarter they have been working on fundraising. They had Chili Feed at Jack's in April, a dunk tank and balloon dart at Spark in the Park. Future-Wheatland Open Disc Golf August 12, Frolic Disc Golf and another Chili or Soup feed in the fall. They now have flyers and banners for table when set up to make themselves more noticeable. Possibly looking into a flag project and Buhler Discount Card for Buhler Businesses only. We have a new hair salon moving into town. Still in communication with Buhler Market on getting sign repaired/replaced. They have two members of the board wanting to leave and two are interested in joining. Chris Ledbetter has left-Cody McReynolds to take his place. Mayor Jake asked about feedback on disc golf-all has been positive. There are two leagues using it two nights a week.

Larsen Family Fundraiser- Mysti McCarthy hosting fundraiser July 1 10-5, Has supplied proof of insurance to host event. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the Larsen Family fundraiser to be hosted at Wheatland Park July 1, 2023.** Voice Vote 5 yeas, 0 nays – Carried.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the May 30, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Appropriations Ordinance #1147, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Economic Development Board Appointments-4 Positions 2025 Terms, and Resolution No 2023-07 Wages-SG. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to approve the Minutes of the May 30, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Appropriations Ordinance #1147, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Economic Development Board Appointments-4 Positions 2025 Terms, and Resolution No 2023-07 Wages-SG.** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nay – carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ARPA Funds-There is \$40,000 and change left. Upon talking with James, he is requesting a new pick-up truck for the city crew using \$20,000 from ARPA funds and \$20,000 from Capitol Equipment to purchase a new truck. **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the purchase of a truck but not to exceed \$40,000 (\$20,000 from ARPA, \$20,000 from Capitol Equipment).** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nays—Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard-June sales tax \$32,084.67 will be deposited in bank the 30th, budget is coming up-auditing company will start working on it on Monday. Citizen called concerning water usage, in May used over 8 million so far this year we've used 23,350,000 million of our 75 million water rights. Interfaith housing is currently working on a house on main with grant they are also starting a paint project. With new water rates hoping will help the cash flow right now the revenue is not covering costs.

Police Chief Darrin Banning – Run down of calls, couple of well fare checks, public assists, two 911 hang up calls, animal complaints, fraud call and busy with code violations. Davidson asked if and what can be done with back yards, they can be cited as well, and if there is someone or group willing to help those who are unable to do clean up themselves, Capt. Baldwin said yes there are people we can call to come help.

City Superintendent James Perry –Trees were planted in Wheatland Park, curb and gutter project at 6th & Wall hoping to get done before school but school needs to get tree removed first. Asking to lock the park bathrooms during spark in the park and maybe we could help provide two porta potties.

Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass—New rates will be on this billing cycle. We are still missing a little over 240 Copper-Lead Surveys looking into getting another round out again with colored paper to grab attention. Finished delivering CCR this week! Davidson mentioned maybe creating a google form for people to fill out online instead.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Davidson is excited we got the \$100,000 for the Pathways grant and it is in the bank ready to get the project started.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Brady to adjourn. Voice vote – 5 yea, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Glass, Assistant City Clerk

PRESENT:

City Clerk Sara Howard
Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass
City Superintendent James Perry
Police Chief Darrin Banning
Captain Anthony Baldwin

GUESTS:

Ashley Showalter
Mitchell Baldwin
Sue Maxwell
Brad Voth