

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
July 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, July 25, 2023. Councilmembers present: Michael Yutzy, Ryan Brady, Charles Taylor, and Andrew Epp. Councilmembers absent: Candace Davidson.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the June 27, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Appropriations Ordinance #1148, Budget, Income and Water Reports, and Economic Development Board Position appointment of Chris Shain. **A motion was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Epp to approve the Minutes of the June 27, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Appropriations Ordinance #1148, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Economic Development Board Positions Appointment of Chris Shain.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay – carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2024 Budget-City of Buhler-Set Public Hearing Date and Time-Draft was received July 25, 2023. Councilmember Yutzy brought up what would it take to raise mil, would need public vote and need to somehow make citizens aware that yes mil would go up but tax percent would go down and just made aware that operating city with lower budget and mil rate with inflation just isn't sustainable. Possibly look into doing this next year before July 20, 2024. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the budget hearing date and time of August 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay—Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard-Currently working on Budget with Eric Meyer, once we get through the budget, we will start working on getting caught up on audits. The Rec budget is done and hearing is set for July 31, 2023 at 6:00pm. Went with the Buhler Community Foundation to Humboldt-a small town reviving itself, very neat experience. New water rates making a difference already. Water rights as of the end of June are 30,147,000/75,000,000 so looking good so far.

Police Chief Darrin Banning – Run down of calls (30), couple of well fare checks, public assists, animal complaints, fraud call, stolen truck, and minor accident.

City Superintendent James Perry –Purchased used truck and working on purchasing a second truck with trading in the Ford Ranger. Tower inspection and cleaning will tell us just how soon we will need to paint, got a cost of \$3,350.00 to do so. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the tower inspection and cleaning**

for the cost of \$3,350.00. Voice Vote 4 yea, 0 nay—Carried. Turned in the mill and overlay plan to do 4th & 5th streets from Main to Buhler Rd.

Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass- I did get a google form made for the Copper and lead surveys. Got a few turned in. Just reposted it again on Facebook and got more turned in so I'll just keep reposting every couple weeks hoping to keep them flowing in.

Wellness Director Tegan Meadors-Missed last couple meetings due to leagues. Wrapping up the Rec summer programs, had a total of 167 kids register for camps. For T-Ball-12U 88 players register, 10 teams in church league, 8 teams for the adult tournament. Wellness Center is doing good, hitting our revenue goal each month and having roughly 1,200 check ins each month.

A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Brady to go into executive session to discuss appointed personnel at 7:28pm to return at 7:48pm. Voice Vote 4 yea 0 nay—Carried.

Back to regular session at 7:48pm all those present before remain present.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Mayor wanted to express that the Sara's are doing a great job running the city office. Councilmember Brady wants to think of ways to make it more visible to the citizens when positions for boards become available.

A motion was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Brady to adjourn. Voice vote – 4 yea, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 7:51 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
Wellness Director Tegan Meadors

GUESTS:

Kevin Berry
Brad Voth