

MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
September 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jake Schmidt called the regular session of the City Council for the City of Buhler to order at 7:01 pm at the Buhler City Offices on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. Councilmembers present: Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, and Andrew Epp. Councilmembers absent: Charles Taylor and Ryan Brady.

DETERMINE ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Adding 7(b) Wheatland Park Gazebo Discussion and 7(c) Pool Manager Salary

PLANNED PRESENTATIONS

Buhler Economic Development Board-Ashley Showalter gave a quarterly update. At Spark in the Park, they had the dunk tank and dart balloon board raising \$324. Looking forward to Buhler Frolic they will have the Disc Golf Tournament on our course and a disc golf throwing contest for kids on main street. They've provided funding to Brights and Wildflower Inn, looking into funding for Aaron (Computer Recovery Business) and the Black Dahlia Salon for signage. Update on the Buhler Market sign, Sarah Orem has been in contact with getting one made only hiccup now is how to attach it to the building. Next meeting will be held October 10.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the August 29, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Appropriations Ordinance #1150, and Budget, Income and Water Reports. **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the Minutes of the August 29, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Appropriations Ordinance #1150, and Budget, Income and Water Reports.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nay – carried

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2023-08 – Zoning Regulations Fee Schedule- **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Epp to approve Resolution No. 2023-08-Zoning Regulations Fee Schedule.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nay – Carried Councilmember Yutzy commented that Buhler is still significantly cheaper than other cities.

Wheatland Park Gazebo Discussion- Current bid is \$21,675.52, Buhler Community Foundation awarded \$10,000 for the project, could the city fund \$5,000 or a not to exceed amount. Could talk with builder and team on cutting costs to make the bid lower. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Epp to allocate up to the amount of \$7,000 and to discuss with the builder and team to lower the cost to not exceed that amount.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nay –Carried

Pool Manager Salary-Hutch Rec will no longer be involved in running pool. Discussing bringing Kasey Noggle on as the Pool Manager. Hours on normal days she works noon-6 or 7, some days works 10-9:30, guessing roughly 50-65 hours a week and on call at all times for a 5-month period. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Davidson in offering an \$18,355 salary to Pool Manager Kasey Noggle.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nays – Carried

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard-Auditors started last week, they are working on 2019-2022 audits, we are learning as we go so that next year we will be prepared. Water usage this month around 10 million making the total for the year so far, a little under 58 million. We received the Buhler Community Foundation grant to put towards the Pathways, we have applied for a \$1,500 grant called America Walks, will also be applying for the Hutchinson Community Foundation grant for park enhancements to lump in the Wheatland Park lighting and the gazebo project.

Police Chief Darrin Banning – Run down of calls, around 20 total, couple of well fare checks, public assists, animal complaints, and minor accident.

City Superintendent James Perry –Mill and overlay set to start next week, 10/2, Sewer cleaning starting tomorrow, 9/27. Wastewater inspection is set for 10/12. Still looking for meters for the wells for our penalty or just putting in reverse gears needs to be done by the end of the year. We're still shorthanded, wages are deterring people.

Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass- Nothing to report.

Wellness Director Tegan Meadors-In the second part of October we will be doing a survey campaign on feedback on the rec over the summer, where can they improve or expand on services. Rec-just finished second week of coed adult softball total of 8 teams, Kicking off private swim lessons at the wellness center. Wellness Center-have been hitting revenue goals, partnering with Ad Astra Academy School where a group of 12-15 students meet daily at the admin building, looking for opportunities of getting kids out and engaging in public, we're allowing them to come from 1-2 to help them and also fill a slow time at the center.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Epp to adjourn. Voice vote – 3 yeas, 0 nays - carried
Adjourned at 7:47 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:

Ashley Showalter, BED
Brad Voth