

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
October 31, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jake Schmidt called the regular session of the City Council for the City of Buhler to order at 7:02 pm at the Buhler City Offices on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. Councilmembers present: Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, Charles Taylor and Ryan Brady. Councilmembers absent: Andrew Epp.

Citizen's Forum

Brad Voth- Curious about water usage, last month council meeting stated that we were looking ok and this month we are looking like we may be close or going over, how does that work. Jake explained that water usage this month was on the higher side and that's just how quick it can happen. Brad also brought up a resident's house and its condition asking what can be done to get it taken care of. Jake explained that there isn't much that can be done as we do not have an ordinance that covers his specific request.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the September 26, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Appropriations Ordinance #1151, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Wage Resolution 2023-09 IC, Dump Truck/Procedures of Usage and Volunteer Gifts. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2023 Regular Council meeting, Appropriations Ordinance #1151, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Wage Resolution 2023-09 IC, Dump Truck/Procedures of Usage and Volunteer Gifts.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay – carried

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard-Sara stated we have received the Gazebo invoice and it came in lower than expected. Sara is also still working on the Hutchinson Community Foundation Grant for funds to go towards the Pathway in Becker Park.

Police Chief Darrin Banning – Isaiah Clubb has been hired and starts November 1st and going to the academy at the beginning of the year, graduating in April. Bill is going to stay on until Isaiah finishes academy.

City Superintendent James Perry –Mill and overlay is half done, it is too cold this week and hope to get back out here next week. Brush pile is closed as we cannot burn and it is full. James stated that he would like if a Personnel Committee could be formed with at least one council member, Sara, James and Jake to look over wages, benefits to make sure we are providing enough to keep employees and hire new as it has been hard finding a new employee. Jake mentions possibly creating it at beginning of the year. Councilmember Davidson and Taylor have both volunteered to join Committee.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Jake just wanted to mention the Gazebo has been finished and looks great and came in under budget.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adjourn. Voice vote – 4 yea, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 7:24 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

GUESTS:

Brad Voth