

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
January 30, 2024**

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, January 30, 2024. Councilmembers present: Michael Yutzy, Charles Taylor, and Ryan Brady. Councilmembers absent: Candace Davidson and Andrew Epp.

DETERMINE ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Jackie Oglesby came to speak to council about the water line east of Victory Rd that is being disconnected. Mayor Jake described the line is very old and deteriorating and in 1990 all services outside of city limits received letters stating this fact and there was potential for them to be disconnected. He just wants to state that the biggest reason to abandon the line is due to the age and the cost to repair is just too great.

PLANNED PRESENTATIONS

Economic Development Board- Ashley Showalter presented the quarterly update-since last meeting they have had the Frolic Fling Disc Golf Tournament they made \$240 which was split with Buhler Frolic. They given out the \$500 reimbursement for signage to Yellow Brick Data Recovery, Diamond Grants, Wildflower Inn and Black Dahlia Salon. Things to come: Spring into Jack's Chili Contest, Hosting a business mingle in April where they can ask what are business's needs and they can help to facilitate. They would also like to invite all councilmembers to feel free to come to meetings. Mayor Jake asked what their vision of future Buhler and how to achieve it is, "What can we do together to grow".

Buhler Public Library-Virginia Philbrick presented a flyer of statistics for the year 2023. In September they heard from Brownstone Book Store in New York and they were chosen to receive 100 new books free. They have been collaborating with Buhler Rec for activities for kids especially during school breaks. Lindsey Fields also asked for approval of hiring a part time employee.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the November 28, 2023 and December 26, 2023 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1153 and Appropriations Ordinance #1154, Budget, Income and Water Reports, and Resolution No. 2024-01 Wages FT/PT-2024. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2023 and December 26, 2023 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1153 and Appropriations Ordinance #1154, Budget, Income and Water Reports, and Resolution No. 2024-01 Wages FT/PT-2024.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nay – carried

Gabriel Knechtel- He is asking to host a 5K for Ripples for the Well which raises money to help about 150 kids in Uganda. They would use one of the same routes that has been used in the past. Wanting to host on May 4, 2024. They already have event insurance. However, May 4, 2024 may conflict with a ball tournament that would be in town. Tegan Meadors will work on getting that date and reach out to Gabe. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Brady to approve Ripples for the Well to host a 5K in Buhler with a pending date.** Voice Vote 3 yeas, 0 nay--Carried

OFFICIAL OATHS OF OFFICE

Councilmembers Taylor and Brady were sworn in by City Clerk Sara Howard.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard-She is requesting permission to go to CCMFOA Spring Conference, for her to go registration is \$325 plus hotel for 2 nights. We have a new resident in town Joshua Manley wanting to volunteer his time and has been working to help us find grants and anything else in future we may come up with and he can do. All the end of year stuff has been completed and the beginning of year stuff. The auditors have been here and they are almost complete with the 2018-2022 audits and will return sometime in February to do a complete 2023 audit and then we will be all caught up.

Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass- Casey recently worked in the office on the Lead and Copper spreadsheet and has filled in a lot so the number of unanswered surveys is lower, 150-170, so the city will be sending out one more survey to try and get the remaining services information. Casey also helped Sarah with just asking the most important questions so maybe residents won't be as intimidated and return them. Tonya Gehring reached out and set the Dog Vaccination/Registration Clinic date for April 18th from 5-7. This year it will be having it at the City office in the garage due to the pathways project set to start in the spring.

City Superintendent James Perry -Casey passed his Class 2 Certification. James is working with the lady at the water office, we cannot put anti reverse gears on the current well meters so that is no longer an option so now the city has to replace one and promise to replace the other in the next few years. During snow removal ran into several issues including no power at the wells and sewer plant for a few days and multiple equipment failures. James received a quote for the painting of the swimming pool, and it needs to be done there is no putting it off. Discussion was had about maybe bringing the swimming pool fee back, in order to replenish Capital Improvement fund for the cost to paint the pool. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to accept the quote to paint the swimming pool this year.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nay—Carried.

Police Chief Darrin Banning- Our new officer received his academy date: End of March however, he is on a list that if something opens sooner, he may go early. Bill is willing to stay around until Isaiah is back from Academy. Monthly reports on file at office.

Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors-Presented a flyer with Year in Review. Everything is trending upward as they continue to bring in new things. They are looking into doing more activities year-round and not just mostly focusing on summer. They are collaborating with Buhler Library for more activities, they seem to be very popular.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Mayor Jake- Jake had some discussions on water line to east of town.

With Casey receiving his certification Jake would like to give Casey a raise, 7-10% raise \$1.75-2. Mike Yutzy would agree, we should reward our employees for receiving certifications so we retain our employees versus losing them and having to hire a new employee with possibly less knowledge for almost same wage. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Brady to give Casey Howard a wage increase of \$2 for achieving his Class 2 Water Certification.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nay--Carried

A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adjourn. Voice vote – 3 yeas, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Glass, Assistant City Clerk

PRESENT:

City Clerk Sara Howard
Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass
City Superintendent James Perry
Assistant City Superintendent Casey Howard
Police Chief Darrin Banning
Police Captain Anthony Baldwin
Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors

GUESTS:

Brad Voth
Ashley Showalter
Robert Gardner
Virginia Philbrick
Lindsey Fields
Jackie Oglesby
Gabriel Knechtel