

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
March 26, 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, March 26, 2024. Councilmembers present: Candace Davidson, Charles Taylor, and Ryan Brady, and Andrew Epp. Councilmembers absent: Michael Yutzy

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Planned Presentation

3a) Water Line for Rural Users

3b) Economic Development Board Report

New Business:

CWG Insurance

CITIZENS FORUM

JC Keith - Questions about the swimming pool fee, asked why it was added, and for how long it will stay on bills. Council response was that the fee was added for repairs, and ongoing maintenance, the fee will stay as long as needed, no end date.

PLANNED PRESENTATIONS

Water Line: The City is retracting previous letter sent out about cutting off those on the line East of Victory Road. The City is looking into other possible options, as it has come to light the water is not as available for those residents, as hoped. One possible option is a loan, nothing has been decided yet.

Economic Development Board: Multiple more sign reimbursements for businesses, they will have a Chili Contest at Spring into Jacks event on April 6. There is a business mingle planned at Mustard Seed, and Black Dahlia on April 11.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the February 27, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1156, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Library Board Appointment, Resolution No. 2024-07 Pool Wages. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1156, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Library Board Appointment, and Resolution 2024-07 Pool Wages.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay – carried

NEW BUSINESS

CWG Insurance Quote: The city received a quote on insurance from KSI Agency for CWG Insurance; the quote could save the city money. Decision was tabled, so Buhler Agency can look over options for insurance savings. Renewal is April 1.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard- Working with Kansas Water Office, and Kansas Rural Water Association on updating Water Conservation Plan. The Buhler Bucks account has gone dormant, asked what the council would like done with it. Councilmember Epp stated that Chamber is in discussions of taking it over. Dog Vaccinations is scheduled for April 18 at the City office.

City Superintendent James Perry –Water tower inspection date still pending. He has one possible summer help lined up, and the swimming pool is about half way done on the repainting project.

Captain Anthony Baldwin- Seat Belt enforcement was good, seat belt ticket numbers were low. Isaiah is doing great at Academy. He had "Donuts with a Cop" at the grade school as a fundraiser prize.

Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors-Summer guides are out, working on hiring summer staff, some will be shared with the pool. Working on getting both rec, and pool registrations available on the website, to make things easier for citizens. New equipment is coming to the wellness center, and the pool is getting resurfaced. Pathways project set to start mid April, Wheatland Park lighting is happening now.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Epp to adjourn. Voice vote – 4 yea, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Howard, City Clerk

PRESENT:

City Clerk Sara Howard
City Superintendent James Perry
Assistant City Superintendent Casey Howard
Police Captain Anthony Baldwin
Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors

GUESTS:

Brad Voth
Mr. and Mrs. John Knapp
Jackie Oglesby
Dustin Dick
Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wedel
Mike Wright
Jessica Vaile
Rod Hagman
Dorothy Dick
Ashley Showalter