

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
June 25, 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, June 25, 2024. Councilmembers present: Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, Charles Taylor, Ryan Brady and Andrew Epp.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Rod Hagman presented that he has spent some time speaking with agencies and businesses. Kansas Water Office has grants available, starts taking applications July 8. He volunteers his time to help with what is needed to get funding for the water line east of town.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the May 28, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1159, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Eco Devo. Board Appointments – 3 Positions 2026 Terms, Ordinance #647 – KS Gas Franchise Fee, Resolution 2024-08: N. Dirks, and Resolution 2024-09: Wage FT PD IC. **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the Minutes of the May 28, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1159, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Eco Devo. Board Appointments- 3 Positions 2026 Terms, Ordinance #647 – KS Gas Franchise Fee, Resolution 2024-08: N Dirks, and Resolution 2024-09: Wage FT PD IC.** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nay – Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Waterline Project- Two water agreements were presented to council, one drafted by City Attorney Mark Tremaine and second drafted by Dwight Wedel. Councilmember Yutzy voiced that we didn't realize there was going to be so many issues. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Epp to move this waterline project to be put on the agenda in 12 months, June 2025.** Roll Call Vote Councilmember Yutzy-Yea Councilmember Davidson- Yea Councilmember Taylor – Yea Councilmember Brady-Yea Councilmember Epp-Yea -Carried If something were to happen to the line, we could make rate changes to help pay for repairs. This allows more time to look into more options while also giving all those affected plenty of notice.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel-Longevity Bonuses/Vacation- **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the Longevity Bonuses effective immediately.** Voice vote 5,0—Carried **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to approve Vacation effective immediately.** Voice Vote 5,0 – Carried

Discussion-2025 Budget- Mayor Jake would like to remain where we are with not raising the MIL levy and talk more seriously about next years budget. Budget will not change much this year to next.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard- Received the Certificate of Liability from the Fireworks for Spark in the Park. She attended meeting with KS water office and learned a lot and networked hoping to help with going over rights and waterline issues. We are on pace to go over our water rights like 2 years ago, which was 8 million over. We are in Phase 1 of water conservation looking to move into Phase 2 soon if usage doesn't go down.

City Superintendent James Perry –Well 3 rehab is done, hasn't received the report yet. Tower inspection happened June 20. Bathrooms in Wheatland Park will be locked during Spark in the Park again this year.

Chief Darrin Banning- 20 calls this month all on record in office. New Patrol car search is back to zero and on the hunt. Isaiah Clubb is doing well.

Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors-Becker Park- The concrete is done, next week contractor will come back and do back filling, paint lines in parking lot and put block in. The City guys and Tegan will do the benches, tables and trash cans then in the fall do hydro seeding and plant trees.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adjourn. Voice vote – 5 yea, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Glass, Assistant City Clerk

PRESENT:

City Clerk Sara Howard
City Superintendent James Perry
Chief Darrin Banning
Police Captain Anthony Baldwin
Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors
Police Officer Isaiah Clubb

GUESTS:

Brad Voth
John Knapp
Jackie Oglesby
Fern Froese
Chris Shain
Jessica Vaile

Rod & Anita Hagman
Kent & TJ Hoskinson
Keri Maurer
Ken Pauls
Angela (Brian Base)
JC Keith
Casey Gamble
Toby Dirks
Tony Smith
Keith & Jan Pankratz