

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jake Schmidt called the regular session of the City Council for the City of Buhler to order at 7:01 pm at the Buhler City Offices on Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Councilmembers present: Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, Ryan Brady and Andrew Epp. Councilmember Chuck Taylor arrived at 7:11pm.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

JC Keith asked about the large expenditures going to Industrial Park project, wondering if that was city funds. Mayor Jake explained it is all part of the GO Bond.

PLANNED PRESENTATIONS

Sarah Orem-Frolic- Date has been changed to last weekend in September. This year's will be September 28th, there has just been too many other local events conflicting with the first weekend of October. This year's theme is Under the Big Top, will have inflatables, a carnival ride, Axe it Up Hutch. Wrist bands can be bought and used on all things. Will have vendors and bingo to end the night with possible concert. Frolic is asking the city to sponsor with insurance and any funds they wish. Mayor Jake informed with our new insurance events are covered. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Davidson that the city donates in the amount of \$500 to the Buhler Frolic.** Voice Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays – Carried.

Chamber-They are sponsoring a Party in the Park event August 4th. Chamber has rented the pool from 6-8or9, will have car show, corn hole and food trucks. Chamber is requesting approval of local food trucks being present. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to approve of food trucks at the Chamber event.** Voice vote 5 yeas 0 nays – Carried.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the June 25, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1160, Budget, Income and Water Reports, and Resolution 2024-10: Wage FT WC TM. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1160, Budget, Income and Water Reports, and Resolution 2024-10: Wage FT WC TM.** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nays – Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2025 Budget-City of Buhler- Personnel Committee talked about Buhler Economic Development board and they presented a recommendation of keeping the \$15,000 in the Community Development fund and not issuing the funds to the Eco. Devo board. In the last 5-10 years they feel the city hasn't been getting a return on the investment. The city is looking into ways to

revise how the economic development looks. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to not allocate the funds to the Economic Development board in the 2025 Budget.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 1 nay voice by Councilmember Epp – Carried.

Water Discussion-Discussion on raising the rural water base rate by \$5 this will help get the city more in line with the state average, as that is one of the reasons we were not qualified for one of the grants the city was wanting to apply for to replace the water line. A lot of Municipalities rural users base rates are doubled from in town residents. The council mutually agrees to hold off on the water rate increase for now but feels the rates should be increased for both in town and rural users. Test wells at the Ball Diamonds-after talking with the drilling company the well would not get the 100 gal/min that they are currently getting with being on city water. For the amount it would cost to drill 5 test wells it may not be worth doing. Further discussions will be had on this subject.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard- Sara is working on the HB grant, we do qualify, plans on submitting for Smart Meters and the Water line as we did not get approved for the KDHE loan like we had hoped. She plans to contact someone in the KS Water Office to also guide her in filling out grants. She has also asked Rod Hagman to assist with the water line grant. The Rec budget is done, water usage is doing good so we plan to stay in the same phase. This years Institute will take place during council meeting in October, Sara will drive back for the meeting then return for classes.

Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass- City Clerks Institute is October 28-30 in Wichita. Sarah has applied for the scholarship and will know whether she receives it by August 15, 2024. A couple of residents have been in to ask about fish in the pond, after discussions with James and Jake, Sarah reached out to the hatchery in Kingman, KS and has ordered fish for the pond and will be stocked in 2-3 weeks.

City Superintendent James Perry –The city crew has removed the posts in Becker Park, with the project almost completed there is still some dirt work that needs to be done then seeding. The playground is also needing mulch added. The sewer plant has been having difficulties with E. Coli in the samples in the last few months so looking into possibly getting the UV lights changed.

Chief Darrin Banning- School starts in 2 weeks. 30 calls this month all on record in office. Darrin and Sara have submitted a grant to Buhler Community Foundation for 3 new vests and a new radio for his patrol car. He is also hoping to get the Police Policy in place next month. Mayor Jake and Councilmember Taylor recommends condensing it by removing any redundancies, it is hard to read and difficult to understand.

Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors-Buhler Rec is wrapping up all the summer activities this weekend with a 2-day Men's Church Team Tournament. All summer activities went very well. Wellness center continues to do good. Rev is up 13% from last year and check in up 10%. Pool is closing Aug. 11; they have a couple of rentals scheduled after closing. Kasey plans to present in August, numbers are looking good.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Epp to adjourn. Voice vote – 5 yea, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Glass, Assistant City Clerk

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Sarah Snider
Rod & Anita Hagman
Kent & TJ Hoskinson
JC Keith
Doug Winkler
John Yoder
Sarah Orem