

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
August 27, 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, August 27, 2024. Councilmembers present: Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, Chuck Taylor, Ryan Brady and Andrew Epp.

PLANNED PRESENTATIONS

Sarah Snider-Buhler Public Library Board President- Presented an idea they have come up with. They would like to put a mural up on the north side of the library. They would like it to be interactive, take a selfie with the mural art, some places add a QR code that links to the city's website to see what the town has to offer and post their pictures. The building the library is in is a city owned building so they are asking permission to have a mural painted on the building. They will do all the work and hoping to come up with all the funding themselves through grants or fundraisers. Councilmember Epp voiced that they should look into getting bids from Brady Scott and the lady that just did Inman's. Councilmember Yutzy stated they should also work out an end time that the mural would be painted over or if the artist comes out for touch ups. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Epp that the library board can move forward with this project.** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nays – Carried.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the July 30, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1161, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Ordinance No. 648-Standard Traffic Ordinance -2024, and Ordinance No. 649-Uniform Public Offence Code -2024. **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the Minutes of the July 30, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1161, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Ordinance No. 648-Standard Traffic Ordinance - 2024m, and Ordinance No 649-Uniform Public Offence Code-2024.** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nay – Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Smart Meters-Mayor Jake would like the council to strongly consider moving forward with this project, by way of getting the loan Core & Main offered. 2 Quotes were presented, the meters need changed and base rates going up could cover the loan. Councilmember Yutzy stated he wants to have a full plan before we move forward. He would also like to see the amount that we would need to cover the loan and inflation to be spread out not just on the base rate but also in the tiers. Councilmember Brady wants to raise rates all at once or at least give plenty notice that this is what our end goal is to raise it over time and the reasons for the raises out to the public. **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Epp to move forward with the project and to figure rates and cost next month for the 7-year term. A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy to amend the motion to we move forward with**

the project and to figure the rates and cost next month and not include the 7-year term. Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nays –Carried. Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nays –Carried.

Mayor Jake called for executive session to discuss land acquisition. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Brady to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition at 7:45 for a period of 15 minutes.** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nays – Carried.

At 8pm Mayor Jake called the regular session of the City Council back to order. All present from before executive session excluding assistant city superintendent Casey Howard and Sarah Snider.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 650 – Health, Weed, and Motor Vehicle Nuisances- Continued to next month

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard- Sara has worked on the HB grant with Rod Hagman, it is done and due September 8th. She is having a grant writer look it over before it gets submitted. Buhler Community Foundation has offered to pay for the grant writer. She got a quote for 2 new computers; she is running off of Windows 7 and Sarah G. is running off of her laptop. The quote is for 2 new desktops, and labor will be covered from the prepaid hours bought in 2020. **A motion was made by Councilmember Epp, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the purchase of 2 new desktop computers.** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nays –Carried.

Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass- Fish have been delivered to the pond, they are still small and the only thing that will need to be done is adding bass in November or December. She did receive the Institute Scholarship so her registration, ½ the room expenses and mileage will be covered this year.

Chief Darrin Banning- Darrin presented a quote for a new garage door. Would cost around \$4,000 for the door and install and to replace some rotting wood. Councilmember Yutzy asked why the need. Darrin stated it would be nice to be able to park a vehicle in it and that Isaiah has mentioned it would be nice to store his in there as he parks on the street at home. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Brady to approve the purchase of the new garage door.** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nays –Carried. BPD had about 25 calls on record in the office, body cams are in and Isaiah's car now has dash cam and prisoner cam installed.

Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors-August is a transition month, gearing up for Coed Softball in September, had about 8 teams last year hoping for more this year. Buhler Rec met and talked about project goals and the main one is updating the access control system which they would fundraise for.

Buhler Pool Manager Kasey Noggle-Kasey expressed how thankful she was for this opportunity to serve our community in doing something she loves. This year was her 27th year serving the Buhler pool in one way or the other. She expressed great thanks to everyone who helped make this year a success.

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 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Glass, Assistant City Clerk

PRESENT:

City Clerk Sara Howard
City Superintendent James Perry
Assistant City Superintendent Casey Howard
Chief Darrin Banning
Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors
Buhler Pool Manager Kasey Noggle

GUESTS:

Sarah Snider
Lynnette Krieger-Zook
JC Keith
Brad Voth