

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
September 24, 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, September 24, 2024. Councilmembers present: Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, Ryan Brady and Andrew Epp. Councilmember Chuck Taylor absent.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the August 27, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1162, Budget, Income and Water Reports, and Resolution 2024-11: Wage PT WC MB. **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the Minutes of the August 27, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1162, Budget, Income and Water Reports, and Resolution 2024-11: Wage PT WC MB.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay – Carried

Mayor Jake called for executive session to discuss land acquisition. **A motion was made by Councilmember Epp, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition at 7:05 for a period of 15 minutes.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays – Carried.

At 7:24 Mayor Jake called the regular session of the City Council back to order. All present from before executive session are present.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Handbook-Few changes have been made. Some vacation days have been added, a comp time section, revised the sick leave cap and added sexual harassment and domestic violence sections that are required by the state. Also included is a acknowledgement form for employees to sign stating they have received and read the handbook that will go in their personal file. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to approve the new Personnel Handbook.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays –Carried.

Police Policies-Current police policy was updated with a few things that the state requires to be in the policies and job descriptions have been added. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the Police Policies.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays –Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 650-Health, Weed, and Motor Vehicle Nuisances-Changes were made in the weed section. Instead of giving the violator 10 days to remedy the issue it has now changed to 5 days, they can request an extension, however it is now 5 days instead of 10. Also took out the right to a

hearing. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the changes to Ordinance 650.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays –Carried.

Water Discussions/Meters- A water rates power point was presented with proposed changes. Councilmember Yutzy is not ready to make any decisions yet. He would like numbers for meters per tier and would like to create a task force/group to go over ideas to be able to afford and pay for current and future projects and water rights. Councilmember Yutzy would like to be a part of the group but believes all Councilmembers should be present to form the task force. This discussion has been tabled until next month.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard- Sara has attended a couple of meetings. One was the school district community meeting where discussions were had going over a survey that was sent out to the district. The second was a Kansas Water Office meeting, the second round, was just continuing discussions on water issues across the state. New computers were installed last week. The city received a grant from Buhler Community Foundation for \$9,000 for a light to be installed at the pickleball court. The Police Dept has purchased a new truck for Captain Baldwin. Sara also had a flyer for each Councilmember about the Community Workshop taking place in October and feels it would be very beneficial for all members to attend. Sarah Glass and Sara Howard are unable to attend as they will be at Institute at the time.

Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass- Shred day has been scheduled for October 12 from 9am-11am at the City lot at 4th and Buhler Rd.

City Superintendent James Perry- Viking came and looked at the water tower, James should be receiving a quote from them. The slurring guys should hopefully be starting soon, materials have been delivered.

Chief Darrin Banning- 25 Calls on record in the office. The garage door will be installed after October 1. The Police Dept also received a grant from the Buhler Community Foundation for \$3,000 and Darrin has ordered a new radio.

Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors-The Wellness Center received a grant from Buhler Community Foundation and they will be installing new access control system. They have also been saving to start a new website for the Wellness and Recreation, it will be more user friendly. Tegan presented the council with flyers for the Pool Revenue and highlights.

Buhler Pool Manager Kasey Noggle-Kasey just wanted to stress again how well the pool went this summer.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Mayor Jake would like a committee formed with Councilmembers Chuck Taylor and Ryan Brady to discuss the future of Economic Development Board. **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve a committee of Councilmember Taylor and Brady to discuss the future of Economic Development Board.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays –Carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Epp to adjourn. Voice vote – 4 yea, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Glass, Assistant City Clerk

PRESENT:

City Clerk Sara Howard
City Superintendent James Perry
Chief Darrin Banning
Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors
Buhler Pool Manager Kasey Noggle
Officer Isaiah Clubb

GUESTS:

JC Keith
Rod Hagman
Brad Voth
Jackie Oglesby