

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
October 29, 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: Candace Davidson, Ryan Brady, Chuck Taylor and Andrew Epp. Councilmember Michael Yutzy absent.

CITIZENS FORUM

Brad Voth had a question about the \$25,000 check to USD 313.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1163, Budget, Income and Water Reports, and Resolution 2024-12: Wage FT WC TM. Councilmember Brady had a question about the wage resolution, wage increase is due to a certification. **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Epp to approve the Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1163, Budget, Income and Water Reports, and Resolution 2024-12: Wage FT WC TM.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay – Carried

Mayor Jake called for executive session to discuss land acquisition. **A motion was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Davidson 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 7:14 Mayor Jake called the regular session of the City Council back to order. All present from before executive session are present.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard- Sara Howard and Sarah Glass are currently attending Institute. Volunteer gifts are in and ready to be distributed. Sarah Glass has sent out the KDHE trifold per KDHE, this is the next step for the Copper & Lead process. Auditor was here, Buhler Bucks- leave it open or give it to the Chamber. Sara also had a meeting with Lauren Meadors and Sarah Diamond. Buhler Community Foundation hired a grant writer so Sara told them our needs and Sarah Diamond will start looking for the grants and write them.

City Superintendent James Perry- James stated looking to lease a new backhoe and not buying one. Sewer cleaning is set to now start 10/30. James asked about the Street Maintenance Budget, do we have enough for two new trucks, we currently have two down. **A motion was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to approve the purchase of**

two trucks, not to exceed \$30,000 out of Street Maintenance Budget. Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay—Carried.

Chief Darrin Banning- 35 Calls on record in the office. The garage door has been installed and works well.

Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors-The website for the wellness center/pool is still in the works. There are some cool opportunities for programs, new fitness classes may be added and new stuff scheduled to be added in the pool room and activity room. Councilmember Epp asked if there are geographic limitation, No. Mayor Jake asked if the membership is up? Yes, with steady increase and the revenue is up as well.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Mayor Jake would like to create a water committee with two councilmembers. Last month Councilmember Yutzy expressed willingness, and Brady volunteered. **A motion was made by Councilmember Epp, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve a water committee of Councilmember Yutzy and Councilmember Brady along with Mayor Jake Schmidt, David Zook and Daniel Friesen.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nays Councilmember Davidson abstained – Carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adjourn. Voice vote – 4 yeas, 0 nays - carried
Adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Howard, City Clerk

PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

JC Keith
Kenny Pauls
Brad Voth