

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
November 26, 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, November 26, 2024. Councilmembers present: Councilmember Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, Ryan Brady and Andrew Epp. Councilmember Chuck Taylor absent.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the October 29, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1164, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Renewal CMB License (2025)-Buhler Market, Resolution 2024-13: Wage SG, Appointment Rec. Commission-2029 Term-Ross Heide, and Ordinance 651-STO-U Turn. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to approve the Minutes of the October 29, 2024 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1164, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Renewal CMB License (2025)-Buhler Market, Resolution 2024-13: Wage SG, Appointment Rec. Commission-2029-Ross Heide, and Ordinance 651-STO-U Turn.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay – Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-14: EDB-**A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Brady to approve Resolution 2024-14: EDB.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay – Carried.

Job Description-Community Development Director-Would like position filled in early 2025. The sub committee with interview and hire and keep council updated and council will approve wage.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Wage Spreadsheet FT City Staff- **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Brady to approve a 5% wage increase.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays – Carried.

Staff Service Award 2024- **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to approve a staff service award of \$175 after taxes.** Voice vote 4 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 7:14 for a period of no longer than 15 minutes.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays –Carried.

At 7:23 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 had a planning and zoning meeting Nov. 25 and a recommendation will be presented to the Council in January. Sara also just wanted to give the Public Works kudos for all they are able to fix themselves where we could be having to pay labor elsewhere.

Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass-Our bass will be delivered Nov. 27th, Neufeldt's flooring came in this week to fix a crack in our floor. Sarah has also been in the process for becoming a notary, mainly for the PD needing affidavits notarized, and is willing to offer it out of the city office if the council is wanting to offer the service. Sara H. requests if we do offer the service, she would like the city to reimburse Sarah G. partial or all fees she has paid for. **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Brady to approve the reimbursement to Sarah G for notary fees and offer the service to the residence of Buhler free of charge.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays – Carried.

City Superintendent James Perry- KDHE was here for water inspection and the only thing KDHE stated they didn't like was the age of our meters everything else went well. The cemeteries have been busy and all while we've had a broken back hoe which is on the mend. James presented a quote for a back hoe lease, all for a three-year lease with offer to buy out. Best option is a \$50,000 down and make monthly payments. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the signing a three-year lease with \$50,000 down and make monthly payments on a new back hoe.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays – Carried.

Chief Darrin Banning- Service calls on record in the office. This will be the sixth year for shop with the sheriff, we had about 23 donors and are able to sponsor around 30 kids. Shopping will take place Dec. 7th.

Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors-Final touches on the website, Curtis Morgan term is expiring and is not renewing, Rec. Commission is recommending Ross Heide, they feel he will be a great addition and will bring new energy. Tegan recently had a meeting with Sheri Seachris at the Senior Center just to find out what all they offer there and how they can collaborate.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilmember Brady inquired about the trees around the pond, they took quite a beating these last couple years with high winds and what plans could be made by planting/replacing them.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Epp to adjourn. Voice vote – 4 yeas, 0 nays - carried
Adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Glass, Assistant City Clerk

PRESENT:

City Clerk Sara Howard
Assistant City Clerk Sarah Glass
City Superintendent James Perry
Chief Darrin Banning
Buhler Wellness Director Tegan Meadors
Captain Anthony Baldwin

GUESTS:

JC Keith