

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
February 25, 2025**

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, February 25, 2025. Councilmembers present: Councilmember Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, Chuck Taylor, and Ryan Brady
Councilmembers Absent: Andrew Epp.

PLANNED PRESENTATIONS

Buhler Public Library- Librarian Virginia Philbrick presented an End of Year report.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the January 28, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1167, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Resolution No. 2025-06 Refuse Rates, Ordinance 655- Authorization for Industrial Bond and Resolution 2025-04-Industrial Bond Sale and Delivery. **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the Minutes of the January 28, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1167, Budget, Income and Water Reports, Resolution No. 2025-06 Refuse Rates, Ordinance 655- Authorization for Industrial Bond and Resolution 2025-04-Industrial Bond Sale and Delivery.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay – Carried

Mayor Jake called for executive session to discuss personnel. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:15 for a period of no longer than 15 minutes.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays –Carried.

At 7:30 Mayor Jake called for a second executive session to discuss land acquisition and water rights. **A motion was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Brady to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and water rights at 7:30 for a period of no longer than 10 minutes.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays—Carried.

At 7:40 Mayor Jake called to order of Regular Session all present except JC Keith, Lindsey Fields and Virginia Philbrick.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard- Sara stated that a citizen came into the office to voice concerns about losing the free air pump in town and wondered if the council could find a way to bring one to town. She also brought up the email from T-Mobile, they are wanting to come look at our water tower and possible add product up there for lease. City council is not interested.

City Superintendent James Perry- We have moved snow. Our UV lights for the sewer plant have arrived and will be installed soon. We have a blockage at the sewer plant and excavating to try and find it.

Chief Darrin Banning- Service calls on record in the office about 25 Calls.

Community Development Director Lauren Meadors- BED was in charge of the sign reimbursement and she is curious if we still wanted to do that, if so maybe reevaluate it. They were also in charge of paying for Hutch Chamber and Buhler Chamber fees, Lauren believes being apart of Hutch Chamber is a good idea because it isn't just Hutch it is also Reno County. Lauren also attended Community Outlook Conference and Big Rural Brainstorm put on by Kansas Sampler Foundation. Hutch Chamber/Reno County is starting a Make my Move project trying to bring 10 families from out of state to Kansas. Lauren also presented a flyer about the Buhler Housing issues.

Wellness Director Tegan Meadors- Tegan presented an End of Year report for the Wellness Center and Buhler Recreation. He also informed council that Kasey Noggle will be present in April for a kick off to summer at the pool.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Jake mentioned that Ron Vincent is the new County Commissioner and he mentioned there will probably be a new sales tax increase of a quarter to 1.5% in 2026.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Brady to adjourn. Voice vote – 5 yea, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Glass, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENT:

City Clerk Sara Howard
Deputy City Clerk Sarah Glass
City Superintendent James Perry
Chief Darrin Banning
Community Development Director Lauren Meadors
Wellness Director Tegan Meadors
Librarian Virginia Philbrick

GUESTS:

JC Keith
Mike Knopp
Lindsey Fields
Lacey Huffman