

**MINUTES  
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL  
March 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, March 25, 2025. Councilmembers present: Councilmember Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, Ryan Brady, and Andrew Epp. Councilmembers Absent: Chuck Taylor.

**PLANNED PRESENTATIONS**

Buhler Public Library- Librarian Virginia Philbrick presented on the progress of the mural and is here asking for the go ahead on moving forward with putting the mural on the city building that houses the library. After putting letters out 5-6 people expressed interest but the board likes Taylor West, a Buhler Grad. The council says move forward and they look forward to seeing the final work up before it gets applied to the building.

**CONSENT MOTION**

Council reviewed the Minutes of the February 25, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1168, and Budget, Income and Water Reports. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1168, and Budget, Income and Water Reports.** 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 Brady to go into executive session to discuss personnel at 7:13 for a period of no longer than 17 minutes.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nays –Carried.

At 7:30 Mayor Jake called for a second executive session to discuss water rights. **A motion was made by Councilmember Epp, seconded by Councilmember Brady to go into executive session to discuss 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 Virginia Philbrick.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Water Rights Agreement-The City has signed a contract to purchase 36 million gallons of water rights, along with this the city is working on getting temporary financing for rights and other projects including water meters, the pipe going out East, painting the water tower and a possible water line loop for Harvest Hills addition. It would be \$3.5-3.6 million bond over 30 years with about a \$15 added to monthly bill. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to sign the water rights contract.** Roll Call Vote Yutzy-Yea, Davidson-Yea, Brady-Yea, Epp-Yea—Carried

Neighborhood Revitalization Plan 2025- Lauren and Sara have been working on a new revitalization plan, Reno County started one last month and ours would become part of it, Buhler USD 313 has agreed to be a part of it also. The project should be ready by next council meeting. Lauren conducted an activity to get councilmembers input on what they would like to see in the plan and what they are interested in implementing.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

City Clerk Sara Howard- Sara just wanted Council to know that on Saturday May 24 the parking lot in Wheatland Park will be used as a stop for a poker run. This week she is currently at the Kansas Rural Water Association Conference in Wichita and Dennon from Prairie Bank of Kansas informed us that the Prairie Bank has be bought by Community National Bank & Trust. The owners are retiring. Plans as of now is nothing will change, business as usual.

Deputy City Clerk Sarah Glass- Sarah stated that dog vaccination and registration has been scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm in the garage at the city office, Mid Kansas Credit Union will have a table again this year for treats and toys. City Wide cleanup day has been scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also mentioned that the city paid for some online court courses for a couple of Juvenile boys. This is something the Judge wanted to do as they are special circumstances and this will not happen a lot. Generally, if the Judge orders the classes the person will be responsible to pay for the courses themselves.

City Superintendent James Perry- The City received the slurry/crack seal quote for Harvest Hills addition, about \$43,000. He also stated that we will be working on getting materials to put on Industrial Park Rd as it is in desperate need of it. It is highly travelled with big trucks.

Chief Darrin Banning- Service calls on record in the office. Pretty slow month with spring break.

Wellness Director Tegan Meadors- Tegan stated it has been pretty busy getting flyers and registration for summer all set up. The Rec is also in partnership with BGS starting an after-school program called Positive Pacers. They are hoping it catches on and could possibly carry over to summer. He also reported that pool staffing looks to be good and Kasey will begin April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Epp to adjourn.** Voice vote – 4 yea, 0 nay - carried  
Adjourned at 8:23 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:

Jackie Oglesby  
Mike Knopp  
Andrea Fulmer  
Anita Hagman  
Rod Hagman  
Toby Dirks  
Brad Voth