

MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
April 29, 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, April 29, 2025. Councilmembers present: Councilmember Michael Yutzy, Ryan Brady, and Andrew Epp. Councilmembers Absent: Candace Davidson, Chuck Taylor.

CITIZENS FORUM

Denise Wells- Denise is with Powerback Rehab at Sunshine Meadows, she is wanting to host a Walk for Alzheimer's on June 13, Friday evening, from 6-8pm at Wheatland Park. She is wanting to use part of the parking lot as well. It will be a free will donations event. She will be working with Tegan Meadors to find a good weekend to work around ball tournaments.

Bob Deister-Bob presented a letter wishing to discuss his water bill. He recently had a major water leak with significant water usage, he is requesting sewer and fees be removed. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Epp to remove the Sewer charge and any fees associated with sewer be removed from his bill.** Voice Vote 3 yeas, 0 nay –Carried.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1169, and Budget, Income and Water Reports, Planning Commission Appointments-Shane Engelken and Rod Hagman, Library Board Appointments-Andrea Fulmer, Sheri Bryan and Lacey Huffman. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Brady to approve the Minutes of the March 25, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1169, and Budget, Income and Water Reports, Planning Commission Appointments-Shane Engelken and Rod Hagman, Library Board Appointments-Andrea Fulmer, Sheri Bryan and Lacey Huffman.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 0 nay – Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 656-Water Rates-The City proposed several options of proposed water rate increases to cover the bond payment for all water projects. Discussion was had over the varying options. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Epp to approve Ordinance 656 with the proposed option 2, a \$10 increase on the base rate and increase to the tiers.** Voice Vote 3 yeas, 0 nays –Carried.

Resolution 2025-07 Project Authorization- **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve Resolution 2025-07 Project Authorization.** Voice Vote 3 yeas, 0 nay –Carried.

Resolution 2025-08 Note Resolution-A **motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Epp to approve Resolution 2025-08 Note Resolution.** Voice Vote 3 yeas, 0 nays –Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard- Sara completed a zoning webinar to help with working toward her CMC that requires 60 education points and 50 experience points. May 14 is when the city will receive the money from the temporary note and then Sara will start making phone calls to get projects rolling. Budget talk will need to be starting soon, with that being said Sales tax revenue is down \$34,245, and Special Street & Highway is down \$200 and our individual accounts should be around 65% at this time of year. However, our sewer account is at 58% and not looking good.

Deputy City Clerk Sarah Glass- Sarah stated the city had a good turn out for dog vaccination clinic and registration, 39 dogs registered and the Dr. said they vaccinated around 40-50 dogs.

City Superintendent James Perry- The City received 4 quotes for the Harvest Hills loop with options of East vs West side of Buhler Rd and a 4 or 6” line. He recommends the 6”. **A motion was made by Councilmember Yutzy, seconded by Councilmember Epp to accept the quote from Miller Earthworks to go on West side of Buhler Rd with a 6” line.** Voice Vote 3 yeas, 0 nays –Carried. James stated that they have started working on the pool with filling to begin next week. The crew recently removed a tree at the band shell park and believes this park will be a good spot for Food Truck to park. The city also has a Full-time position open in Public Works. We’ve now lost 3 employees to a higher paying job.

Chief Darrin Banning- Service calls on record in the office. Chief Banning and Officer Clubb took the CPR Class that was provided through the Rec here in town and recommends it.

Wellness Director Tegan Meadors- Tegan stated he is working with Kasey on providing some special events this summer. The Rec is looking to do more classes for the community like the CPR class, they held a Hunter’s Safety class and had 24 participants and soon hosting a babysitting class. Tegan is also working with the grade school on an after-school program called Positive Pacers, they have 68 kids. They are quickly learning that some of these kids would love to do summer rec but just can’t financially so they are working on a scholarship program for these kids. Rec leagues registration deadline is this week.

Community Development Director Lauren Meadors-NRP-Lauren is still in communication with partners and feels that working closer with the county’s NRP will be most impactful and everything would go through the county.

Pool Manager Kasey Noggle-Pool is set to open May 24th. Kasey and Tegan are planning an event for when the pool gets filled. Fill & Chill. Kids and parents can come watch the pool get filled have snacks, enter a drawing for a free season pass. It will also be informative in having a fun and safe summer at the pool. Kasey wants to just give many thanks to all the hard work our public works guys have done to help get the pool ready to be filled. The Wellness Center is working to become an authorized Red Cross Facility, this will make recertification and certifications or our life guards easy as we can do them in house.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Jake just wanted to inform council that drilling a test well has been scheduled for May 5th.

Councilmember Ryan Brady presented a possible purchase of a speed sign as there seems to be a lot of complaints on speeding in town. This sign shows your speed, it is portable and able to collect data. There isn't much of a price difference between the 12" vs the 15" so he recommends the 15". The sign will cost \$4200. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Epp to approve the purchase of the speed sign through All Traffic Solutions.** Voice Vote 3 yeas, 0 nay –Carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Epp, seconded by Councilmember Brady to adjourn. Voice vote – 3 yea, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 8:26 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
Pool Manager Kasey Noggle

GUESTS:

Jackie Oglesby
Robert Deister
Michelle Ernst
Anita Hagman
Rod Hagman
Brad Voth