

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
May 27, 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, May 27, 2025. Councilmembers present: Councilmember Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, Chuck Taylor, Ryan Brady, and Andrew Epp.

PLANNED PRESENTATION

Buhler Library Board Member Anita Hagman-Kick off for the summer reading program is on June 3rd. Will have games and Burger Depot. They did not receive the mural grant due to too high of population. Going to apply for the BCF grant. The Buhler Library is going to be a part of the 2nd Annual Library Crawl, consists of 60 Libraries around Kansas. Currently library board members and volunteers are helping when Virginia is sick or takes vacation otherwise, they would have to close library. The library is trying to find funding for a PT person.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the April 29, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1170, and Budget, Income and Water Reports, Annual City of Buhler Appointments: City Treasurer-Candace Davidson, Municipal Judge-Ethan Kaplan, City Attorney-Mark Tremaine, Chief of Police-Darrin Banning, City Clerk-Sara Howard, Resolution 2025-09-Cemetery. **A motion was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Brady to approve the Minutes of the April 29, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1170, and Budget, Income and Water Reports, Annual City of Buhler Appointments: City Treasurer-Candace Davidson, Municipal Judge-Ethan Kaplan, City Attorney-Mark Tremaine, Chief of Police-Darrin Banning, City Clerk-Sara Howard, Resolution 2025-09-Cemetery. Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nays – Carried**

OLD BUSINESS

Speed Sign- Ryan proposed last month with the notion it would not cost for the cloud option. There is a subscription, however we could still purchase the sign as approved and not subscribe. If we want to pull the data we would have to plug it into a computer. Moving forward with the purchase with no subscription to cloud.

NEW BUSINESS

Election-City Council President- **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to elect Councilmember Yutzy as Council President. Voice Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays—Carried Councilmember Yutzy abstained**

2025 Spark in the Park/Fireworks Display Permit- **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve the 2025 Spark in the Park/Fireworks Display Permit.** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nays –Carried

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard- Sara talked about starting Budget talk and had added some budget documents to the Council packet. Her biggest concern is the Sewer fund this year so far. She would like to look to the future in the budget planning by building funds over time and start a rotating schedule on vehicles and equipment. We have until July 20th if we want to raise the RNR. Sales tax is down again this month. The temp note for the water projects is in the bank. The city is slowly getting on schedules; meters may be starting to get installed as early as July.

Deputy City Clerk Sarah Glass- Sarah stated the CCR report has been posted and she plans to get them mailed out with this month's billing at the end of month. Sarah also presented a project for Veteran banners she and Sara Howard have been working on. She has reached out to Lyons Chamber and got a bunch of information on how they do their program and they had told her of a company in McPherson they use. Sarah reached out to them and received quotes for hardware and Banners. When Veteran Banners are not flying, we could use the hardware for other banner options. Sarah is asking for permission to use the 36 poles up main street for these banners. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Epp to approve the use of poles for Veteran's Banner.** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nays—Carried

City Superintendent James Perry- Slurry seal for the Harvest Hills addition is done. The pool is up and running, cemeteries look good and ready for Memorial Day. The city crew is still looking for an employee, they've had one applicant however they make more as a janitor at the school than what we are offering. Jake asked about a mill and overlay on Dirks from B to 69th. James replied with it being quoted at around \$62,000. Buhler Sunshine Home has stated they have no room in the budget to help.

Chief Darrin Banning- Service calls on record in the office. Chief Banning has stated that the library is closing a portion of 2nd street on June 3rd for their summer kick off and the Chamber is closing a portion of main street on June 7th for a Hamburger fry and Car show.

Community Development Director Lauren Meadors- Lauren reported that her and Sarah Diamond are working on a couple grants. One is for repairing a section of the Wheatland Park Trail by the 7th street and Curtis loop, the second being a signs grant. She shared there is a new business coming to town-Bubba's Burgers. No new news on the NRP.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Jake just wanted to inform council that drilling a test well has been done and the sample came back good. Looks like our treatment facility can treat the water.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Brady to adjourn. Voice vote – 5 yeas, 0 nays - carried
Adjourned at 7:45 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

GUESTS:

Jackie Oglesby
Anita Hagman
Rod Hagman
Brad Voth