

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
June 24, 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, June 24, 2025. Councilmembers present: Councilmember Candace Davidson, Chuck Taylor, Ryan Brady, and Andrew Epp. Councilmember Michael Yutzy absent.

DETERMINE CHANGES TO AGENDA

Mayor Jake is moving 7. c)Wage Discussions and d)TEXTMYGOV Proposal to next months agenda.

CITIZEN FORUM

JC Keith-JC stated he is tired of citizens coming into the store and complaining about the council. Over the last year he has attended council meetings and he observed the council trying to hide things. He also feels the council needs to be more transparent. He also asked why the Councilmembers information like email, address and phone numbers are no longer public. He feels they need to be reachable as they took an oath to serve our community.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the May 27, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1171, and Budget, Income and Water Reports. **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1171, and Budget, Income and Water Reports.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay – Carried

OLD BUSINESS

NRP-Interlocal Agreement Authority to Sign- **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Epp to allow Sara Howard the Authority to sign the NRP-Interlocal Agreement.** Voice Vote 4 yeas, 0 nay—Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Spark in the Park- **A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Brady to approve a donation of \$500 to Spark in the Park 2025.** Voice Vote 4 yeas, 0 nay—Carried.

Charter Ord. 10-Website as Newspaper- **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve Charter Ord. 10-Website as Newsletter.** Voice vote 4 yeas, 0 nay –Carried

Library LED Proposal-Council looked over the proposal and had discussions, determined they are needing more information before making a decision.

T-Mobile Tower- The city was approached to place a tower in the park with a couple of proposal options. Tower would be placed in the north parking lot (gravel lot) 60 x 60ft. There is a monthly option of \$1,000/month for 10 years with a 5-year term after with a 2.5% increase or a one-time payment of 175,000 for a 50-year term. Council had question, will they come take tower down if they decided to end term early. Moved to next month when all councilmembers are present.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard- Sara talked about the water tower painting quote. If we went with same design cost would be \$220,000 and we had estimated \$250,000, or we could go with new design, our logo, and it was quoted \$224,000 this also includes painting the underbelly to help hide the discoloration. **A motion was made by Councilmember Taylor, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to approve painting the water tower with the new design and underbelly being painted.** Voice vote 4 yea, 0 nay—Carried. Sara has also started working with Eric on the budget this week. She also stated she included some information in the council packets on mil levy and what she sees for the future. She also presented a Smart meter flyer she would like to get in the mail soon as we have tentative dates for installation of July 21st. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve mailing the Smart meter flyer.** Voice vote 4 yea, 0 nay—Carried.

Deputy City Clerk Sarah Glass- Sarah stated the city has applied for the Buhler Community Foundation for hardware and Veteran Banners/flag/welcome to Buhler. Sara H. reached out to Daniel Friesen at IdeaTek and they have volunteered their time to hang the Vet. Banners every year. We are already on this year's schedule for Oct. 1. She reminded Council that she and Sara Howard will have a booth at Spark in the Park to collect donations for the Veteran Banner. Sarah also shared that she and Lauren are working on starting a newsletter to send out monthly with the help of the community.

City Superintendent James Perry- James stated that with the recent rain and wind we have lost trees and many branches and they have been working to clean it up. WWTP had to go into bypass due to the river being high.

Captain Anthony Baldwin- Service calls on record in the office.

Wellness Director Tegan Meadors-Tegan stated that with all this rain they have had several rainouts. T-ball and baseball are wrapping up seasons. He feels youth sports make citizens in the community connect. Yes, we may have games in Hutchinson, he loves seeing so many Buhler residents coming together for kids. So far, the summer kids culinary camp and soccer camp have been completed. This year's men's church league is 13 teams. Pool-being an admin. is going well. May was still very cool and could only be open a total of 2 days. They are wrapping up swim lessons.

Community Development Director Lauren Meadors- Lauren stated she is excited to be working with Sarah on the newsletter. She advises everyone to take the survey she posted on Facebook it will only take a few minutes. She has also been working with Sara H. on budgeting.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Brady requested city emails for councilmembers. Councilmember Taylor stated he raised his hand and took an oath to become a councilmember for his deep concern when looking at a future for our kids, kids getting out of college and having something to come back to. Most of our infrastructure in our city are very outdated and old or don't even know when it was installed. The burden of that in on us citizens. He is very proud of this council as they have landed water rights for the future.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davidson, seconded by Councilmember Taylor to adjourn. Voice vote – 4 yea, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Glass, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENT:

City Clerk Sara Howard
Deputy City Clerk Sarah Glass
City Superintendent James Perry
Captain Anthony Baldwin
Wellness Director Tegan Meadors
Community Development Director Lauren Meadors
Librarian Virginia Philbrick

GUESTS:

JC Keith
Anita Hagman
Rod Hagman