

**MINUTES
BUHLER CITY COUNCIL
October 21, 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, October 21, 2025. Councilmembers present: Councilmember Michael Yutzy, Candace Davidson, Chuck Taylor, Ryan Brady, and Andrew Epp.

DETERMINE ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Mayor Jake Schmidt is adding Sealed Bids to Citizens forum.

CITIZENS FORUM

Sealed Bids-Green Truck-Eric Hershberger \$350. Red Truck-Mike Knopp \$501.

Shirley Schrag-She is asking council for more grace and at her doctors request she needs less stress and more Christian love.

Andrea Fulmer- Andrea is the owner of Regeneration apologized for how the food truck situation was handled during the last craft fair. She requested that future quarterly craft fairs include food vendors—beginning with the January event—as a trial. She suggested limiting participation to no more than four or five vendors, located in front of her store and extending toward the City Hall parking spaces on a Saturday. It was decided that the committee will evaluate each event individually to determine how well the setup works. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to approve a special events permit for January’s Craft fair. A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Yutzy to amend the motion to include November’s craft fair as well.** Voice Vote 5-years, 0 nay—Carried. The amended motion- Voice Vote 5-years, 0 nays—Carried.

CONSENT MOTION

Council reviewed the Minutes of the September 30, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1175, Budget, Income and Water Reports, and Resolution 2025-13: Wages. Sara Howard made the comment on the Resolution she added Trystan Seifried. He will receive this wage adjustment verses getting a 6-month bump. This addition does change the numbers previously presented to Council by approximately \$4,000. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to approve the Minutes of the September 30, 2025 Regular Council meetings, Appropriations Ordinance #1175, Budget, Income and Water Reports, and Resolution 2025-13: Wages.** Voice vote 5 yeas, 0 nay – Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-12- Health Nuisance Property- Mayor Jake Schmidt reported he had spoken with the property owner and suggested that if the property continues to show improvement, the City might consider some leniency—possibly allowing an additional two weeks. The City Attorney recommended that the vehicle on the property be removed. Council discussed the matter, agreeing that efforts should focus on cleaning the front of the property and noting that the car's presence was acceptable at this time. Councilmember Davidson stated that all required procedures had been followed and felt that the 10-day notice provided sufficient time for the owner to complete cleanup efforts. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brady and seconded by Councilmember Epp to grant the property owner two additional weeks to clean the property before abatement. Councilmember Brady then made a motion to amend Resolution 2025-12 to allow 14 days prior to abatement; the motion failed for lack of a second.** The original motion was put to a voice vote: 1 yea, 4 nays — motion denied. **A motion was then made by Councilmember Davidson and seconded by Councilmember Taylor to approve Resolution 2025-12 as stated.** Voice vote 3 yeas, 2 nays—Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

T-Mobile Tower Discussion- No discussion was had.

SU 25-01-Ordinance No. 661- This item was removed due to T-Mobile's decision not to keep pursuing this location.

STAFF REPORTS

City Clerk Sara Howard- Sara shared with the council that Sarah G. will be out of the office Monday and both Sarah G. and Sara H. will be out of office Tuesday and Wednesday due to being at Institute. James will be filling in at the office.

Deputy City Clerk Sarah Glass-Sarah stated the veteran banners were hung and they are looking great. Also, while at shred day Sara H. was talking with the rep. from Stutzman's and Stutzman's has offered to pay for our next round of Veteran banners.

City Superintendent James Perry- James stated that the tower painting has started. We are waiting on KDHE and their approval of the water samples from the new well, the land owner has signed the document releasing rights for 2026.

Wellness Director Tegan Meadors- Tegan is wanting to have more discussions on the high dive. Staff reported that the high dive is not compliant with its original design standards and poses potential liability concerns if kept in operation. Replacement options were reviewed, including a slide, zipline, climbing wall, or an additional low dive. Staff also presented possible policy enhancements to improve safety, such as prohibiting headfirst dives, establishing a designated safety zone, and adjusting to a height requirement. Staff requested guidance from Council on how to proceed. Councilmember Brady expressed interest in discussing the purpose of the swimming pool fund, noting that it was intended for maintenance and replacement of broken equipment rather than new additions of this nature. Councilmember Yutzy questioned whether using a specific area of the pool with a different slope might address some of the safety

concerns. Councilmember Davidson stated she was in favor of removing the high dive entirely and not replacing it. **A motion was made by Councilmember Epp, seconded by Councilmember Brady, to remove the high dive before next summer and have further discussions on replacement or not and how to fund.** Roll Call Vote-

Councilmember Yutzy-No

Councilmember Brady-Yes

Councilmember Davidson-Yes

Councilmember Epp-Yes

Councilmember Taylor-Yes

4 yeas, 1 nay—Carried.

Community Development Director Lauren Meadors- The Reno County Economic Strategic plan has been completed. It will be discussed more in the November meeting. Lauren has had two meetings in the community on the housing issues and has received good feedback.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmember Yutzy wanted to state he likes seeing the completion certificates in the Council Packets.

A motion was made by Councilmember Brady, seconded by Councilmember Davidson to adjourn. Voice vote – 5 yea, 0 nay - carried
Adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Glass, Deputy City Clerk

PRESENT:

City Clerk Sara Howard
Deputy City Clerk Sarah Glass
City Superintendent James Perry
Wellness Director Tegan Meadors
Community Development Director Lauren Meadors

GUESTS:

Ryan Wray
Mike Knopp
Cody Goertzen
Ethan Alexander
Andrea Fulmer
Shelly Bartel
Chris Bartel
Shirley Schrag