

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session
February 17th, 2025

Mayor: AJ Scott.

Council Members: Steve Holcombe, Ron Moser, Sterling Moore, and Angie Hood were present.

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Police Chief David Ratner, and Public Works Director Horatio Bell.

Purchasing Policy: The City Clerk's office personnel created a purchasing policy based off our current practices and what is stated in the charter. The council reviewed the policy and suggested that any purchases needed over \$1,000 but less than \$2,500 can be approved by the City Clerk. They would also like to change the minimum amount for bidding from \$5,000 to \$7,500. This will need to be changed in the policy and in our city ordinance. The office will get in touch with the city attorney to get this ready for the next meeting.

Speed Bumps: Mr. Bell presented the council with a quote for a 20' long 3' wide, single concrete speed hump which includes materials and labor in the amount of \$3,850.00. He also has two rubber speed humps in stock at the shop already that was used on Carrollton and Tallapoosa Street. If they purchased two more of the rubber speed humps it would be around \$200. Mr. Bell recommends the cement speed humps due to longer duration and low maintenance. The council discussed what they could do in the meantime while looking into cement speed humps further.

Shyanne Streetman: Ms. Streetman introduced herself to the council as the new City Events Coordinator. The Annual Egg Hunt has been set for April 5th, 2025. She has already received sponsors for the event. The Annual Spring Fair on the Square has been set to April 26th, 2025, and she has already booked 30 vendors so far.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

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Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
February 17th, 2025

Mayor: AJ Scott.

Council Members: Steve Holcombe, Ron Moser, Angie Hood, and Sterling Moore were present.

Department Heads: City Clerk Sherry Taylor, Police Chief David Ratner, and Public Works Director Horatio Bell.

Mayor Scott: Calls the meeting to order. The invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Scott.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the agenda with addition of temporary speed humps on Highland Avenue and moving the executive session after Mrs. Gentry. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of temporary speed humps on Highland Avenue and moving the executive session after Mrs. Gentry. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for January 20th, January 27th, and February 3rd, 2025. Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve the minutes for January 20th, January 27th, and February 3rd, 2025. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Jana Gentry: Not present.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to go into the executive session for legal. Ron Moser made a motion to go into executive session for legal. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session-Legal

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked the council for a motion to come out of executive session. Ron Moser made a motion to come out of executive session. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Hotel/Motel Tax Resolution: The council was presented with the Hotel/Motel Tax Resolution. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the Hotel/Motel Tax Resolution. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Temporary Speed Humps: The council discussed placing the rubber speed bumps temporarily on Highland Avenue until they can get more information on the cement speed bumps. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the temporary placement of the rubber speed bumps on Highland Avenue. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-1. Ron Moser opposed.

Babloo Bagga Alcohol License Request: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve or disapprove the alcohol license variance. Ron Moser made a motion to disapprove of the alcohol license variance for 3686 Business 27. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Withdrawal from the Haralson County Solid Waste Special Tax District: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to withdraw from the Haralson County Solid Waste Special Tax District. Angie Hood made a motion to withdraw from the Haralson County Solid Waste Special Tax District. Ron Moser seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Servicing Mixer Motors at Sewer Plant: The sewer plant has three blowers that need to be serviced once a year. Mr. Bell asked the council to approve West Georgia Air to service the three blowers once a year not to exceed \$3,000.00. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the present quote not to exceed \$3,000.00. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Police Server- Mr. Ratner asked the council to approve the purchase of a new police server, this purchase will also include a domain name as well. The total costs would be \$1,800. \$1,100 would be paid using Technology funds and \$700 using General Funds. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the purchase of a new police server for \$1,800.00. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Departmental Updates

Police Chief, David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics for the month. Mr. Ratner also updated the council on the road rage shootings, the same man was responsible for both incidents and he is currently in jail with no bond.

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the public works department. They repaired two water leaks, had three Jetter calls, cleaned storm drains, and they also had the plugs repaired around the square.

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor informed the council that she and the Deputy Clerk completed their courses at the Jekyll Convention. The DOT approved our 2025 LMIG application. We were granted \$21,327.69 to go toward the Evelyn S Wade paving project. We will also start working on the budget in March. It has been lovely working with our new events coordinator, Shyanne Streetman.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Moser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Holcombe seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourn