

CITY OF BUCHANAN
Minutes of Work Session
March 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: Mrs. Glore informed the council that the changes they requested had been made to the policy and an ordinance will be ready for the next meeting to change the City code and vote on the purchasing policy.

Cement Speed Bumps: Mr. Bell presented the council with a quote from McIntosh Specialty Services. The quote breaks down the price for a speed table and the price for a smaller asphalt speed bump. The two types of speed breakers are at Mirror Lake, if the Mayor and Council would like to compare the two in person. Mr. Scott requested that the public works department install the temporary speed bumps they have in stock by Wednesday. The council will revisit this discussion.

John Downing: Mr. Downing presented the council with two sets of plans that are examples of what Cobb and Forsyth County requires for development. Mr. Downing presented the council with his concerns concerning erosion control at the Addie Jane Lane development. Epling's Lawn Mower Shop and Westmoreland Work Wear were flooded due to his concerns on Addie Jane Lane. He requested a moratorium on all building permits until the city is better equipped to deal with subdivision developments. He also stated that his request is based off his concerns with the final house being built on lot 8. Mrs. Epling stated her concerns as well. Mr. Scott stated that he would meet with her tomorrow to discuss her concerns. Mr. Scott stated that this is just a work session, and they would not vote at this time. Another resident at Addie Jane Lane requested to speak as well. Mr. Scott told the resident that he can fill out a request form for the next meeting. The resident then stated that he agrees that this issue needs to be addressed. Mr. Scott stated that within the next two weeks, the city will be meeting with the Department of Transportation, Norfolk Southern, and Public Works. Mr. Scott stated that they are welcome to attend and observe the meeting.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott adjourned the meeting.

Adjourn

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Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
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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. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the agenda. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Scott: Mr. Scott asked for a motion to approve the minutes for February 17th, 2025. Steve Holcombe made a motion to approve the minutes for February 17th, 2025. Angie Hood seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Jana Gentry: Not present. The Chairman of the library advisory board presented the budget on her behalf. Due to the increase in health insurance and their retirement plan for their employee. The chairman requested that the donation from the city be increased from \$12,000 to \$15,000. The council also questioned why the Board of Education was only donating \$2,509 in the current year's budget. The chairman stated that the school boards around the area usually do not donate a large amount. The council thanked the chairman for presenting on behalf of Mrs. Gentry.

Purchase of Cones and Barricades: Mr. Bell presented the council with three bids for 50 traffic cones, 10 A-Frame Barricades, and 8 crowd control barricades. He stated that for the events, road closures, and road repairs, they have to borrow cones and barricades from the Department of Transportation. Mr. Bell suggested that the council go with the quote from Uline to purchase 50 28-inch reflective cones and 8 powder-coated crowd-controlled barricades not to exceed \$3,000 using TSPLOST funds. Angie Hood made a motion to approve the Uline quote not to exceed \$3,000 using TSPLOST funds. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

Cemetery Bids: Mr. Bell presented the council with three bids for the Cemetery maintenance. Mr. Scott stated that he will not be participating in the discussion due to one of the bidders being his relative. The council discussed the three bids. Mr. Bell did not have a recommendation to the council. Ron Moser made the motion to approve the second bid in the amount of \$1,100 a month to maintain the cemetery. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 3-1. Angie Hood abstained from the vote.

New Police Software: Mr. Ratner requested that the council approve the purchase of new software. The current software has been mixing up citations and causing them a lot of issues.

The police server that was voted on last month was installed for this new software to run correctly. The new software will be \$2,650 and the monthly fee will be about 1,800 a month. Mr. Ratner asked that the initial costs be taken out of SPLOST funds and the monthly fee be taken out of general police funds. Ron Moser made a motion to approve the software purchase as presented. Sterling Moore seconds the vote. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Executive Session-Legal and Personnel

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.

Departmental Updates

City Clerk, Sherry Taylor: Mrs. Taylor informed the council that the department has been working on 2025-2026 budgets. Mrs. Taylor stated that the budget will be presented in April, the first public hearing will be in May, and the second public hearing and vote will be in June. Ms. Streetman has been doing a wonderful job with the events.

Event Coordinator, Shyanne Streetman: Ms. Streetman updated the council on the events in the city. There will be a Vietnam Ceremony on the square on March 29th at 10 a.m. The egg hunt and Spring Fair on the Square is scheduled for April.

Police Chief, David Ratner: Mr. Ratner updated the council on crime and statistics for the month. Mr. Ratner also informed the council that they are in the middle of several big investigations that they cannot discuss at this time.

Public Works Department: Mr. Bell updated the council on the public works department. They 20 locates, 2 water leaks, repaired the storm drain at MCL, repaired a sewer main on Tallapoosa Street, replaced the pump on the fountain, and got some classes scheduled to take.

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

Adjourn