

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2023 – 7:00 PM**  
**CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI**

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**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

**II. Recognition**

None

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Denison led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Roll Call**

**Present:** Mayor Sean Denison, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon, Commissioner Patrick Swem, Commissioner Daniel Vigansky

**Absent:** Commissioner Larry Money

**City Staff:** City Manager, Benjamin Eldridge; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Community Development Director, Rich Murphy; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Director of Public Safety, Tim Ganus.

**V. Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Swem, supported by Weedon to approve the agenda, as presented. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

**VI. Public Comment - Agenda Items Only** *(3-minute limit)*

None

**VII. Consent Agenda** *(can be approved all in one motion, for general housekeeping items)*

**A. Minutes**- *Consider approving the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2023.*

**B. Expenditures**-*Consider approving the General Expenditures for October 09, 2023, in the amount of \$ 37,270.75.*

Motion made by Weedon, supported by Vigansky to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

**VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor** *(if any)*

**A. Rick Paniagua**- *Presentation and Consideration of Art Installation at the 120 E. Front St. (back of the building)*

Paniagua gave a history of his business and how he came to Buchanan. Paniagua also touched on the collaboration of the community with his business, city workers and volunteers. Emphasizing beautician and the improvement of Buchanan.

Paniagua talked about the current situation with his building with much needed tuck-pointing to the back of the building. The mural would cover the patch work from the tuck pointing. Paniagua would like to finish the artwork before the season is over.

The mural has been started as well as painting on the lower back of the building and side of the building. The process was started before going through the correct protocol. Stop orders were given to Paniagua. Recommendations to stop painting then go in front of Design Review Committee and explain the paint used for the side of the building and the lower level of the back building.

**IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards**

**A. Community Development Report - Community Development Director, Rich Murphy**

*1) Consider approving Medical and Adult Use Renewal License (Retail and Provisioning Center) for KISA Enterprise/Pinnacle Emporium at 221 E. Front St.*

Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky to approve the Medical and Adult Use renewal license for KISA Enterprise/Pinnacle Emporium at 221 E Front St. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

**X. Unfinished Business**

**XI. New Business**

**A. Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 2023.10/437- amendment to the zoning ordinance official map of the City of Buchanan.**

Murphy presented the first reading of Ordinance 2023.10/437. The ordinance is an amendment to the zoning ordinance for 208 Days Ave. from R-1A to be rezoned C-3. Murphy has been working with developers who are wanting to develop a boutique hotel at the 206- and 208-days Ave. The Plan Commission initiated the application and favorably recommends the amendment.

**B. Resolution 2023.10/26- A resolution setting 2023 schedule of fees and charges for Oak Ridge Cemetery.**

Motion made by Swem, supported by Weedon to approve resolution 2023.10/26. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

**XII. Communications** *(informational only, formal board action is not necessary for these items, unless so desired)*

**XIII. Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items Only** *(3-minute limit)*

*Mary Gilbert-* Asking to hear updates from the Fire Chief and Water Department. Would like to hear an update from Anton, owner of fifteen-to-twelve restaurant involving the lift station. Concerns about financial stability and expansion on comments made previously. Update on Feed Mill and asked for no profanity.

*Norma Ferris-* Called a member of the senate for coffee sit down with the commission.

**XIV. Executive Comments**

**A. City Manager Comments**

Reminder on Trick-or-Treat hours are Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM.

**B. Commissioner Comments**

*Vigansky-* As far as using profanity, sometimes you need to. Thanked Mary for the comment about the update about the lift station.

*Swem-* Go Pack Go.

*Weedon-* Likes processes followed. When they are followed it does seem to be difficult.

**C. Mayor Comments**

*The DPW building received its last permit to begin construction. Encouraged everyone to attend the Tin Shop Theater, they really did a great job.*

**XV. Adjourn**

Motion made by Weedon, supported by Vigansky to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

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Kalla Langston, City Clerk

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Mayor Sean Denison