



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 09, 2026 – 7:00 PM
CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI

MINUTES

I. Call to Order the Public Hearing

Public Hearing called to order at 7pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Weedon, Swem, George, Money, Vigansky

Absent: None

III. Opening of Public Hearing

Motion made by George, seconded by Vigansky to open the Public Hearing at 7:01pm. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IV. Statment of Purpose and Announement of Rules

A. The purpose of this public hearing is to hear public input regarding the proposed Ordinance 2026.03/447. An Ordinance of Regulation of Sidewalk Cafes and Outdoor Service Areas.

Norma Ferris asked for more information about the Ordinance. Mayor Weedon explained it was to help regulate sidewalk cafes with indoor/outdoor service areas.

V. Close of Public Hearing

Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money to close the Public Hearing at 7:03pm. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

VI. Call to Order the Regular Meeting

Mayor Weedon called the regular meeting to order at 7:03pm.

VII. Recognition

VIII. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Weedon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IX. Invocation

George led the invocation.

X. Roll Call

Present: Weedon, Swem, George, Money, Vigansky

Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Manager Tony McGhee, City Clerk Kalla Langston-Weiss, Director of Public Services Mike Baker, Planning & Community Development Director Kristen Gundersen

XI. Approve Agenda

Motion made by George, seconded by Vigansky to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote carried unanimously.

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

Randy Hendrixson – Asked for clarification on the waiving of permit fees during the annual City-wide garage sale weekend.

Norma Ferris – Asked what a Burial Vault Cart was.

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

A. Minutes - Consider approving the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 23rd, 2026.

B. Garage Sale Weekend - Consider approving the Garage Sale Weekend for June 12th-14th 2026, and waiving the permit fee for those dates.

C. Department Head Reports - Accept monthly reports.

Motion made by Money, seconded by Vigansky to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Clerk Langston-Weiss explained the City waives the garage sale permit fees for the garage sale weekend. The permit fee is \$2.50.

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

XV. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

XVI. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance 2026.03/447- Consider the second reading and enactment of Ordinance 2026.03/447, which regulates sidewalk cafes and outdoor service areas.

City Manager McGhee spoke about the Ordinance, explaining that with more restaurants coming to town there is an interest in outdoor dining service and this ordinance will regulate that through a permit process.

Motion made by Swem, seconded by George to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XVII. New Business

A. Redbud Roots Marihuana Permit Renewals- Consider the approval of Marihuana renewal permits from Redbud Roots for the following:

1) Redbud Roots Lab IV, LLC at 215 Post Rd, Suite A, Adult-Use Marihuana Processor

2) Redbud Roots Lab IV, LLC at 215 Post Rd, Suite A, Medical Marihuana Processor

3) Redbud Roots Lab II, LLC at 835 Terre Coupe St., Adult-Use Grower Class C, *Stacked

4) Redbud Roots Lab II, LLC at 215 Post Rd, Suite B, Adult-Use Marihuana Grower Class C

Motion made by Vigansky, seconded by Money to approve the Marihuana renewal permits from Redbud Roots, contingent upon the completion of background checks as presented.

Vigansky asked the representative of Redbud Roots if they were planning to sell any of their properties, she responded not at this time. Money spoke to questions he has received about the odor from their facilities. She responded that the 215 Post Rd lab does have a harsh smell during harvest, but they now have a health and safety supervisor that is working to better control the odor.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

B. Cemetery Burial Vault Cart- *Consider approving the bid award for the Cemetery Burial Vault Cart purchase.*

McGhee spoke to the Burial Vault Cart purchase, noting that it will replace our current cart and was a priority capital spend for this fiscal year. The City went out to bid and received one proposal back.

Motion made by Money, seconded by George to approve the bid award of the TruRebel Johnny Max+ Burial Vault cart in the amount of \$49,115.00 as presented.

Money asked if the old burial cart could be sold. Baker responded that most cemeteries don't offer this service, and a vault company will instead install burial vaults. We are needing this new cart because a grave caved in and damaged a major piece on the front. We don't need a back up cart and will put it up for auction.

Vigansky asked about hiring a vault company to install vaults. Clerk Langston-Weiss explained that vault companies charge between \$350-500, while we charge \$150 and is cost saving for our residents. Our cemetery crew also doesn't have to wait on a vault company. Swem asked how many burials we do a year, Langston-Weiss responded between 35-50. McGhee responded that it will pay for itself in about 200 burials, about 4 years of the expected 10 year lifespan.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

C. Cold Asphalt Patch- *Consider authorization to purchase Cold Patch.*

McGhee was able to you the County Road Department's competitively bid contract for cold patch. Baker explained that we'd previously been able to get cold patch from the County, but this year they are using it so fast they are not authorizing that. A truckful will last us until we are able to hot patch.

Swem, on behalf of a resident who asked him, asked why the City doesn't buy a roller. Baker explained the process and why a roller couldn't be used in this case.

Motion made by Money, seconded by Swem to approve the purchase of cold patch from Ace-Saginaw Paving Company for a 50-ton load at \$150/ton as presented.

Vigansky asked about the quantity of cold patch. 50 tons is the smallest load we can get, and Baker speculated that we could trade excess back to the County.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

D. BS&A Cloud Conversion & Community Development Module- *Consider the purchase of the BS&A Cloud Conversion & Community Development Module proposals.*

Motion made by Swem, seconded by George to approve the purchase of the BS&A Cloud Conversion & Community Development Module in the amount of \$66,880 as presented.

Swem noted the purchase was reviewed by the finance committee.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

E. Budget Amendments- *Consider approving Budget Amendments #2026-1*

Motion made by Vigansky, seconded by George to approve the Budget Amendments #2026-1 as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

F. 2026 Schedule of Fees- *Consider approving the 2026 Schedule of Fees.*

Motion made by Vigansky, seconded by Money to approve the 2026 Schedule of Fees as presented.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

G. Expenditures- *Consider approving the expenditures for March 9th, 2026.*

McGhee noted that an expense for housing repairs will be reimbursed by the State of Michigan.

Motion made by Vigansky, seconded by Swem to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$86,495.32. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

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

A. Call for Applicants- *Please visit the application on the city website if you are interested in joining the following boards. Please submit completed applications to Clerk@cityofbuchanan.com.*

Planning Commission (1 spot)

Zoning Board of Appeals (3 spots)

Buchanan Area Recreation Board (1 spot)

Construction Board of Appeals

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

Dennis Mori – There will be a Lucky Ducky Duck race on Saturday. The Buchanan Business Boosters are also making a downtown business flyer.

XX. Executive Comments

A. City Manager Comments

Clerk Langston-Weiss has been nominated by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks for Clerk of the Year. Emma Lysy has been promoted to Deputy Clerk and Administrative Coordinator.

B. Commissioner Comments

George – Appreciated getting the monthly department reports. Congratulated Lysy and Langston-Weiss and thanked Mori for his work with the Buchanan Business Boosters.

Swem – Congratulated Langston-Weiss and asked Tony for an update on the Feed Mill site. McGhee responded that a leaking underground storage tank is being removed, paid for by the previous owner's insurance.

Vigansky – Asked if anyone else had received a City of Buchanan Police raffle flyer in the mail. Chief Burnett confirmed it was a scam. Congratulated Langston-Weiss and Lysy. There are new projects in town, including Autozone and the Secretary of State on a temporary basis.

Money – Congratulated Langston-Weiss and Lysy. Also thanked Baker for the street department's work during the extreme weather. Thanked the Commission for their work

C. Mayor Comments

Mayor Weedon Congratulated Langston-Weiss, McGhee, and Lysy. There are a lot of things happening in town this weekend, the City is on the move and there are many new businesses coming to town.

XXI. Adjourn

Vigansky moved, seconded by Money to adjourn at 7:50pm. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Kalla Langston-Weiss, City Clerk

Mayor Mark Weedon