



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

MINUTES

THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN, in compliance with Michigan’s Open Meetings Act, hereby gives notice of a regular meeting of the Buchanan City Commission to be held in the Chamber of City Hall.

* Requests to be added to the agenda as a “Scheduled Matter from the Floor” should be submitted in writing to the City Clerk at least 5 business days prior to the scheduled meeting during which the speaker wishes to appear, and the approval of such requests remain within the discretion of the Mayor. If denied, the speaker may nonetheless speak during the “non-agenda items only” public comments section of the agenda.

* Those who are unable to appear during a meeting but who still wish to share public comment may submit such comments in written form to the City Clerk at least 4 hours in advance of the meeting.

* Individuals with disabilities may request necessary reasonable accommodations by submitting requests to the City Clerk, preferably at least 24 hours in advance.

* Written requests and comments may be submitted to the City Clerk either in person or via mail to Buchanan City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107, or via email to clerk@cityofbuchanan.com

I. Call to Order Public Hearing #1

Weedon called public hearing #1 to order at 7:01pm.

II. Roll Call

Present: Money, Vigansky, Weedon, Swem, George

Absent: None

III. Opening of Public Hearing #1

Swem moved, seconded by Swem, to open Public hearing #1. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IV. Statement of Purpose and Announcement 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.

There were no public comments.

V. Close of Public Hearing #1

Money moved, seconded by Vigansky, to close Public hearing #1. Voice vote carried unanimously.

VI. Call to Order Public Hearing #2

Weedon called public hearing #2 to order at 7:02pm.

VII. Roll Call

Present: Money, Vigansky, Weedon, Swem, George

Absent: None

VIII. Opening of Public Hearing #2

Swem moved, seconded by Money, to open Public hearing #2. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

IX. Statement of Purpose and Announcement of Rules

- A. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comments on a proposed Ordinance 2026.02/446, An Ordinance to amend Chapter 102 Utilities to add Article V. Section 102-177 Sewer Laterals and Appurtenances.

Norma Ferris asked what the ordinance was about. McGhee briefly explained the ordinance.

X. Close of Public Hearing #2

Vigansky moved, seconded by George, to close Public hearing #1. Voice vote carried unanimously.

XI. Pledge of Allegiance

Weedon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

XII. Invocation

Pastor Dave Mitchell of Faith Victory Fellowship led the invocation.

XIII. Roll Call

Present: Money, Vigansky, Weedon, Swem, George

Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Manager Tony McGhee, City Clerk Kalla Langston-Weiss

XIV. Approve Agenda

Swem moved, seconded by Vigansky, to approve agenda as presented. Voice vote carried unanimously.

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

None.

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

A. Minutes- Consider the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 26th, 2026.

B. Common Rentals

1) May 24th, 2026- Autism Community Walk.

2) July 18th, 2026- 100th Anniversary Boy Scout Celebration.

C. Department Head Reports- Consider accepting the monthly Department Head Reports.

Money moved, seconded by George, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Voice vote carried unanimously.

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

XVIII. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

A. Buchanan City Police Department- Presentation of year-end report.

Swem asked if we were on track for a similar year in terms of offenses, etc. Chief Burnett answered that the complaint load has actually increased, due to personnel. Crime statistics are consistent with previous years. Weedon asked about current staffing levels, and Chief Burnett answered that we are at seven officers.

B. Buchanan City Fire Department - Presentation of the Year-End Report and a demonstration of the SCBA.

Chief Adams presented the Fire Department report. They ran 172 calls in 2025, the most he's seen. Currently the department has 17 Firefighters and 1 cadet. There was a demonstration of the Fire Department's new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Units.

XIX. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance 2026.02/446- Consider the second reading and enactment of Ordinance 2026.02/446, an Ordinance that amends Chapter 102 Utilities, Article V. Sewage Disposal, Section 102-177. Sewer Laterals and Appurtenances.

McGhee spoke to the ordinance, explaining that it is codifying a 20 year City policy.

Vigansky moved, seconded by Money, to approve the second reading and enactment of Ordinance 2026.2/446. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

B. Ordinance 2026.03/447- Consider the first reading of Ordinance 2026.03/447, which regulates sidewalk cafes/ outdoor service areas/ temporary public sidewalk furnishings, and schedule the second public hearing for this ordinance.

McGhee spoke to the ordinance, explaining a need for a sidewalk ordinance arose with more restaurants in town who would like to use public sidewalks for furniture and service. The MLCC requires a license or franchise agreement for the use of the sidewalk, and doing it as a permit saves time and money for the City and the licensee.

Vigansky moved, seconded by George, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026.2/447 and to schedule a hearing for March 9th, 2026 with consideration of a second reading and enactment. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

XX. New Business

A. Tree Stump Maintenance, Removal & Grinding Bid- Consider awarding the tree stump maintenance, removal, and grinding bid to Treeworks.

The City sought competitive bids for stump grinding and removal, with Treeworks being the only bid received on time and coming in well within budget.

Money moved, seconded by Swem, to approve the tree stump bid to Treeworks in the amount of \$11,750.00.

Vigansky noted the proposal was for 22 stumps, a large number of stumps, and wished local tree people had bid.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

B. Excess Inventory- Consider authorizing the disposal of the identified excess inventory.

This is the third round of disposing of excess inventory by the City, including old computer monitors and goods that have been at the Police Department for a number of years.

Money moved, seconded by George, to authorize the disposal of excess inventory as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

C. Closed Session- Consider entering closed session under MCL 15.268(1)(d) to discuss the sale of real property and related negotiations, and for MCL 15.268(1)(a) to consider the periodic personnel evaluation of Tony McGhee at the request of the employee.

Swem moved, seconded by Money, to enter into closed session under MCL 15.268(1)(d) to discuss the sale of real property and related negotiations, and for MCL 15.268(1)(a) to consider the periodic personnel evaluation of Tony McGhee at the request of the employee. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

Entered closed session at 7:44pm.

Money moved, seconded by Vigansky, to re-enter from closed session. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Re-entered open session at 8:17pm.

D. Expenditures- Consider approving the expenditures for the amount of \$40,222.04

Vigansky moved, seconded by Money, to approve the expenditures for the amount of \$40,222.04 as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

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

None.

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

Haley Jones – Spoke on behalf of Dennis Mori to remind everyone of the Valentines events going on downtown Saturday, February 14th.

Norma Ferris – Asked about the date for the City-Wide Garage sale. Clerk Langston-Weiss answered that it was usually the first weekend in June.

XXIII. Executive Comments

A. City Manager Comments

Thanked everyone for their hard work.

B. Commissioner Comments

Vigansky – Thanked everyone and asked the Fire Department if they can track false alarms so repeat offenders could be fined. Chief Adams answered that they do not. If they are called to the same place twice for the same reason, they'll discuss the issue with the residents to solve the problem. It is not common.

Money – Congratulated McGhee on his first year thanked him for his hard work, as well as staff. Thanked Chiefs Burnett and Adams for their reports and hard work. The DPW has done great work keeping the roads clean during all the snow.

George – Thanked Chiefs Burnett and Adams, and the firefighters for their presentation and for keeping the community safe. Thanked Tony for being with the City and his hard work.

Swem – Thanked Chiefs Burnett and Adams. Congratulated McGhee for a good review.

C. Mayor Comments

The Mayor thanked the Commission, McGhee, City Staff, and the Chiefs Burnett and Adams. He appreciated their hard work and their positive role in the community. The Mayor shared a message from Representative Paquette regarding Buchanan's recent audit, where the Representative congratulated the City on a good result during a difficult year.

XXIV. Adjourn

Vigansky moved, seconded by Money, to adjourn at 8:31pm. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Kalla Langston-Weiss, City Clerk

Mayor Mark Weedon