

# **PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 – 7:00 PM**

**CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI**

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## **MINUTES**

### **I. Call to Order the Public Hearing**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Weedon at 7:00 PM.

*The motion made by Swem, seconded by Gorge to open the public hearing at 7:00 PM. The voice vote carries unanimously.*

### **II. Roll Call**

**PRESENT: Mayor Mark Weedon, Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Swem, Commissioner Raquell George, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Dan Vigansky**

### **III. Statement of Purpose and Announcement of the Rules of the Hearing**

A. *The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comments on a proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance (Ordinance 2025.09/443). The purpose of this ordinance is to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the City's residents, property owners, visitors, and neighborhoods by allowing short-term rentals (STRs) within the City under certain conditions and in certain zoning districts and establishing standards and regulations for the operation of the same.*

Mayor Weedon read the statement of purpose and announcement of the rules of the hearing.

No public comment was made.

### **IV. Close of Public Hearing**

*The motion was made by Vigansky, seconded by George, to close the public hearing at 7:02 PM. The voice vote carries unanimously.*

### **V. Call to Order the Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Weedon.

### **VI. Recognition**

### **VII. Invocation**

Invocation was given.

### **VIII. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Weedon led in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States.

### **IX. Roll Call**

**PRESENT: Mayor Mark Weedon, Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Swem, Commissioner Raquell George, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Dan Vigansky**

**CITY STAFF: City Manager, Tony McGhee; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Chief of Police Harvey Burnett**

**X. Approve Agenda**

The motion was made by Swem, seconded by Vigansky to approve the agenda as presented. Voice votes carry unanimously.

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

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

**A. Minutes-** Consider approving the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025.

**B. Excuse-** Consider excusing Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Swem for the Regular Meeting on September 8, 2025.

**C. Street Closure-** Consider the Street Closure for the Homecoming Parade on 10/3/2025 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM (starting at Moccasin Elementary South to Front, West on Front toward Terre Coupe to the baseball and softball fields).

*The motion was made by Swem, seconded by Gorge, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Voice votes carry unanimously.*

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

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

**XV. Unfinished Business**

**A. Ordinance 2025.09/443-** Consider the second reading and enactment of Ordinance 2025.09/44, Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

*The motion was made by Vigansky, seconded by George, to approve the second reading and enactment of Short-Term Rental Ordinance 2025.09/443, as presented. Roll call votes carried unanimously.*

**XVI. New Business**

**A. Resolution 2025.09/21-** Consider approving Resolution 2025.09/21 Local Government Approval for New Class C License issued under provisions of MCL 436.1521 a(1)(b) application submitted by Building 324 LLC.

*The motion was made by Money, seconded by Swem to approve Resolution 2025.09/21, as presented. Roll call votes carried unanimously.*

**B. Resolution 2025.09/23-** A Resolution to approve the MNRTF Grant Application for the St. Joseph River Improvements Project.

*The motion was made by George, seconded by Vigansky to approve Resolution 2025.09/23, as presented. Roll call votes carried unanimously.*

**C. Introduction of Ordinance 2025.11/444-** Introduction of Unified Development Code of the City of Buchanan (Zoning Ordinance) and schedule for public hearing and first reading.

*The motion was made by Swem, seconded by Vigansky, to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2025.09/444, as presented. And direct Clerk Langston to schedule the first public hearing for October 13, 2025. Roll call votes carried unanimously.*

**D. Amending Ordinance 2018.05/407-** Consider allowing Clerk Langston to amend Ordinance #407 for reintroduction to the Commission.

*The motion was made by Vigansky, seconded by Money, to allow Ordinance #407 to be brought back for introduction, with the amendments presented. Roll call votes carried unanimously*

**E. Expenditures**- Consider approving the expenditures for September 22, 2025.

*The motion was made by Swem, supported by George, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$90,274.60. Roll call votes carried unanimously.*

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

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

None.

**XIX. Executive Comments**

**A. City Manager Comments**

Golf course near completion; fundraising letters sent; sponsorships available online, first-come, first-served. Enterprise lease exercised; new vehicles arriving in the coming weeks. City of Buchanan to host CEO Council meeting on October 10; event gathers county officials to share best practices. Housing 101 Summit on affordable housing scheduled for November 17, 2–5 p.m. McCoy Creek Trail Expansion managed by MDOT; city pays share; meeting with MDOT to address punch list items. Downtown project: underground work nearly complete; final push over the next 8 weeks; completion tracking for mid-November. Annual paving projects are striped via county contract, securing favorable pricing.

Power Surge Incident and Emergency Response two pumps at Shermer Parkway nearly overflowed; the wet well was three inches from the top. Six loads were pumped out using a vacuum truck. Hein Electric was the only contractor to respond; it restored one pump, but the second pump is still nonfunctional. Power surge damaged the UV channel computer screen; no fail-safe backup is available. Two emergency replacement computer screens ordered.

**B. Commissioner Comments**

*Vigansky- Added comments about the Power Surge.*

*Money- Thanked staff, commission, and McGhee for the weekly updates.*

*George- Excited about the Disc Golf Course and gave honor to Emma Lysy for all the work. Thanked the staff and commission.*

*Swem- no comments.*

**C. Mayor Comments**

*Weedon- thanked everyone for being in attendance.*

**XX. Adjourn**

The motion was made by Vigansky, seconded by Money, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. Roll call votes are carried unanimously.

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Kalla Langston, City Clerk

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Mayor Mark Weedon