



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023 – 7:00 AM

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 special 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

The meeting was called to order by Major Denison at 7:00am.

II. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Sean Denison, Mayor Pro Temp Mark Weedon, Commissioner Dan Vigansky, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Patrick Swem.

City Staff: City Manager, Benjamin Eldridge; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; City Treasurer, Deborah Perez

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

None.

IV. New Business

A. Review & Discussion – MDOT Contract

Contract needs to be treated strategically because it’s a pressing issue, but the city’s budget is tight. If we don’t continue with the contract and our infrastructure fails, then we are still going to pay for the repairs in a year anyways – and emergency repairs will cost even more. One million has been spent on the design which we won’t get back if we don’t follow through. Pending grants for other projects would be \$120,000 if chosen, plan to explore corporate donors or refuse grants. We have investments that could be dedicated to the contract but need to streamline. Concrete means less future maintenance, but asphalt may save money. Overtime is the lowest it’s been, and credit card usage is down. Long-term decision not to spend money on anything else for at least 10 years. Best option to maximize savings and be smart about the future is to ask for a rebid with the following design changes; brick pavers to decorative concrete, remove planters except what’s needed for ADA compliance, remove pillars, and quote concrete vs asphalt cost.

Motion made by Denison, supported by Weedon to rebid the contract. Voice vote carries unanimously.

V. Adjourned at 8:00am.

Kalla Langston , City Clerk

Mayor Sean Denison