CITY OF BUCHANAN, BERRIEN COUNTY MICHIGAN MICHIGAN'S 6TH FEDERAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY-FOCUSED USDA COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY RESOLUTION NO: 2021.4/224

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Buchanan, Berrien County, Michigan held in Buchanan City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail, in said City, on April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Sean Denison, Cameron Downey, Larry Money, Patrick Swem,

Mark Weedon

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Swem and supported by Commissioner Money.

WHEREAS the U.S. House Appropriations Committee will implement a new Community Project Funding (CPF) initiative to allow Members of Congress to directly address the most significant needs of the communities they represent; and

WHEREAS the City of Buchanan qualifies to apply for a USDA Community Facilities Grant because Buchanan is a rural community of less than 5,000 residents; and

WHEREAS municipal governments provide essential services to their constituents, especially in the area of public works; and

WHEREAS the City of Buchanan's public works building is currently in need of being replaced, with structural engineers recommending demolition of the current structure and a need for construction of a new facility as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS there exists public consensus around the urgent need to construct a new public works facility in the City of Buchanan because it is such an essential community facility; and

WHEREAS the construction of a new public works facility in the City of Buchanan is necessary for the City to safely maintain operations and continue to provide essential public services to its residents; and

WHEREAS currently the funding for the construction of a new public works facility would be difficult for the City of Buchanan to raise in full without assistance; and

WHEREAS the City of Buchanan is requesting grant funding in the amount of one million dollars to assist in this regard; and

WHEREAS the City of Buchanan has the means to borrow money to pay for any construction costs above the requested grant funding amount of one million dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the **City of Buchanan** hereby resolves to formally support an application for a community-focused USDA Community Facilities Grant, as a means of assisting the residents of the City of Buchanan by providing funds needed to construct an essential community facility to serve our rural community.

Adopted this 12th day of April, 2021 by the Buchanan City Commission.

AYES:

Commissioners Sean Denison, Cameron Downey, Larry Money, Patrick Swem, Mark

Weedon

NAYS:

None

ABSENT

None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Sean Denison, Mayor

Barbara A Pitcher, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was certified at a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Buchanan, Michigan, held on April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Barkara A Pitcher, City Clerk