



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 – 7:00 PM
CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

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

II. Recognition

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Invocation

Invocation was given.

V. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Clerk, Kalla Langston, Director of Public Works Mike Baker, Director of Community Development and Zoning Kristen Gundersen

VI. Approve Agenda

Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money to approve the agenda as presented. Voice votes carry unanimously.

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

Norma Ferris- comments pertained to Traffic Control Order #260.

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

A. Buchanan Tree Friends Bylaws- Consider approving the updated tree friends bylaws.

B. Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Bylaws- Consider approving the Friends of McCoy Creek Trail Bylaws.

C. Road Closure- Consider approving the Road Closure form submitted by McCollum's Restaurant for the 10K, 5K, and 1-mile run on March 14, 2026, from 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM.

D. Minutes- Consider approving the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 9th, 2026.

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

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

X. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

XI. Unfinished Business

A. Traffic Control Order #260- Consider approving Traffic Control Order #260, which was postponed at the City Commission Meeting on November 24, 2025.

Motion made by Money, seconded by George to approve Traffic Control Oder #260, as presented. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

XII. New Business

A. Introduction of Ordinance 2026.04/448 - Consider accepting the introduction of Ordinance 2026.04/448, an amendment to the Unified Development Code- Short-term rental regulations- lodging and scheduling of Public Hearings.

Motion made by Vigansky, seconded by Money to accept the introduction of Ordinance 2026.04/448, also direct it to the planning commission for recommendation and schedule the first public hearing for said ordinance on March 23, 2026. Role call votes carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 2026.02/02- Consider Resolution 2026.02/02, a resolution authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Buchanan Fine Arts Council for use of the Tin Shop.

Motion made by Swem, seconded by George to approve Resolution 2026.02/02, as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

C. Adult Use Marihuana Retail Permit Renewal- Consider approving the renewal application for the adult-use retail permit for QPS Michigan Holdings, High Profile Cannabis Shop located at 804 E Front St.

Motion made by Money, seconded by Vigansky to approve the renewal application for Adult-Use Retail Permit for QPS Michigan Holdings, High Profile located at 804 E Front, as presented. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

D. Adult Use Marihuana Processor Permit Renewal- Consider approving the renewal application for the adult-use processor permit for Boone Labs Inc., located at 107 E. Alexander St.

Motion made by Swem, seconded by Vigansky to approve the renewal application for adult use process permit for Boones Labs at 107 E Alexander, pending background checks. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

E. BS&A Software System- Consider approving the purchase of BS&A Cemetery Software.

Motion made by Money, seconded by George to approve the purchase of BS&A software in the amount of \$8,525.00. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

F. Scheduling of Public Hearing for March 23rd, 2026- Consider scheduling a Public hearing for the proposed sale, lease, or exchange to city owned real property consisting of a portion of 102 Front St.

Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money to direct Clerk Langston to schedule a public hearing for March 23rd for the proposed sale of a portion of 102 Front St. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

G. Budget Workshop- Consider setting a Budget Workshop for one of the following dates

-March 10th at 11:00 AM

-March 11th at 1:00 PM

-March 17th at 12:00 PM

The commission will hold there Budget workshop on March 17th, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

G. Expenditures- Consider approving the expenditures in the amount of \$76,075.90

Motion made by Vigansky, seconded by George to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$76,075.90 as presented. Roll call votes carried unanimously.

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

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

Dennis Mori- Gave commented about an upcoming event on March 14th called the Lucky Ducky Kids Festival.

XV. Executive Comments

A. City Manager Comments

Langston gave congratulations on winning the winning the Community Placemaking award from the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, stating it was an honor to be an attendance.

B. Commissioner Comments

Vigansky- reported on a proposed effort intended to encourage the use of downtown storefronts and reduce long-term vacant or storage-only uses. He noted the process would likely take approximately four months due to required hearings and procedural steps. He also discussed seasonal city operations, noting leaf pickup had been delayed due to weather conditions but crews expect to resume once conditions improve. Brief discussion occurred regarding paper recycling and document shredding practices at City Hall.

Money-reported attending an event at the Mendel Center where the City of Buchanan received a community award. He noted the recognition was a significant moment for the community and thanked those involved. He also commented on public feedback regarding city services such as leaf pickup and snow removal.

George- Congratulated City staff and leadership for the recent community recognition and acknowledged the efforts of those involved in recent construction projects. She also thanked residents for their patience during construction and congratulated McCollum's on receiving recognition.

Swem- thanked staff for their work contributing to the City's recent recognition and acknowledged the Southwest Regional Chamber as a continued partner with the Buchanan Chamber. He also reminded rental property owners that have not yet scheduled required rental safety inspections, to do so.

C. Mayor Comments

Weedon- commented on the City's recent recognition by peer communities and noted the positive progress Buchanan has made in recent years. He thanked City staff, commissioners, and residents for their contributions to the community.

XVI. Adjourn

Kalla Langston-Weiss, City Clerk

Mayor Mark Weedon