



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION

MONDAY, JULY 27, 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

Weedon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. Recognition

None.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Weedon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Invocation

George led a prayer for the Invocation.

V. Roll Call

Present: Vigansky, Money, Weedon, Swem, George

Absent: None

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

VI. Approve Agenda

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

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

None.

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

A. Minutes- Consider approving the Public Hearings & Regular Meeting Minutes from July 13th, 2026.

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

IX. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)

None.

X. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

None.

XI. Unfinished Business

None.

XII. New Business

A. Municipal Well No. 3 Abandonment and Sealing- Consider accepting the proposal from Peerless Midwest for the permanent abandonment and sealing of Municipal Well No. 3 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Previous testing has revealed Well No. 3 to have a high level of manganese, necessitating its abandonment and sealing. Vigansky asked about process and cost. McGhee said the bid was in line with what he's seen in other communities.

Money moved, seconded by Swem, to accept the proposal from Peerless-Midwest, Inc. in the amount of \$9,820.00 for the permanent abandonment and sealing of Municipal Well No. 3, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the City. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

B. Purchase of New Mower for Oak Ridge Cemetery- Consider the purchase of an RZ 7521 mower from Weldy's for Oak Ridge Cemetery in an amount not to exceed \$8,685.98.

Money moved, seconded by Vigansky, to approve the purchase of one RZ-7521 mower from Weldy's for Oak Ridge Cemetery in an amount not to exceed \$8,685.98. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

C. Introduction of Ordinance 2026.09/455 & Scheduling of Public Hearing- Consider the introduction of Ordinance 2026.09/455, a Workforce Housing PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Ordinance, and schedule the Public Hearing for August 24th, 2026.

The purpose of the ordinance is to ensure the new homes build on recently sold City lots remain affordable, a process usually done with a Brownfield or a PILOT program. The City will negotiate the tax rate and will be decided by the Commission.

Swem moved, seconded by George, to approve the introduction of Ordinance No. 2026.09/455, the City of Buchanan Workforce Housing PILOT Ordinance, for first reading and to schedule a public hearing for August 24, 2026.

Vigansky asked if items that could be applied to a tax bill, such as unpaid mowing violations, could still be applied, and McGhee confirmed they could be.

Roll call vote carried unanimously.

D. Expenditures- Consider approving the expenditures in the amount of \$62,857.76.

Vigansky moved, seconded by Money, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$62,857.76, as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

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

A. Change of Public Hearing Date – Unified Development Code Amendment, Table 71-J Use Matrix – Residential-Communication from the Planning and Community Development Director advising that the public hearing and first reading for the proposed amendment have been rescheduled from August 10, 2026.

Money moved, seconded by George, to accept the change in the public hearing date for the Unified Development Code Amendment, Table 71-J Use Matrix. Voice vote carried unanimously.

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

Hailey Jones – Commented that an amazing job was done with Kathryn Park.

XV. Executive Comments

A. City Manager Comments

McGhee reminded the Commission that National Night Out will be August 4th.

B. Commissioner Comments

Vigansky – Encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming Primary election.

Money – National Night Out is a great program. Kathryn Park has been used more and more, money well spent. Thanked the staff and Commission for everything they do.

George – Congratulated the Boy Scouts for their 100 Year Anniversary Celebration. Congratulated the Loading Dock on their grand opening. Faith and Family Day is Sunday, August 30th. The Lions Club is having their annual Corn and Sausage Roast over the weekend. George also encouraged everyone to vote.

Swem – Congratulated the Loading Dock on their grand opening.

C. Mayor Comments

Weedon congratulated the Loading Dock on their grand opening.

XVI. Adjourn

Vigansky moved, seconded by George to adjourn at 7:21pm. Voice vote carried unanimously.

Kalla Langston-Weiss, City Clerk

Mayor Mark Weedon