

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025 – 7:00 PM

BUCHANAN AREA SENIOR CENTER (BASC) 810 RYNEARSON STREET,
BUCHANAN MI

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

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

II. Recognition

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Invocation

Invocation was not given.

V. Roll Call

PRESENT: Mayor Mark Weedon, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Dan Vigansky

ABSENT: Commissioner Raquell George

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

VI. Approve Agenda

Motion made by Vigansky, seconded by Money to approve the agenda, as presented. Voice votes carry 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 Regular Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2025.

Motion made by Swem, seconded by Vigansky to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Voice votes carry unanimously.

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

X. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

A. Community Development Report- Director Rich Murphy

1) Resolution 2025.06/19- Consider Resolution 2025.06/19, Local Government Unit Approval for Social District Permit for Bar 4 Enterprises LLC, DBA McCoy Creek Tavern at 215 E Front St.

Motion made, Money, supported by Swem, to approve Resolution 2025.06/19, as presented. Roll call votes carry unanimously.

B. Various Board/ Committee Reports- SMCAS, Landfill, Planning Commission, BARB, DDA\

Landfill – Swem reported that the Landfill board approved their annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year. There was a 0% rate increase for our residents, while non residents will pay a 3% increase.

SMCAS – Money reported that they are progressing with contract negotiations, there is also a new ambulance in service.

Planning Commission – Vigansky reported that the Planning Commission would be reviewing a first draft of the short term rental ordinance.

DDA – Weedon reported that the DDA had a bylaws meeting earlier. Bylaws were gone over and updated to current terms.

XI. Unfinished Business

None.

XII. New Business

A. Expenditures- *Consider approving the expenditures for June 23, 2025, in the amount of \$234,323.98.*

Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money, to approve the expenditures in the amount of \$234,323.98. Roll call votes carry unanimously.

B. Resolution 2025.06/20- *Consider Resolution 2025.06/20 to adopt 80%/20% Employer/Employee Health Care Cost Option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the publicly funded health insurance contribution act.*

Motion made by Vigansky, seconded by Money to approve Resolution 2025.06/20, as presented. Roll call votes carry unanimously.

C. Budget Amendments- *Consider approving Budget Amendments (#4).*

Motion made by Swem, seconded by Money, to approve the Budget Amendments (4), as presented. Roll call votes carry 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)*

Norma Ferris – Asked about Employee conditions during extreme weather.

Jeanne Harris – Asked why the Schirmer Parkway project was designed the way it was. McGhee answered that the trail is the width it is in order to be compliant with the grant terms, which mandated an ADA accessible trail. The road lanes are a standard 11' wide, though there is less shoulder than before.

XV. Executive Comments

A. City Manager Comments

McGhee updated the Commission on the Trail Expansion project. There are some things that still need to be remedied that were discovered during testing, including some repaving. The Downtown Project is still moving forward, water services are done. River St and Redbud will be milled and paved this week, completing our summer paving projects. We are also in the process of updating our schedule of fees, with a potential draft ready for review in July. Our target for opening Redbud Trail is Labor Day.

B. Commissioner Comments

Vigansky – The Downtown project is moving fast because needed maintenance is being completed concurrently. If it had been done bit by bit it would have been a much slower and more expensive process. Code enforcement will be ramping up soon as well.

Money – The project is moving well. He remembers the last time Front st was torn up, and not much since repaving has been done. Thanked Adam and Jeanne for offering this facility. Thanked Rich for his work on the Social District. Thanked the Commission and City Staff for everything they do.

Swem – Thanked Adam and the Senior Center team for hosting this meeting. The Concert Series at the Common has begun, and the first few concerts have gone very well.

C. Mayor Comments

Thanked Adam and the Senior Center for hosting this meeting.

XVI. Adjourn

Motion made by Vigansky, seconded by Money to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. Roll call votes carry unanimously.

Kalla Langston, City Clerk

Mayor Mark Weedon