

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022 – 8:00 AM**  
**CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI**

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**MINUTES**

- I. **Call to Order**- Mayor Denison called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call**: Present: Mayor Denison, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon, Commissioner Cameron Downey, Commissioner Larry Money, and Commissioner Patrick Swem. Absent: None. Others Present: City Manager Heather Grace, Public Services Director Mike Baker, representatives from AVB, representatives from Bergmann, and Gary Barton as a representative from the Barton Group.
- III. **Public Comment - Agenda Items Only** (3-minute limit): None.
- IV. **New Business**
  - A. Kickoff Meeting with AVB Regarding Construction of New DPW Building: Gary Barton of the Barton Group began a discussion between himself, the Commission, the architect team from Bergmann, and the Construction Management Team from AVB. The discussion was wide-ranging, but included the following topics: earthworks and floodplain mitigation, building programming, equipment parking layouts, construction costs and materials, the demolition of the existing DPW building, construction timelines, and the overall budget aims for the project. Commissioner Swem initially discussed wanting to set a firm, top-end budget number, but ultimately, the consensus of the group was that a firm budget number should wait until after the City receives the results of the ALTA survey work that was ordered, as the soil borings would be telling and would help the architects at Bergmann determine what foundation supports would be necessary. AVB's team agreed that this could potentially have a dramatic impact on the overall project budget.
  - B. Consider making decisions, if any, related to the Kickoff meeting conversation with AVB: No firm decisions were made, but it was agreed that additional discussion would occur after the City received the results of the soil borings.
- V. **Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items Only** (3-minute limit): None.
- VI. **Adjourn**: The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Denison at 9:27 a.m.