



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 – 6:00 PM

CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI

AGENDA

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

II. Recognition

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

V. Approve Agenda

VI. Open Public Hearing

- A. **Public Hearing and Public Comment on Establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) District for Longbranch Livery LLC 206 Days Ave. Buchanan, MI 49107.** -P.A. 146 of 2000, as amended- The Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA), PA 146 of 2000, as amended, provides property tax exemptions for commercial and commercial housing properties that are rehabilitated and meet the requirements of the Act. Properties must meet eligibility requirements including a statement of obsolescence by the local assessor. The property must be located in an established Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District. Exemptions are approved for a term of 1-12 years as determined by the local unit of government. The property taxes for the rehabilitated property are based on the previous year's (prior to rehabilitation) taxable value. The taxable value is frozen for the duration of the exemption. Additionally, the State Treasurer may approve reductions of half of the school operating and state education taxes for a period not to exceed 6 years for 25 applications annually. Applications are filed, reviewed, and approved by the local unit of government, but are also subject to review at the State level by the Property Services Regular Meeting of the Buchanan City Commission Agenda Page 2 of 4 Division. The State Tax Commission (STC) is responsible for the final approval and issuance of OPRA certificates. Exemptions are not effective until approved by the STC.

VII. Close of Public Hearing

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

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

A. **Minutes**

1) Consider approving the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 28, 2023.

B. Street Closure

1) **BCS Homecoming Parade**-Consider Street Closure on October 13th, 2023 from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.; Front St to Terre Coupe, Terra Coupe to Smith past ball fields to BHS staff parking lot.

C. Board/Committees/Subcommittees

1) Consider approving Britni Wall to join the Farmers Market Committee and the Common Committee. Serving a 3-year term for both Committees.

2) Consider approving Corinna Darr and Heather Lockamy to join the Buchanan Fine Arts Council serving a 4 year-term.

D. Expenditures

1) Consider approving the General Expenditures for September 11, 2023, in the amount of \$72,497.30

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

XI. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

A. Community Development Report- Community Development Director, Rich Murphy & Assistant Community Development Director/ MainStreet Manager, Ashley Regal

1) Consider Resolution 2023.08/21, a resolution for the establishment of an OPRA district for Longbranch Livery LLC, 206 Days Ave.

2) Consider Renewal Application for Redbud Roots for Grower Class C at 448 Post Rd.

3) Consider Open Mic Night for September 29th at The Common.

XII. Unfinished Business

XIII. New Business

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

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

XVI. Executive Comments

A. City Manager Comments

B. Commissioner Comments

C. Mayor Comments

XVII. Adjourn