

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024 – 7:00 PM**  
**CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI**

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**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon.

**II. Recognition**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon led in the pledge of allegiance of the United States.

**IV. Roll Call**

**Present: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon, Commissioner Patrick Swem, Commissioner Dan Vigansky**

**Absent: Commissioner Larry Money**

**V. Approve Agenda**

*Motion made by Vigansky supported by Swem, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote carries unanimously.*

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

None.

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

**A. Minutes**

- 1) Consider approving Regular Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2024.
- 2) Consider approving Closed Session Minutes from August 12, 2024.

**B. Banking Authorization**

1) Consider removing Mayor Sean Denison from all banking institutions, including Honor Credit Union, United Federal Credit Union, Huntington Bank, 1st Source, Sturgis Bank, and Horizon Bank. This includes checking accounts, savings accounts, and CDs. Also, his removal from investment accounts at UMB and MI Class.

**C. Street Closure**- Consider approving the street closure on October 4th from 5:45-6:30 PM (Front Street to Terre Coupe down Smith). Requested by BHS Student Council for the Homecoming Parade.

*Motion made by Swem supported by Vigansky, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote carries unanimously.*

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

**IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards**

**X. Unfinished Business**

**A. Resignation Acceptance**

- 1) Consider accepting Mayor Sean Denison's Resignation effective date of August 12, 2024.

*Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky, to accept Mayor Sean Denison's Resignation, as presented. Roll call vote carries unanimously.*

**XI. New Business**

- A. Expenditures**- Consider approving the expenditures for August 26th, 2024, in the amount of \$95,355.10

Vigansky asked about the payment for the Andrews brochures, forklift, and other miscellaneous equipment. The commission has requested an equipment inventory list for the equipment. There was also a discussion about the replacement of galvanized pipes. The state has mandated the replacement, but the city is responsible for replacing any galvanized pipes found up to the water main, excluding those in homes.

*Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky, to approve the expenditures as presented. Roll call vote carries unanimously.*

- B. Crossing Guard Agreement**- Consider approving the 2024-2025 Crossing Guard Agreement with Buchanan Public Schools.

*Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky, to approve the 2024-2025 Crossing Guard Agreement, as presented. Roll call vote carries unanimously.*

- C. Resolution 2024.08/23**- Consider Resolution 2024.08/23, poverty exemption guidelines resolution.

*Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky, to approve Resolution 2024.08/23, poverty exemption guidelines. Roll call vote carries unanimously.*

- D. Ultraviolet Disinfection System** - Consider approval of Ultraviolet Disinfection System components for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The UV ultraviolet lamps are the primary source of disinfecting bacteria before it is discharged into the river, and these lamps have a limited service life. Lynch would like to have the replacement components on hand before we reach the end of their service life. The total cost for the miscellaneous components came to \$12,091. Lynch is seeking approval to proceed.

*Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Swem, to approve the purchase of the Ultraviolet Disinfection System not exceeding \$12,091.00. Roll call vote carries unanimously.*

- E. DDA Discussion**

We are currently in the process of resurrecting the DDA. During this time, we are requesting City Hall staff to move this forward. Our anticipation is that once the DDA is established, we will proceed with the process of rebuilding the board. The funds that were left over, which had not been dedicated to specific projects at the time of dissolution, will be utilized for the re-creation. The directive to Murphy is to figure out a timeline and cost to re-establish and to see how it fits into the city as a whole with the Main street program.

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

- A. Accepting Applications for City Commission- 2-Year Partial Term**

The Buchanan City Commission is accepting applications for a partial, 2-year term ending in December of 2026 for City Commissioner. Interested parties should fill and return completed applications to the Clerk by Friday, August 30th at 4:00 PM. Applicants must be City residents, registered voters, and over the age 18.

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

*Richard Martin- On October 19th, the Tree Friends will be planting 25 trees at the 100-800 block of W Front St. and the 100 block of Dewey St.*

#### **XIV. Executive Comments**

##### **A. City Manager Comments**

The finance meeting will be held with the auditing firm for the upcoming audit. The DPW has been working at the cemetery, installing a new overhead door at one of the barns and is in the process of installing a second one. They are doing a great job and making the building more energy efficient. Lead Water Operator Miller and Lynch will be meeting with the district engineer for EGLE regarding the cross-connection control update and progress toward a new water reliability study.

##### **B. Commissioner Comments**

*Vigansky- Comments were made about Chippewapalozza being held in the fall as part of the main street program fall fest, due to the great turnout.*

*Swem- Thanks were given to Mayor Denison for all the time he has dedicated to the community. He is a great man who has given a lot and cares deeply. I wish him and his family the very best.*

##### **C. Mayor Comments**

*I echo everything Swem said about Denison. Over the past six years, we have experienced both good and bad times. Although we don't always agree, we maintain a level of decorum. We can still be respectful of each other's decisions. Weedon leads from a different position, and I maintain my composure, respecting everyone's position if they respect mine. I will not get heated, and I will not raise my voice. This is a chamber of respect, and people put their hard work and dedication to this city in this building. I believe we need to approach discussions with the same level of respect*

#### **XV. Adjourn**

*Motion made by Swem, supported by Vigansky to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM. Roll call vote carries unanimously.*

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Kalla Langston, City Clerk

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Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon