

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 – 7:00 PM
CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL - 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Mayor Denison called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. Recognition

A. *Recognition Award presented to Redbud America's Motocross Track for 50 years of outstanding and dedicated service to our community.*

Mayor Denison presented the Recognition award to the Richie family.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Denison led in the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Sean Denison, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon, Commissioner Dan Vigansky, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Patrick Swem

Absent: None

City Staff: City Manager, Benjamin Eldridge; City Clerk, Kalla Langston; Community Development Director, Rich Murphy; Director of Public Services, Mike Baker; Director of Public Safety, Tim Ganus; Chief of Police Harvey Burnett; City Bookkeeper, Courtney Baham

V. Approve Agenda

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

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

Roger Boyer- (permission given to Boyer to speak about non agenda items by the mayor). Comments made about the public hearing with supporting Commissioner Vigansky.

Norma Ferris- Comments about the timeclock.

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

A. ***Minutes-*** Consider approving the regular meeting minutes from June 26th, 2023.

B. ***Expenses-*** Consider approving the expenditures for July 10, 2023, in the amount of \$47,559.88.

Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Swem to approve the consent agenda with amending the minutes to change the "abstain; Vigansky" vote to "now allowed to vote Vigansky" under section XI. New Business, B. Complaint Review. Roll call carries unanimously.

VIII. Scheduled Matters from the Floor (if any)

IX. Reports by: Departments, Committees, Boards

A. ***DPW Groundbreaking Update- Director of Public Service, Mike Baker***

The groundbreaking ceremony will take place on July 20th at 1:00 P.M. With groundwork starting soon after. Completion of the building is hoped to be done by Mid-March. Baker asked that the public not disturb the survey stakes. Comments about waiting on auger parts.

B. Presentation of Timekeeping Software- Bookkeeper, Courtney Baham

1) Consider purchasing timekeeping software.

Baham presented to the Commission three different options for timekeeping software. Going electronically means no paper and less errors. With 2 different unions, contracted, and hourly employees payroll is extremely time-consuming. This also will be able to allocate wages appropriately.

Quotes as follows.

TCP – Hardware Q019841	TCP Q019609	Exak Time Q-41602-1	Physical Timeclocks
\$13,006.22	\$10,689.00	\$7,035.00	\$7,320.00

Baham recommended quote Q019609 with TCP at \$10,689.00

Motion made by Vigansky, supported by Weedon to approve the quote for TCP Q019609 to not exceed \$10,689.00. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

C. Community Development Department Report- Rich Murphy

1) Consider Downtown Facade Grant Application for McCoy's Creek Tavern

Murphy presented the application with McCoy's Creek Tavern wanting to replace some of the awning fabrics to improve the façade. Murphy is asking for preliminary approval of the application subject to him receiving the invoices and running the calculation of the sixty percent grant.

Motion made Weedon, supported by Money, to approve the Façade Grant Application as presented, paid received before funding.

Discussion about how much is the budget for the Grant opportunities. The current budget has allotted \$100,00.00 for grants and special projects.

Clarification on the motion to amend motion to approve façade grant application as presented, subject to paid received before funding.

Yea: Swem, Denison, Weedon, Money

Nay: Vigansky

Motion carries 4-1

2) Consider Facade Grant Application for Lehman's Orchard Brewery Facade Grant.

Murphy presented the application for Lehman's Orchard Brewery wanting to add a patio installation by McCoy's creek. Lehman's would be eligible for the full grant amount once invoices are submitted.

Motion made by Swem, supported by Weedon to approve the Lehman's Orchard Brewery Façade Grant application subject to paid received before funding.

Yea: Swem, Denison, Weedon, Money

Nay: Vigansky

Motion carries 4-1

3) Consider the approval of the RFP for the Sale of 123 Days Ave.

Murphy presented the RFP for the Sale of 123 Days Ave. with the appraisal report coming back. Discussion about the appraisal being released or if the RFP is going to have the appraisal amount in the RFP. Murphy would like to leave the appraisal amount out of the RFP, to see what the market comes back with it.

Motion made by Denison, supported by Weedon, to approve the RFP for the sale of 123 Days Ave. as presented.

Yea: Swem, Denison, Weedon, Money

Nay: Vigansky

Motion carries 4-1

4) Discuss the Reactivation of the Buchanan Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Murphy is looking into the reactivation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. He is continuing to research and do due diligence with the next actions. Taco Bell will be coming to the planning commission tomorrow night for their final site plan review as well.

X. Unfinished Business

XI. New Business

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

A. Thrill On The Hill

July 14, 12 PM- 10 PM

July 15, 10 AM- 10 PM (adult only run 11 PM)

July 16, 10 AM- 8 PM

B. Public Accuracy Test-

Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used for the August 8, 2023, Special Election has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 12:00 PM at City Hall in the Chamber Room located at 302 N Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the Election meets the requirements of Michigan Election Law.

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

Don Ryman- Comments on behalf of Michelle Funkhouser, comments about conduct. (Comment on file in Clerk's office)

Resident- Comments about the Auger.

Carla Johnson- Comments about the code of conduct.

XIV. Executive Comments

A. City Manager Comments

Complemented the staff with leaving the past in the past and moving the city forward.

B. Commissioner Comments

Weedon- no comments

Swem- No comments, just a thank you to everyone that came out.

Vigansky- Thanked Tony Houser for dropping the complaint. The circles that Vigansky runs in wanted to assassinate Mr. Houser, but Vigansky believes that it was Houser's right to file the complaint, based on his first amendment rights. Vigansky made comments about being a politician and that if you listen it always comes back to money for him. Thanked him sincerely for dropping the complaint. Not happy about what the commission or lawyer did with the complaint. Addressed being accused of misfeasance. Will not apologize for who he is.

Money- Congratulated the Richie family for an award that is well deserved. Thrill on the Hill thanked Baker and everyone that has put in the time to make this event happen.

C. Mayor Comments

No Comments.

XV. Adjourn

Motion made by Weedon, supported by Money to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 P.M. Roll call vote carries unanimously.

Kalla Langston, City Clerk

Mayor Sean Denison