

**City Council**  
**March 12, 2024**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Anderson, Arsanto, Bergerson, Bender (via Zoom), and Green.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Director of Parks & Recreation Snodgrass, Finance Director Hines, City Engineer Miller, Police Chief Alfano, Senior Center Coordinator Mickelson, and City Clerk Zumeck.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked if there were any other additions, deletions, or changes to the agenda.

**Council member Arsanto moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration, Finance & Public Safety:**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith shared that the Committee met on March 11, 2024, and discussed the following;

- Administration: Recruitment update, Special Event update, and City of Buckley Administrative Policies.
- Finance: The 2019-2021 state audit has been completed and a “clean opinion” was issued. The City is moving to a Biennial Budget for 2025-2026 and will be on the March 12<sup>th</sup> agenda. The LTAC has been formed and Council member Bergerson will be the chair.
- Public Safety:
  - Police: Assistant Chief Northam’s employment contract is being reviewed with an eye towards updating it to reflect actual duties

and responsibilities. Due to the current market, Buckley Police has lost one officer and will probably lose another to agencies that are offering lateral hiring bonuses and much higher pay. There are also several officers eligible to retire soon. Chief Alfano is negotiating a new contract with Axon who supplies body worn cameras.

- Fire: Chief Skogen is working on the details of a potential EMS levy lid lift. Working to secure an alternative ambulance company other than AMR as well as an MOU with Crystal Mountain Resort. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a meet and greet at the Fire Station to celebrate a 10-year old cardiac survivor.
- Court: Staff is awaiting a review of any 2024 legislation that would alter operations. The remodel of the Court offices is 95% complete.

#### **Parks & Community Services:**

Council member Anderson shared that the Committee met on March 4<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following items:

- Community Events
  - Hound Hunt March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Youth Center Egg Race on March 30<sup>th</sup>
- Event Application Process
  - Draft of the updated process and fees associated.
  - The Citizens Advisory Commission is also looking at this and providing feedback.
- Miller Park Planning
  - Timeline planning.
  - Discussed different Grant options/applications in the timeline.
  - Designs and ADA inclusion throughout.

#### **Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:**

Council member Green shared that the Pierce County Regional Council met on February 15<sup>th</sup> and the main topics of discussion were UGAs and Vision 2050.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Council Member Arsanto moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Burbank seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Claim check numbers 67440 through 67513 in the amount of \$162,912.74 for February 28, 2024, through March 12, 2024, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **ORD No. 05-24: Establishing a Biennial Budget Process**

**Council member Arsanto moved to Approve ORD No. 05-24, Establishing a Biennial Budget Process, commending with the 2025-2026 Budget. Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7/0.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Miller Park Update**

Director Snodgrass shared a handout of information regarding funding for Miller Park. She shared that we are currently in the grand funding phase. Council held a discussion regarding other funding options that may be available.

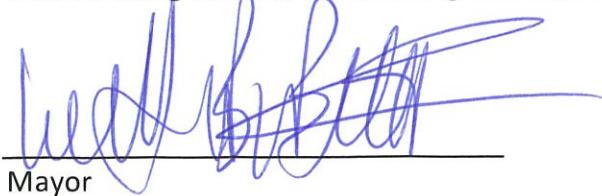
### **City Administrator Update**

City Administrator Brunell wanted to thank Representative Robertson as the City was awarded \$250,000 for the Hwy 410 Study. She also shared that the City Hall hearing was held today and approved to next steps is to get permits and go out to bid.

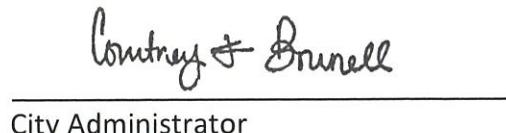
Mayor Pro Tem Smith shared that the new crosswalk and flashing beacon that was installed on Park in partnership with the White River School District has been getting very positive feedback.

**Council member Arsanto moved to adjourn. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.**



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Mayor



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Courtney & Brunell  
City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Zumeck, City Clerk