

**City Council**  
**October 22, 2024**

Mayor Burkett called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

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

**Council member Burbank moved to excuse Council member Green and Bender. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Police Chief Alfano, Fire Chief Skogen, Finance Director Hines, Wastewater Treatment Plan Supervisor Doty, Wastewater Treatment Plant Worker Baker, Support Services Officer Sutphin, Utility Worker Chalcraft, Utility Worker Reedy, Parks Maintenance Worker Lacy, and Mechanic Summers.

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

**Council member Smith moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Burkett administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers Jared Howells, Cory Tunnell, and Colby Sokol.

**Council member Bergerson moved to approve Natasha Hackett to Citizen Advisory Commission. Council member Burbank seconded the motion.**

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Marvin Sundstrom Jr.** – Mr. Sundstrom wanted to remind Council members that the City held a Comprehensive Plan Workshop and the citizens overwhelmingly agreed for lower taxes and affordable housing.

**Caleb Chalcraft** – Mr. Chalcraft was speaking on behalf of the employees of IOUE local 302 and is encouraging Council to look further into the proposed contract for City Opt-Out. This could significantly reduce monthly income for the employees that take

advantage of this program. Mr. Chalcraft explained that employees choosing this program saves the City monthly.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Council member Smith spoke on the ongoing local 302 negotiations and that Council cannot speak on this topic at this time as it is still between City of Buckley and the bargaining unit.

Council member Burbank was curious about the email the Council received regarding Buckley Foodbank and spoke on the topic of what MSRC says about the gift of public funds. Ms. Burbank would just like more information on this.

Council member Bergerson agrees with Council member Burbank on the topic of the Foodbank and would like more information and discussion at the City Council Study Session.

City Administrator Brunell added that an ILA or MOU could be an option for Buckley Foodbank.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **Public Hearing: 2025 Property Tax Levy and 2025 EMS Tax Levy**

**Mayor Burkett convened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM.**

**Carolyn Harding** – Ms. Harding spoke on behalf of the Buckley Chamber of Commerce and wanted to let Council know that as the City looks at revenue for the upcoming biennial budget the Chamber of Commerce would like to see what will impact businesses and property owners the least while still providing the services needed by the City of Buckley.

**Josh Hosford** – Mr. Hosford appreciates Finance Director Hines explanation of how property taxes work and spoke on how managed growth can provide construction revenue and many property owners are waiting for the Comprehensive Plan to pass to move forward.

#### **RES No. 24-08 Amending Section 6.21 “Health Insurance Opt-Out Program” of the City Personnel Policy and Administrative Procedures Manual**

**Council member Arsanto moved to Approve RES No. 24-08 Approval of Amending Section 6.21 “Health Insurance Opt-Out Program” of the City of Buckley Personnel Policy & Administrative Procedures Manual. Council member Burbank seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote motion carried 5/0.**

**RES No. 24-09 Authorizing an Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services Provided by the City of Puyallup**

Council member Burbank moved to Approve RES No. 24-09 Authorizing Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services Provided by the City of Puyallup. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote motion carried 5/0.

**Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Multijurisdictional SWAT Team**

Council member Smith moved to Approve the Interlocal Agreement for Multi-jurisdictional SWAT Team in Pierce County. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Special Services Agreement with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department**

Council member Smith moved to Approve the Special Services Agreement between the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and the City of Buckley. Council member Burbank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fire Department Update:**

Fire Chief Skogen updated the Council that the call volume at the Fire Station is running steadily and there are roughly 10% more calls than last year. This has been the running trend for the last 4 years. Chief Skogen also gave an update on the hiring of two new additional firefighters.

**City Administrator Update:**

City Administrator Brunell spoke to the Council on the revised legislative priorities and the 2025 legislative agenda from AWC. Ms. Brunell spoke on Miller Park grants, LTAC requests this year, and waiting for the response regarding the Buckley Hall.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Emerson England** – Emerson England is from Buckley Boy Scout Troop 577 and would like to know how young people in City of Buckley can help support the City and prevent the rise in crime.

**Donna Garland** – Ms. Garland wanted to thank the Council for their support of the Buckley Foodbank and remind them that this is all volunteer work. There are currently 52 volunteers with an average of 600 hours combined.

**Mel Garland** – Mr. Garland is the chair of Planning Commission and spoke wanting to update the poor zoning from prior administration and correct some of the zoning to better benefit the City. Mr. Garland also volunteers for Buckley Foodbank and wanted



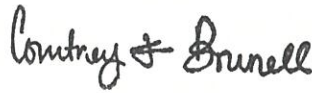
to add that all the money goes directly to the Foodbank and there has been a deficit lately.

**Tony Frascone** – Mr. Frascone is a union representative for IOUE Local 302 and wanted to speak to Council on a fair contract for all union employees since union employees at City of Buckley is such a diverse group.

Mayor Burkett announced that immediately following the Council meeting, the Council will be going into a closed session to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations, and everyone must leave the room.

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

**With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.**

  
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Mayor  
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City Administrator

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