

**City Council
December 10, 2024**

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

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

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Finance Director Hines, Public Works Director Banks, Director of Parks & Recreation Snodgrass, Utility Worker Lead Rice, Police Records Clerk Burkett, Support Services Officer Sutphin, Senior Planner Farnsworth, Police Chief Alfano, Utility Worker Chalcraft, Mechanic Summers, Utility Worker Reedy, Permit Tech Rohner, Utility Worker Meier, Police Records Clerk VanWieringen, Utility Worker Wilson, WWTP Operator Baker, Public Works Supervisor Dansby, Utility Worker Seaberg, and City Clerk Zumek

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

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

Announcements, Appointments, and Presentations:

Mayor Burkett announced that we need to formally cancel the December 24, 2024, City Council meeting.

Council member Smith moved to cancel the December 24, 2024, City Council Meeting. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

James Ricks- Mr. Ricks wanted to thank the Maintenance Department for fixing the sidewalk outside the Senior Center.

Tony Frascione – Mr. Frascione stated that he was the representative for the Union and came tonight to ask for the Council's support in getting the Union a fair contract.

Leon Miller – Mr. Miller shared that he loves working for the City of Buckley and he hopes we come up with some creative ways to get the contract passed.

Carolyn Harding – Ms. Harding shared that she will be the new President of the Chamber of Commerce and she wanted to thank Ali Santman for her service in the role. She also wanted to thank those that came out to the grand opening of McDonalds. Lastly she shared that the Chamber does not have a position on the Union contract but she did want to let them know that they should have chosen a better time and place to picket then at a community event or a business grand opening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senior Citizens Advisory Commission:

Council member Bergerson shared that the Commission met on December 4th and discussed the following topics:

- Freezer update
- Senior Center Staffing Timeline
- Comp Plan update – Low Income Senior Housing
- Bus Transportation in Buckley & East Pierce County
- Senior Center Hours of Operation
- 2025 Workplan and Meeting Dates
- 2025 January and February activities.

Planning Commission:

Council member Arsanto shared that the Commission met on December 2nd and discussed the following topics:

- PSRC Comment Letter
- Commerce Checklist
- Latest Comp Plan Revisions (PSRC & Commerce Compliance)

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Payroll check numbers 41463 through 41489 in the amount of \$131,307.84, and ACH payroll in the amount of \$470,183.54; and Claim check numbers 68686 through 68730 in the amount of \$410,968.11 for November 13, 2024, through December 10, 2024, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 10th day of December 2024.

Approve Minutes of June 11, 2024, City Council Meeting

REGULAR AGENDA

ORD No. 16-24: 2024 Year-End Budget Adjustments

Council member Burbank moved to Approve ORD No. 16-24, Amending the 2024 City Budget. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 6/0.

ORD No. 17-24: Adopting the 2025 City Employee Salary Scale

Council member Burbank moved to Approve ORD No. 17-24, Adopting the 2025 City Employee Salary Scale. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 6/0.

Council member Bender joined the meeting via Zoom.

ORD No. 18-24: Adopting the Comprehensive Plan

Council member Arsanto moved to Approve ORD No. 18-24, Adopting the Comprehensive Plan with Revisions on Pages 46-51 and 86-89. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7/0.

ORD No. 19-24: Amending Buckley Municipal Code to Regulate Camping in Public Spaces

Council member Arsanto moved to Approve ORD No. 19-24, Amending Buckley Municipal Code to Regulate Camping in Public Spaces. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 7/0.

RES No. 24-10: Amending the City Taxes, Rates and Fees Schedule (Revision #3)

Council member Burbank moved to Approve RES No. 24-10, Amending the City Taxes, Rates, and Fees schedule (Revision #3). Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RES No. 24-11: Establishing a Small Public Works Roster Process to Award Public Works Contracts, and a Consulting Services Roster for Architectural, Engineering and Other Professional Services

Council member Arsanto moved to Approve RES No. 24-11, Establishing a Small Public Works Roster Process to award Public Works Contracts, and a Consulting Services Roster for Architectural, Engineering and other Professional Services. Council member Burbank seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Update:

City Administrator Brunell shared that the City Hall remodel project is still on schedule and electrical and HVAC should start next week.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Chloe Mickelson – Ms. Mickelson wanted to share a thank you to the Senior Citizens, she has received many letters of thanks since she resigned from the Senior Center.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Smith – Council member Smith shared that the Council heard a threat from the Union that the employees are going to strike if they don't have a contract before the end of the year. He wanted to remind the Council that it is illegal for public employees to strike. He also shared his frustration with the employees picketing at the Tree lighting.

Council member Burbank – Council member Burbank shared that she has served as the Treasurer of her Union and she has seen Enumclaw and Bonney Lakes contracts and feels that Buckley was more substantial and is the highest the employees have seen.

Council member Bergerson – Council member Bergerson asked if the City could put a flag back up at City Hall even during the remodel.

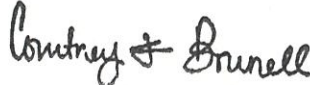
Mayor Burkett announced that Council would be going into a Closed Session once the Council meeting adjourns to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations so everyone will need to leave the Council Chambers after adjournment.

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

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Zumek, City Clerk