

City Council
February 14, 2023

Mayor Burkett called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Burbank, Green, Arsanto, Sundstrom, and Anderson.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Director of Parks & Recreation Snodgrass, Police Chief Alfano, Finance Director Hines, Police Records Clerk Burkett, Director of Building & Planning Terrell, and City Clerk Percival.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Buckley Downtown Association – Amy Boucher presented the Buckley Downtown Associations 2022 Annual Report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

David Coy- Mr. Coy wanted to understand why Jefferson Street is still closed.

Carolyn Harding – Ms. Harding spoke about the Taxes, Rates, and Fees schedule that is on tonight's agenda regarding the fees for accessory dwelling units.

Steve Bergerson- Mr. Bergerson stated that he had attended the Study Session where the pickleball discussion was held and he doesn't understand by they want to do it in Buckley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration, Finance & Public Safety:

Council member Smith stated that the Committee met on February 13th and discussed the following:

- **Finance**

- The State has requested a few more items for the 2019-2022 audit and it is estimated that they will be done with their work in approximately two weeks and then an exit conference will be scheduled.
- ARPA Update: Draft forms and processes will be coming forth to the Council for Non-Profit grants.
- City staff is researching levy lift options and available property tax capacity.
- **Public Safety**
 - Fire reported that there are six internal applicants for the open full-time firefighter position, of which five meet the minimum requirements. Interviews will be conducted on February 16th by representatives from outside agencies. The proposed start date for this position is April 1, 2023.
 - There will be an EOC tabletop exercise on March 15, 2023.
- **Court**
 - The Buckley Municipal Court Staff has completed CPR Certification and will be part of a Judicial presentation to the Buckley Police Citizens Academy.

Community Services:

Council member Green shared that the Committee met on February 6th and discussed the following:

- **Parks & Recreation**
 - Pickleball Pavilion Proposal
 - Senior Center Assistant Job Description
 - Buckley Hall Fee Waiver Options
- **Building & Planning**
 - Sign Code
 - Quasi-Judicial Decision Making
 - Housing Action Plan Stakeholders Meeting
 - Staffing

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Green shared his concerns about impact fees for change of use, he would like to see some options for exemptions of impact fees in the Comp Plan update.

Council member Smith stated that he ran for Council to revitalize downtown. Change of use impact fees are making it impossible for some new businesses to come downtown. He shared that he supports increasing downtown business but feels the change of use fees are counterproductive. He also shared that he would love to see an archway on

Highway 410 similar to what Wilkeson has. He also shared his concerns regarding the option to have the pickleball facility built on DSHS land that the City doesn't own.

Council member Sundstrom shared that he feels impact fees have gotten out of hand. He also stated that he enjoyed the study session and felt like a lot was accomplished. He finished up by stating his concerns with the City Hall Remodel project.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burkett shared updates on the following:

- 410 Realignment project.
- McDonalds application.
- A request from Senator Fortunato's office for a Town Hall on March 15th.

Council member Smith stated that everyone knows who owns that property and no one else came in and offered money to build there.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Mundy Loss Storm Improvements – Professional Services Contract
- Elk Head Design Review – Motion
- Approve Minutes of November 8, 2022, City Council Meeting
- Approve Minutes of November 22, 2022, City Council Meeting

Claim check numbers 65577 through 65671 in the amount of \$287,370.89 for January 24, 2023, through February 13, 2023 are hereby approved and ordered paid this 14th day of February 2023 (date of meeting).

REGULAR AGENDA

Public Hearing: Sundstrom Latecomer's Agreement

Mayor Burkett recessed the City Council meeting at 7:05 PM and entered into the Public Hearing.

City Engineer Miller described what a Latecomer's Agreement is.

Marvin Sundstrom- Mr. Sundstrom shared his thoughts regarding the Latecomer's agreement. He shared that they were the ones that paid to have the line put in so should receive the same compensation that others receive when someone wants to connect to the line they paid to install.

City Attorney Phil Olbrechts shared that this is a quasi-judicial public hearing. Normally they start with a presentation and then the applicant has a chance to speak and then any public or Council can share thoughts or ask questions. He wanted to clarify that Mr. Sundstrom was the applicant in this public hearing and is acting in that capacity, not as a Council member.

After public comment, Mayor Burkett closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Council meeting at 7:14 PM.

RES No. 23-01: Sundstrom Latecomer's Agreement

Council member Arsanto moved to Approve RES No. 23-01 Latecomer's Agreement for Sundstrom Sewer Utility Extension. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Council member Sundstrom recused himself.)

RES No. 23-02: Taxes, Rates & Fees (Revision #35)

Council member Smith moved to Approve RES No. 23-02 Updating the City Taxes, Rates & Fees Schedule, Revision #35. Council member Green seconded the motion.

Council members Smith and Green withdrew their motions.

Council member Smith then moved to have this item moved to a Study Session. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

City Administrator Brunell stated that she had nothing to share tonight.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jamie Benton – shared that they had heard about the pickleball court and was just interested in hearing more about that. She also shared the need for improvements on Collins St.

Carolyn Robertson Harding – shared her concerns regarding permit fees in Buckley. She stated that there had only been four ADU permits in Buckley since 2008 because of the fees. She asked the Council to please look for some exemptions.

Council member Sundstrom stated that we could take care of impact fees if we charged an income tax.

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

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Ronell Agunka - Pro Tem
Mayor

Courtney J. Bunnell
City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Percival, City Clerk