

**City Council**  
**March 28, 2023**

Mayor Burkett called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

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

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Director of Parks & Recreation Snodgrass, Police Chief Alfano, Public Works Director Banks, Police Records Clerk Burkett, Fire Chief Skogen, Senior Center Coordinator Mickelson and Deputy City Clerk Clark.

**Council member Burbank moved to excuse Council member Sundstrom. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Austin Young** – Spoke on closing Jefferson, Mr. Young is not opposed to more outdoor activities and the pickleball court but is not in favor of closing Jefferson permanently.

**PICKLEBALL TOWN HALL**

**Mayor Burkett recessed the City Council meeting at 6:10 PM and entered the Pickleball Town Hall.**

**Gordon Hosmer** – Representative of Trilogy Pickleball Club in Bonney Lake and they currently have 333 members and are in favor of the pickleball court.

**Denise Bergerson** – Most of Ms. Bergerson's questions were answered in the MOU and just wanted to know if the pickleball court will be staffed by the City? She would like to see Miller Park done first and is not in favor of the pickle ball court as of right now.

**Steve Bergerson** – Mr. Bergerson stated that if the City owns the land why are they not applying for grants.

**Deana Gates** – Founder of Enumclaw Pickleball and is in favor of the pickleball court and feels this could help Buckley become a destination.

**Matt McCully** – Mr. McCully is a member of the Enumclaw Pickleball group and is in favor of adding this to Buckley. He added that pickleball has its origin right here in Western, WA.

**Cathy Dahlquist** – Ms. Dahlquist is in favor of adding the pickleball court to Buckley and added that rarely you will see a project that can generate the revenue that this will for the City and downtown businesses.

**Julie Goetz** – Ms. Goetz stated that she is worried about traffic and not in favor of pickleball being in a neighborhood. She does not think Miller Park is the option because they cannot handle the parking now in the neighborhood and being in a cul-de-sac.

**Rebecca Kolkow** – Thinks pickleball is a great idea for Buckley, but not at the Miller Park location.

**Gus Anderson** – Mr. Anderson is not in favor of the court being out by Shay Estates and kids playing outside, especially since there is no sidewalk.

**Charles Chon** – Has lived in the City for 20 years and wants to know where all this traffic is going to go and is worried about the safety of the kids in the neighborhood.

**Ed Stortor** – Member of Park Board in Enumclaw and spoke in favor of adding the pickleball court. Would like to see the facility be fully sustainable and not cost the City of Buckley any money.

**Claudia Binklys** – Ms. Binklys is in favor of the pickleball court and feels this would be great for all generations from kids to senior citizens.

**Marilyn Firnkoess** – Ms. Firnkoess spoke in favor of the pickleball court and has enjoyed the many of activities around the City for the last 20 years.

**Lorna Anderson** – Owns a business in downtown Buckley and is not in favor currently. Ms. Anderson would like to see further information if the City will support this and not have it affect local businesses.

**Molly Klemklow** – Ms. Klemklow is not in favor of supporting this at Shay Estates or Miller Park due to the amount of traffic and if the City does add any facility it should be a multi-use court for all sports.

**Russ Holley** – Is in favor of adding the pickleball court to Buckley and stated this is a donated facility and can bring in substantial revenue for the City.

**Steve Banaro** – Feels that adding this could be a benefit to businesses and great potential for income to the City.

**Kevin Boyles** – Could be all in favor of adding the pickleball court, but not down Collins Rd. There are already too many cars that travel down Collins at certain times.

**Kelly Boyles** – Ms. Boyles also feels this will bring more traffic and was curious who will watch little kids while the parents play pickleball. She also likes to look at the farmland and would not like to see a big facility out there.

**Jimmy Arsanto** – Mr. Arsanto is not in favor of partnering with the association and feels the City could apply for the same grants, or lease the land to bring in the most revenue.

**After public comment, Mayor Burkett closed the Pickleball Town Hall at 7:01 PM and stated that Council will recess for 10 minutes.**

**Mayor Burkett reconvened the City Council meeting at 7:11 PM**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Transportation and Utilities:**

Council member Arsanto stated that the Committee meet on March 21, 2023, and discussed the following:

- Resignation of City water Meter Reader.
- Resignation of DSHS water treatment plant operator.
- AMR water meter installation update.
- Jefferson Ave. ROW vacation update.
- Marion water.
- Stormwater comp plan.

##### **Mayors Report:**

Mayor Burkett and City Administrator Brunell met with representatives from WSDOT and City of Enumclaw regarding the update on Hwy 410 and the traffic coming from Enumclaw. This could be a long-term project, but everyone is trying to think about quicker alternatives to help for now and help with the gaps that hold up the traffic.

County Council member Morell reached out to add Buckley for Pierce County 2024 and look at the Urban Growth Area. Discussion regarding this will hopefully happen around May of this year.

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

Council member Smith will not be able to attend April 4, 2023, City Council Study Session and he also added that he would like to have Mayor Burkett and Council meet with City of Enumclaw and see why they rejected the pickleball court in their city.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion.

- a. ORD No. 07-23: Stormwater Management Plan
- b. RES No. 23-03: Set Public Hearing to initiate Jefferson Street Vacation
- c. Approve October 18, 2022, City Council Study Session minutes.

## **Motion carried.**

## STAFF REPORTS

**Beer Gardens:** City Administrator Brunell invited Police Chief Alfanou to give a background of prior years with the beer gardens at Log Show. Last year for the first time there were three applicants that applied. Chief Alfano gave a brief description of why we cannot allow multiple beer gardens at the same time due to police staffing and safety and why we are not able to close Main St. down during this time. Both City Administrator Brunell and Police Chief Alfano recommended that all applicants work together for the liquor control board and use the North parking lot.

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

**Erica Witlow** – Ms. Witlow asked questions regarding the Mayor’s fountain and wants to know when it is going to work again. Parks and Recreation Director Snodgrass answered her questions.

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

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

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## City Administrator

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