

City Council
May 9, 2023

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

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

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, City Clerk Percival, Director of Parks & Recreation Snodgrass, City Engineer Miller, Senior Center Coordinator Mickelson, Director of Building & Planning Terrell, City Attorney Olbrechts, Assistant Fire Chief Olson, Assistant Police Chief Northam, Court Administrator Cash (via Zoom), Finance Director Hines, Police Records Clerk Burkett.

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

Council member Rose moved to have the TIF Public Hearing moved ahead of the Jefferson Avenue Public Hearing. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Burkett shared with sadness that Council member Sundstrom passed away late last week. He shared a brief statement from the family: "We first would like to thank everyone for their thoughts. Marvin always felt you should try and do something for the community you live in. He enjoyed trying to help the people of Buckley and appreciated the support from the residents. He was very passionate about his Council position and hopefully he has made a difference."

He also shared that our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this time and shared that he knows he speaks for everyone when he says that Marvin will be missed. He also shared that it was clear that Council member Sundstrom was a dedicated servant in our community. He was a Buckley resident for decades and served on the City Council for two terms with nearly perfect attendance. He was passionate about fiscal responsibility and transparency. During his time on Council, he spoke often about the multiple committees he served while working for the Boeing Company that helped shape policy around the region and that he also served in the armed forces. In honor of

Council member Sundstrom, Mayor Burkett asked everyone to join in a moment of silence.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Connie Bender – Ms. Bender stated that looking at the Consent Agenda, she would request that the Council move this item off of Consent so that it can be discussed as she wasn't able to figure out exactly what was being changed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration, Finance & Public Safety:

Council member Smith shared that the Committee met on May 8, 2023, and received an update on the following:

Administration

- Special events – one application pending for a “Hometown Market.”

Finance

- 2019-2021 Audit update.
- ARPA update: Non-Profit Grant program to be posted soon.

Public Safety

- Police shared that a Civil Service list is being created for both entry and lateral entry with Oral Board testing on May 25-26.
- Fire shared that there are two internal qualified applicants for the open full-time firefighter position and they are both going through extensive background checks. Staff anticipates having a conditional offer of employment to one of them in the next 1-2 weeks with a tentative start date of June 1, 2023. A replacement truck has been ordered and is expected to be delivered in 3-4 months and the Rainier School contract is coming for renewal.
- The Court shared that it has recently experienced two security incidents and as such security upgrades are being contemplated.

Community Services:

Council member Green stated that the Committee met on May 1, 2023, and held discussion on the following topics:

- BDA provided a presentation on their mission and upcoming events and meetings.
- Parks and Recreation shared that they have had 1,438 youth check-ins at the Youth Activity Center. The department has also applied for another Youth

Violence prevention Grant but will not be notified until September if we will receive it or not. They are also applying for two other grants. The Senior Center has served, either in person or delivery, 4,506 meals this year so far and there have been 5,321 check-ins at the Senior Center. Director Snodgrass also shared at the meeting that the Multi-Court Sport is painted with one minor incident (the pickleball lines are in the wrong spot. The lines will be updated soon and a ribbon-cutting will be scheduled soon.

- Building and Planning shared a schedule update and staffing update.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Smith shared his sorrow for the passing of Council member Sundstrom and stated that he was thankful for the passion for service that Council member Sundstrom had.

Council member Green shared that he only knew Council member Sundstrom for a couple of years but he admired his commitment to the community of Buckley and he will be missed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Museum Services Agreement – 4th Addendum
- b. Distribution Agreement with Pierce County
- c. Change Order for Restroom Site Prep and Utilities
- d. On-call Planning Services Contract – Framework
- e. Approve Minutes of December 13, 2023, City Council Meeting
- f. Claims and Payroll

Claim check numbers 65996 through 66059 in the amount of \$949,919.35 for April 25th through May 8, 2023, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 9th day of May 2023.

REGULAR AGENDA

Transportation Impact Fees in the Downtown Design District Public Hearing
Mayor Burkett convened the Public Hearing at 6:17 PM.

Connie Bender – Ms. Bender stated that impact fees have to be fairly distributed and just eliminating them in downtown would not be fair.

Lorna Anderson – Ms. Anderson stated that she owns the Quilt shop on Main Street and shared with the Council that they need to consider that most businesses on Main Street are mom and pop shops.

Shyla – She shared that she owns Bark of the Town and most of the businesses here in Buckley aren't making tons of money so please take that into account when considering these fees.

Mayor Burkett closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Council meeting at 6:23 PM.

Jefferson Street Vacation – Public Hearing

Mayor Burkett recessed the City Council meeting at 6:24 PM and entered the Public Hearing.

Connie Bender – Ms. Bender shared that she doesn't understand why the Council would want to vacate Jefferson, she doesn't see many accidents there. She also stated that she doesn't want to have to turn of Main or Park. She suggested making it a right turn only off of Jefferson on to Hwy 410. She also stated that the City has no good reason to close it.

Kathy James – Ms. James shared that she would like to know the purpose for closing the street. She didn't find anything in the comp plan. She also stated that the original reason was for construction and she believes that construction to be done so she wants it opened back up.

Lorna Anderson – Ms. Anderson shared that she agreed with the previous comments shared. She stated that keeping it closed only gives folks Park, Main and Ryan to get to Hwy 410. She also heard there was talk of a parking lot for the trailhead near there and stated that it could be placed further down the road.

Gary Stock – Mr. Stock stated that you closed the street for the construction of the new sports court and that is now done so with it still closed you are limiting folks in ways to get to Hwy 410. He shared that you could still have a parking lot there without closing the street permanently.

Heather B. – She stated that she used to live on Cedar St. and now lives on the outskirts of Buckley. She shared her feelings that traffic is getting worse and she has to go all the way around to pick up her kid from the skate park because of the closure. She shared that she does not see any benefit to the closure.

Dave Coy - Mr. Coy shared that he feels this closure impedes traffic and emergency response. He asked the Council to take a second thought about this closure as he thinks it is a big mistake.

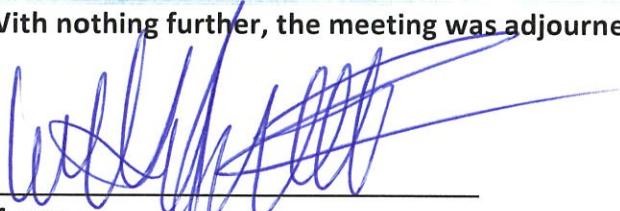
Mayor Burkett closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 PM and convened the next Public Hearing.

ORD No. 11-23: Amending the 2023 City Employee Salary Scale

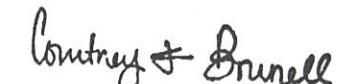
Council member Smith moved to Approve ORD No. 11-23, Amending the 2023 City Employee Salary Scale. Council member Arsanto seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 6/0.

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

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6: 37 PM.



Mayor



Courtney Brunell
City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Percival, City Clerk