

**City Council  
June 13, 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, Rose and Anderson.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Director of Parks & Recreation Snodgrass (via Zoom), Police Records Clerk Burkett, Police Chief Alfano, Senior Center Program Coordinator Mickelson, Court Administrator Cash (via Zoom) and Deputy City Clerk Clark.

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 Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Burkett recommended the following individuals for appointment to the Citizens Advisory Commission: for a three-year appointment April Rattray, Rochelle Plaster, David Griffin, and Jay Hambly; and for a two-year appointment, Kira Wohlfeil, Elizabeth Carter and Jenny Helm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith recommended the following individuals for appointment to the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission: for a three-year appointment, Wanda Burkett, MaryEllen LaBerge, Maria Zaffee, and for a two-year appointment, Maureen Bray, Janet Cote, and Grace Stansell.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Admin/Finance/Public Safety:**

Council member Smith updated the Council that Admin/Finance/Public Safety Committee met yesterday, and they discussed:

- Recruitment for upcoming positions for the Finance Assistant I, Utility Worker positions and Seasonal positions.

- City Hall Remodel update
- Public Safety has done some interviews
- Volunteer Firefighter has been hired as full-time at the Fire Department

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

None.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Approve Minutes of February 7, 2023, City Council Study Session
- Claims and Payroll

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

##### **Jefferson Avenue Right-of-Way Vacation Public Hearing**

**Mayor Burkett convened the Public Hearing at 6:20 PM.**

**Shayla Miles** – Ms. Miles represents the Rails to Trails Coalition and wanted to speak for their members in expressing support of vacating Jefferson for Public Safety.

**Jenny Kyllonen** – Ms. Kyllonen has been a staff member for 12 years at the Buckley Youth Center and is in favor of closing Jefferson for safety. Jefferson Street is not ideal, right next to the Youth Center, parks and for the trail.

**Denise Bergerson** – Ms. Bergerson is not in favor of closing Jefferson; she feels Main St. and Park St. are more dangerous. She would be in favor of making Jefferson a right turn only and stated that traffic has gotten worse on other roads around the City with Jefferson being closed.

**Loren Robbins** – Mr. Robbins has lived in Buckley since 1993 and is not in favor of closing Jefferson. He feels the less traffic on roads around the City and less wasteful commute would be best.

**Leslie Myers** – Ms. Myers feels Buckley needs all the roads and access possible with all the new developments and is not in favor of vacating Jefferson. Would even like to see more sidewalks, speed bumps on roads with all the traffic speeding.

**Connie Bender** – Ms. Bender shared with Council that she worries about the new parking lot going in by Jefferson and adding more cars how that would work with vacating Jefferson for safety.

**Cal Bush** – Mr. Bush is not in favor of closing Jefferson and added there are only three access ways from the East side of the City right now. He would agree that the right turn only would be a good idea.

**Louie Baydek** – Is not in favor of closing Jefferson but does agree that it should be a right turn only.

**Milt Tremblay** – Mr. Tremblay stated that having safety during events and closing Jefferson seasonally would make sense. Would like to have it remain open the rest of the year due to buses and traffic getting so backed up on the other streets during school hours.

**Chloe Mickelson** – Ms. Mickelson is a community member and a staff member and is in favor of closing Jefferson seasonally and for community events.

**Meri Schiller** – Ms. Schiller stated that there is no park or crosswalks on the West side of the City. She feels this is a danger for the kids that get off the buses and all the traffic that speeds by.

**Mayor Burkett closed the Public Hearing at 6:55 PM and convened the next Public Hearing.**

#### **2024-2029 Six Year Transportation Improvement Board**

No public comment.

**Mayor Burkett closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Council meeting at 6:58 PM.**

#### **RES No. 23-07: Adopting the 2024-2029 Six-Year Transportation Plan**

Council member Arsanto moved to approve RES No. 23-07, Adopting the 2024-2029 Six-Year Transportation Plan. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **RES No. 23-08: Adopting City Council Goals, Priorities, A City-Wide Mission and Vision Statement**

Council member Burbank moved to approve RES No. 23-08, Adopting City Council Goals, Priorities, A City-Wide Mission and Vision Statement. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.



**RES No. 23-09: Amending the Buckley Personnel Policy & Administrative Procedures Manual section 6.02, Legal Holidays**

Council member Arsanto moved to approve RES No. 23-09, Amending the Buckley Personnel Policy and Administrative Procedures Manual section 6.02, Legal Holidays. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Amend Local 302 Union Contract section 8.1, Legal Holidays, to add "Juneteenth" to the list of Holidays**

Council member Arsanto moved to Approve to Amend Local 302 Union Contract section 8.1, Legal Holidays, to add "Juneteenth" to the list of holidays. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**City Administrator Brunell**

Ms. Brunell updated Council that for the City Hall Remodel all bids were over budget and she is recommending Council rejects all bids and will bring this to a Council Study Session to be discussed further.

Ms. Brunell handed out in the Council packet information regarding the Jefferson Street Vacation with options for the Council to discuss. Majority of Council agreed they would like to keep it closed in the summer months from June – September while there will be more kids at the Youth Center and parks.

**Finance Director Hines**

Ms. Hines shared with Council the 2022 financial year end report.

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

**With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.**

  
Mayor

  
City Administrator

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