

**City Council**  
**November 18, 2025**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Anderson, Burbank, and Bergerson.

Also present were: Interim City Administrator Banks, Finance Director Hines, Police Records Clerk Burkett, and City Clerk Zumeck.

**Council member Burbank moved to excuse Council members Green, Arsanto, and Bender. Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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 Bergerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Meagan Rhoades** – Ms. Rhoades came as a representative of the Foothills Historical Society and wanted to speak about the LTAC funds for a mural. She shared that her understanding from the Committee was that the mural project was not far enough along to grant funding but she also saw that Visit Rainier and the Enumclaw Expo Center both received funding and they aren't in Buckley. She would like more information on why their request was denied.

**Natasha Hackett** - Ms. Hackett shared that she is the Treasurer for the Buckley Downtown Association and she was also hear to speak about the funding request for the mural that was denied. Ms. Hackett stated that they have everything ready to go and just needed the funding to move forward. She would also like more feedback on what they could have put in their application to explain that they were far enough along.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Burkett reminded everyone that the Tree Lighting is on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM and wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Senior Citizen Advisory Commission:**

Council member Bergerson shared that the Commission met on November 5<sup>th</sup> and received updates on the following:

- Senior Wellness Fair
- New carpet for the Senior Center
- New chairs
- Volunteer drivers
- Jingle Jubilee
- Senior Center Newsletter, and
- Meeting calendar.

She also shared that their next meeting will be on January 7, 2026.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Approve Minutes of August 12, 2025, City Council Meeting

Approve Minutes of August 26, 2025, City Council Meeting

Approve Minutes of September 9, 2025, City Council Meeting

Claim check numbers 70209 through 70292 in the amount of \$278,103.28 for October 15, 2025, through October 28, 2025; payroll check numbers 42089 through 42119 in the amount of \$155,923.38 and ACH Payroll in the amount of \$487,707.34 for October 29, 2025, through November 11, 2025, and claim check numbers 70293 through 70345 in the amount of \$287,046.52 for October 29, 2025, through November 11, 2025, are hereby approved and ordered paid this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Public Hearing: 2026 Property Tax Levy and 2026 EMS Tax Levy**

**Mayor Burkett convened the Public Hearing at 6:11 PM.**

Director Hines gave a brief presentation on the 2026 Property Tax Levy and 2026 EMS Tax Levy.

**Upon no testimony, Mayor Burkett closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Council meeting at 6:18 PM.**

**ORD No. 10-25: Adopting the 2026 Regular Property Tax Levy**

Council member Burbank moved to Approve Ordinance No. 10-25 Adopting the 2026 Regular Property Tax Levy. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 4/0.

**ORD No. 11-25: Adopting the 2026 EMS Levy**

Council member Smith moved to Approve Ordinance No. 11-25 Adopting the 2026 EMS Tax Levy. Council member Bergerson seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 4/0.

**ORD No. 12-25: Setting the 2026 Levy Amount Required for the 2010 Unlimited General Obligation Bonds Used for the Fire Station Construction**

Council member Anderson moved to Approve Ordinance No. 12-25 Setting the 2026 Levy Amount Required for the Voter Approved 2010 Unlimited General Obligation Bonds for Fire Station Construction Financing. Council member Burbank seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 4/0.

**RES No. 25-06: Repealing and Replacing the City of Buckley Personnel Policies & Administrative Procedures Manual**

Council member Burbank moved to Adopt Resolution No. 25-06 Repealing and Replacing the City of Buckley Personnel Policies and Administrative Procedures Manual. Council member Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adoption of the 2026 Legislative Priorities**

Council member Bergerson moved to Adopt the City of Buckley 2026 Legislative Priorities. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**City Administrator Update**

Interim City Administrator Banks shared that Judge Berry will no longer be with the City of Buckley, she is moving on to Bonney Lake. He also shared that regarding painting the crosswalks green at intersection of C Street & Main Street and A Street & River this is supposed to only be used for bike lanes and trail crossings so they are looking into other options to make these crosswalks more visible.

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

Council member Burbank asked if the Council could hear more about the LTAC process and what that looks like. Staff stated they would be happy to add a discussion item to next week's agenda to discuss this.

Council member Smith stated that regarding the crosswalk at C Street and Main Street his reasoning for wanting it to be more visible was because a student was struck there. He also stated that he would like a right turn only out of there during certain hours of the day. He wondered if the City could partner with the school to possibly install lighted beacons at that crosswalk.

Council member Anderson shared that she saw that Mountain Meadow has a flagger at the crosswalk by their school, is that something the school could consider doing at this crosswalk?

Council member Bergerson shared that she thinks a right turn only and adding a crossing guard would really help people out at that intersection.

Council member Anderson shared that Citizen Advisory Commission met on November 27<sup>th</sup>, she was unable to be present for the meeting so she will get an update from Director Snodgrass and share that with the Council next week.

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

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.



Carol Blakethorn  
Mayor



Ch. Burbank  
City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Zumek, City Clerk