

**City Council**  
**April 25, 2023**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present: Smith, Rose, Burbank, Green, Arsanto, Anderson, and Sundstrom (via Zoom).

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, City Clerk Percival, Police Chief Alfano, Fire Chief Skogen, Court Administrator Cash, Director of Building and Planning Terrell, Judge Berry, and Police Records Clerk Burkett.

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

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Carolyn Robertson Harding** – Ms. Harding stated that she wanted to comment on the first item on the Consent agenda and thank the Council for bringing in extra support in the Building and Planning Department as this may help to speed up the permitting process.

**Denice Bergerson** – Ms. Bergerson wanted to thank the City for the Shred event and the spring clean-up that Murrey’s provided.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Burkett shared that the Wastewater Treatment Plant received the 2022 “Wastewater Treatment Plant Outstanding Performance” award. Of approximately 300 treatment plants statewide, the City of Buckley is one of 109 that achieved top performance for its operations in 2022.

**Transportation & Utilities:**

Council member Arsanto shared that the Committee met at 4:00 PM today and discussed the following topics:

- Hinkleman Road Project Update

- Bevlo Street Project Update
- WTP – Additional Caustic Soda Injection Point Project Update
- 2022 NPDES Annual Report has been Submitted to DOE.
- 2022 Annual Cross Connection Report is due May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- DSHS & City Staff – Cleaning the Sand Filter
- Meter Reader Recruitment Update

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

Council member Green gave a Pierce County Regional Council update. He also shared that there is a meeting scheduled on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with Senator Murrey’s staff.

Council member Burbank asked how many parks employees we currently have because there is a lot of weeding that needs to be done.

Mayor Burkett suggested an idea for local families to adopt an area in parks that they would be willing to care for.

Council member Smith shared that he has had conversations with kids that they aren’t feeling safe at the skate park. He also shared his concerns with the flower beds not looking great. He finished up with sharing his appreciation for Buckley Fire and Police and how well they handled a recent domestic violence assault case.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. SCJ Alliance – On Call Planning Services Contract
2. Approve Minutes of November 1, 2022, City Council Study Session
3. Approve Minutes of January 10, 2023, City Council Meeting
4. Approve Minutes of January 24, 2023, City Council Meeting

### **STAFF REPORTS**

**Police** – Chief Alfano shared his quarterly report. He also shared that the Bill regarding the Blake decision didn’t make it through and it sunsets on July 1. He expects the governor to call a special session. There has been an updated pursuit law passed that changes an allowable pursuit from probable cause to reasonable suspicion but only for violent felonies. He also shared that the Law Enforcement Dinner and Auction is this Saturday and there is only four tickets left.

**Fire** – Chief Skogen shared his first quarter stats. He also shared that the fire academy is in full swing and graduation will be on June 8<sup>th</sup>. He stated that they had a record number of CPR/First Aid class attendees during the first quarter.

**Court** – Judge Berry stated that she submitted a memo to Council for a quarterly report regarding Court. She also shared that she assisted in the Police Citizens Academy and thought it was wonderful.

**City Administrator Update** – Ms. Brunell shared that she has been hearing concerns the last couple of months on delays in Building and Planning. She stated that long-range planning is currently on hold and acknowledged that we have to prioritize. She also shared that the next couple of Planning Commission meetings have been cancelled and that no legal deadlines have been missed. She finished up with letting the Council know that the retreat facilitator would be presenting at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Study Session to continue the discussion on Vision, Mission, and Goals.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Amy Boucher**- Ms. Boucher shared that the Downtown Association had a great event on Saturday and have many more upcoming events. She also stated that the Association is continuing to work with staff as they have a lot of volunteers that are willing to help.

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

**With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.**

*Ronald A Smith Pro-Tem*

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Mayor

*Courtney Brunell*

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City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Percival, City Clerk