

City Council
September 27, 2022

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

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

Also present were: City Administrator Schmidt, Finance Director Hines, City Clerk Percival, Fire Chief Skogen, Police Chief Alfano, Director of Building and Planning Terrell, Police Records Clerk Burkett, Director of Parks and Recreation Snodgrass, and City Engineer Miller

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

Mayor Burkett stated that the agenda is not amended but the order has been switched around to accommodate Council and then he 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 Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Amy Boucher – Shared a video with Council from the Beautify Buckley event.

Amy Molen – Thanked the City and the Buckley Downtown Association for making Beautify Buckley such a great even this year.

MAIN AGENDA

Agreement to Provide Mental Health Support Services with Phoebe Mulligan LICSW
Council member Arsanto moved to Approve the Agreement to Provide Mental Health Support Services with Phoebe Mulligan LICSW. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agreement – Easement and Restrictive Covenant for PSE Wetland Mitigation Activities
Council member Arsanto moved to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Easement Agreement and Restrictive Covenant for PSE Wetland Mitigation Activities. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Easement Agreements (Temporary & Permanent) for PSE Powerline Improvements
Council member Arsanto moved to Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Easement Agreements (Temporary & Permanent) for PSE Powerline Improvements. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried/failed.

City's Small Business Relief and Recovery Grant Program

Council member Arsanto moved to Approve the Small Business Relief and Recovery Program and Associated Forms and Agreements. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Parks & Recreation: Director of Parks & Recreation Snodgrass gave an update on the Multi-Use Sports court and shared that the department received another \$10,000 grant.

Building & Planning: Director of Building and Planning Terrel gave an update on economic development.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burkett shared that after 14 years of service to the City of Buckley, City Attorney Olbrechts is finally getting a raise.

Mayor Burkett also shared that today is City Administrator Schmidt's last Council meeting. He thanked Mr. Schmidt and shared his extreme appreciation for Mr. Schmidt being willing to come back after retiring.

Fire Chief Skogen thanked Mr. Schmidt for his service to the City and presented him with a "Thank You" coin from the Fire Department.

Police Chief Alfano also shared his appreciation to Mr. Schmidt and presented him with a "Thank You" coin from the Police Department.

Transportation & Utilities:

Council member Arsanto shared that the Committee met on September 20th and reviewed the following topics:

- PSE Easements
- 2023 Budget
- Staffing

Community Services:

Council member Green shared that the Committee met yesterday and the main item discussed was the 2023 budget. He also stated that the multi-use sports court will be completed by years end. They also held a short discussion on the Miller Park plans and received an update from Building & Planning. He also let the Council know that they would have their regularly scheduled meeting next Monday at 4:30.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Green gave an update on Pierce County Regional Council. He also shared that they received a presentation from Sheriff Troyer and the correctional center is in dire straits, facing overcapacity and staffing shortages. He also shared that their next meeting is the third Thursday of October.

Council member Smith stated that the City needs to have legislative priorities and on top of the list should be Highway 410 and second should be bringing transit back to Buckley.

Council member Sundstrom asked why there wasn't written notes from the Community Services Committee and he also shared that he is not unhappy that the City Administrator is leaving and he thinks others may feel that way too.

Council member Green stated that the Community Services Committee had just met yesterday so that is why their written notes were not available yet. He also shared that he is sad to see the City Administrator leave and he has learned a lot from him.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

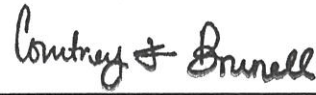
Jim Arsanto- Mr. Arsanto shared that there is probably only a few people in the room that have lived in Buckley longer than him. He stated that he is 61 years old and he has lived here his whole life. He wanted to share that he feels that a lot of times when Mr. Sundstrom speaks, he is not speaking with authority, he is a minority, not the majority. He also stated that there has never been a City Administrator for Buckley that instills trust in their department heads and the employees and staff like Mr. Schmidt did. You wouldn't have seen employees speak at Council a year and a half ago because they were afraid they might lose their job. When the call went out to Mr. Schmidt to ask him to come back, his immediate question was, what do the employees and the citizens of Buckley need? There was no hesitation, and he came back and helped the City and I for one want to say thank you Dave.

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

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Percival, City Clerk