

City Council
October 11, 2022

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, Sundstrom, and Breedon.

Also present were: City Administrator Brunell, Public Works Director Banks, City Engineer Miller, Senior Center Coordinator Mickelson, Police Chief Alfano, Fire Chief Skogen, Director of Parks & Recreation Snodgrass (via Zoom), City Attorney Olbrechts, Police Records Clerk Burkett, City Clerk Percival, and Finance Director Hines (via Zoom).

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 seconded the motion Green. Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

MAIN AGENDA

Contract Award of Water Transmission Main Access Road Repair Project

Council member Arsanto moved to Award Contract for the Water Transmission Main Road Repair Project to Kulchin Foundation Drilling, Co. for an amount not to Exceed \$350,000.00. Council member Sundstrom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Architecture and Engineering Services Proposal for Design of City Hall Addition and Modernization Project

Council member Smith moved to Approve the Architecture and Engineering Services Proposal for Design of City Hall Addition & Modernization Project. Council member Burbank seconded the motion.

Council member Sundstrom moved to send this item to another Study Session. Council member Smith seconded the motion. Motion failed.

Motion carried.

Final Acceptance – Haunted House Reroof Project

Council member Burbank moved to Approve Final Acceptance of the Haunted House Reroof Project. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agreement for Professional Consulting Services Between the City of Buckley and David Schmidt, City Administration Consultant

Council member Rose moved to Approve the Professional Consulting Agreement for City Administration Consultant. Council member Green seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Burkett welcomed City Administrator Brunell to her first Council meeting.

Administration, Finance & Public Safety:

Council member Smith shared that the Committee met on October 10, 2022. The Committee was given updates on the following items:

Administration:

- Recruitment update: a new Meter Reader has been hired and will start on October 24th. A Planning Assistant was hired and will begin on October 13th. Several applications have been received for the Administrative Assistant position in the Fire Department.
- Special Events: WRHS Homecoming parade will be on October 14th on Main Street. Trick or Treating on Main Street will be on October 29th, and the Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for November 26th.

Finance:

- 2023 Budget presentations by Department will continue on the Special Study Session scheduled for October 18th.

Public Safety:

- Police: The recent "Coffee with a Cop" held at Anchor House was a success. There will be a 2023 Buckley PD Citizens Academy, with application process forthcoming.
- Fire: Recently held a volunteer firefighter recruitment drive. A cost report is due to the Washington Health Care Authority regarding Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance transport.

Court:

On February 25, 2021, the Washington State Supreme Court issued a decision declaring the State's main drug possession statute RCW 69.50.4013(1) unconstitutional and void. Pursuant to this court decision, all courts including Buckley Municipal Court must create a reimbursement system for any fines paid by defendants convicted of drug crimes prior to the Blake decision. June 2023 is the end date that people can seek reimbursement. A contract with AOC will be coming to the next Council meeting that will reimburse the City for up to \$56,056.00 for costs related to extraordinary judicial, prosecutorial, or defense related costs of resentencing/vacating the sentences of defendants whose convictions or sentences were affected by the Black decision.

Community Services:

Council member Green reported that the Committee met on October 3rd. They discussed or received update son the following:

- Downtown Association: Historical walks are happening again. They are trying to do them seasonally. The Losure Home has offered to open up their doors to walk through a home that is historical to Buckley.
- Upcoming Events: Proposals for murals for downtown businesses (updating code coming soon). Art commission discussion. Downtown Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29th. Holiday Market at the Hall on November 26th.

Council member Green stated that their next meeting is on November 7th at 4:30 PM.

Council Member Comments & Good of the Order:

Council member Arsanto wanted to respond to Council member Sundstrom's comments earlier and stated that yes he does have a day job and was working at the job site on the corner of Hwy 410 and Mundy Loss Road so he was able to speak to the owner and ask questions regarding the costs for building.

Council member Burbank shared that she understands that the Council may not always agree but she would at least expect everyone to be respectful of everyone else.

Council member Sundstrom stated that he thought the wedding venue located on Sheets Road was supposed to be closed after September 30th. He also stated that all Council took the same oath of office and referred to what he sees as a conflict of interest.

Council member Smith said he is not aware of what Council member Sundstrom is referring to and asked if he was referring to the Mayor and Sandy Burkett. Council member Sundstrom confirmed that this is what he was referring to.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

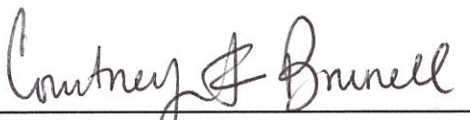
Jim Arsanto - Mr. Arsanto shared that he doesn't understand where Council member Sundstrom's comments are coming from. Several legal opinions have been received regarding this matter and it was proven that there is no conflict of interest. Mr. Arsanto shared that he had an email with a legal opinion that he would be happy to share with the entire Council.

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

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.



Mayor



City Administrator

Prepared by: Treva Percival, City Clerk