

**Minutes for the January 12, 2023, Regular meeting of the Buckholts City Council. In attendance were Mayor Terri Eaton, Council member Keith Janicek, Council member Tony Villanueva, Chief of Police Shawn Newsom, Dwaine Barton with LWWS and City Secretary Linda Hauk. Citizens in attendance were Chris Marrs**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:30p.m.**

**2. INVOCATION – Given by Council member Villanueva.**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -said by all**

**4. CITIZEN COMMENTS- none**

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Discuss/Review/Approve Minutes from the December 8, 2022, Regular meeting and December 20, 2022 Pre-Construction meeting - Motion to approve minutes was made by Council member Janicek and seconded by Council member Villanueva**

**b. Discuss/Review/Approve December Financial statements and other expenditures – Accountant Kristi Stegall was unable to attend tonight’s meeting. Janicek asked what they spent all the money for, out of the technology fund. Linda said she believed that was the camera repairs that were needed, for Town Hall, where another camera was added and the outside cameras. Motion to approve the financials was made by Council member Villanueva and seconded by Council member Janicek.**

**c. Presentation of Audit of Fiscal year ending 6-30-22, by Donald L. Allman, CPD, PC – Audit for the fiscal year ending 6-30-2022 was presented by Donald Allman. There were no questions since the accountant, Kristi Stegall was unable to make the meeting.**

**d. Discuss/Consider authorizing Buckholts VFD having a secondary online ID to have access to online banking with the understanding the BFVD can only view that account – Mayor Eaton said, what that means is, that right now their account is grouped in with our online banking account. This was due to the Grant they received for the firetruck last year because the funds came to the City of Buckholts. Now they want to be able to view their account information. What we need to do is approve this so that the bank can split the accounts. They will be able to view their account information, only, and have no access to the cities accounts. Motion to approve was made by Council member Janicek and seconded by Council member Villanueva.**

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

**WATER/SEWER – Dwaine said Bill will be here in the morning in reference to the leaking hydrant on S FM1915. The knockout on that hydrant will need to be rebuilt and put it back in. The Mayor asked that they let her know how long it will take to fix. Dwaine said we can isolate it. He said the only other thing is on that project down there they are taking out one of the manholes on that project. Where that manhole is, there are gas lines and water lines that we didn’t know existed until they started digging. They are eliminating that manhole and putting in two clean outs in that long span where we can get in the to jet lines if need be. Think Jerry sent an email with that change order. They’ve already hit that water line twice. That little bit of money we had left over on that grant, is paying for those repairs.**

**ADMINISTRATION – Linda said, just a heads up, next months agenda will have the resolution for the board member for the CTWSC. Will be nominating Chris Marrs again unless anyone has a problem with that. All agreed to nominate Chris, including Chris.**

**Mayor Eaton said that we have had three people apply that we wanted to interview for the Court clerk’s position. One of those people has already said they will not be available for that position any longer. We will be setting a meeting next week to let the Council, Judge and Chief interview. The Mayor has already spoken with those candidates.**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT – Shawn said they are working with the new apartment owners because we have some people that are not on any lease and need to be gone. Texted Mayor with some things that we’ve had here lately. Did some emergency orders of detention this past month. He doesn’t know who the new owners are, but they don’t know who’s living in those apartments. He’s addressing that and getting it taken care of.**

*Ticket count was at their average, but not above because Carlos had a medical issue and was forced to take some vacation time and stay home and heal.*

**COUNCIL** – *Tony said the only thing he has was with regard to his neighbor. Think their meter is leaking. Linda said that meter is off at this time. Told the owner they could turn the water on if needed for clean-up but to make sure and turn it off when they were through cleaning.*

**MAYOR** – *nothing to add*

**7. ADJOURN** – *With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 6:05p.m.*

**Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2023.**

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**Terri Eaton, Mayor**

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**Linda R. Hauk, City Secretary**