**Minutes for the February 9, 2023, Regular meeting of the Buckholts City Council. In attendance were Mayor Terri Eaton, Council member Keith Janicek, Council member Tony Villanueva, Accountant Kristi Stegall, Chief of Police Shawn Newsom, Bill Lawson and Dwaine Barton with LWWS and City Secretary Linda Hauk. Citizens in attendance were Chris Marrs and Kain Dodd**

1. **CALL TO ORDER –** *5:30p.m.*
2. **INVOCATION –** *Given by Chief Newsom.*
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -***said by all*
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS-** *Kain Dodd was here to give an update on the creation of the Milam County ESD No. 1. All five incorporated cities decided to let their citizen’s vote. Is on the ballot for May 6th.*
5. **ACTION ITEMS** 
   1. **Discuss/Review/Approve Minutes from the January 12, 2023, Regular meeting and January 17, 2023, Special Called meeting -** *Motion to approve minutes was made by Council member Janicek and seconded by Council member Villanueva*
   2. **Discuss/Review/Approve January Financial statements and other expenditures –***There were no questions or concerns. A motion to approve the financials was made by Council member Janicek and seconded by Council member Villanueva.*
   3. **Discuss/Review/Approve resolution nominating Chris Marrs as candidate for the election to the Board of Directors of the CTWSC –** *As Chris has been our candidate for the past several years Mayor Eaton asked if everyone was okay with the resolution nominating Chris again. A motion was made to nominate Chris Marrs by Council member Janicek and was seconded by Council member Villanueva*
   4. **Discuss/Review/Possible action on renewal of contract for water and wastewater services contract with Lawson Water and Wastewater Solutions, Inc. –** *Contract to go into effect, as far as the dollar value, on July 1st, 2023. There is a 5% increase. Going from $9135 a month to $9591.76. Hasn’t been an increase in the past two years. Motion to approve was made by Council member Janicek and seconded by Council member Villanueva.*
   5. **Discuss/Review/Approve racial profiling report –** *Chief Newsom stated report has already been done and submitted that the Council just needs to approve. A motion to approve the report was made by Council member Janicek and seconded by Council member Villanueva.*
   6. **Discuss/Review/ Approve employee compensation –**

**1.) Convene into executive session pursuant to Chapter 551.074, Tex. Gov’t code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment and duties of the City Secretary.**

**2.) Reconvene into public session and take action as appropriate on the Town Council’s discretion to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation reassignment and duties of the City Secretary**

*No action was taken in executive session. Once the Council reconvened into regular session again a decision was made to add Office Manager to the City secretary’s title. The council also decided to give the city secretary an additional 5 personal days with pay, this year only, and a raise in pay. A motion was made by Council member Janicek on those changes which was seconded by Council member Villanueva.*

1. **STAFF REPORTS**

**WATER/SEWER** *– Bill said they didn’t really have too much to report. Fixed the leak at 6th and A, where the dump truck was parked. Chief Newsom suggested that we send a letter letting him know that is City property and he can no longer park there.*

**ADMINISTRATION** *– Kristi Stegall brought up the Cornerstone invoice for the leak repair on N FM 1915. Just looking for guidance from council on paying this, since it wasn’t a budgeted expense. She will be bringing in some numbers and examples for proposed property tax rate.*

**POLICE DEPARTMENT –***Chief Newson said 182 citations for the month. Lot more call outs this month. Have a couple jury trials coming up in district court*

**COUNCIL –** *nothing to add*

**MAYOR –** *nothing to add*

1. **ADJOURN** – *With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 6:20p.m.*

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

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**Terri Eaton, Mayor Linda R. Hauk, City Secretary**