

Minutes December 12, 2024, 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, Bookkeeper/accountant Kristi Stegall, Bill Lawson and Dwaine Barton With LWWS and City Secretary Linda Hauk. Also in attendance were residents Charles Obermiller and Benjamin Button

CALL TO ORDER – 5:45p.m.

1. **INVOCATION** – *Given Mayor Terri Eaton*
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - *said by all*
3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** – *None*
4. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. **Discuss/Review/Approve Minutes from both November 14, 2024, Regular meeting** – *motion to approve was made by Mayor Terri Eaton and seconded by Council member Villanueva.*
- b. **Discuss/Review/Approve November Financial statements and other expenditures** – *With no comments or concerns a motion was made by Mayor Eaton to approve and was seconded by Council member Villanueva*
- c. **Discuss/Review/take action on water rate increase** – *After a short discussion on whether to raise rates and how much, this item was tabled until the next meeting*
- d. **Discuss/Review/Approve Resolution for lease agreement with Milam County and Motorola for portable and mobile radios** – *Chief Newsom explained that this was something that the city needed to do for the new Motorola radio system that the County Judge is proposing the County go with. Will be an annual fee. The Mayor and both Council members voted yes, approving the lease*
- e. **Discuss/Review/Approve maintenance, repairs, sale or purchase of patrol vehicles for the police department** - *Chief Newsom reported that the white charger, which is 18 years old, is not worth trying to fix anymore and has proposed to have it put up on auction, with GovDeals. Not sure what it would bring at auction. Said he knew where the city could purchase a 2017 Chevy Tahoe that just hit 100,000 miles, for \$21,500. The purchase will be from Micah Prochnow in Katy. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Council member Janicek and seconded by Council member Villanueva*

5. STAFF REPORTS –

WATER/SEWER- *Bill reported that there were some differing opinions with the contractor putting in the valves. They want to do it their way and circumvent TCEQ's regulations, and he won't let them. He can't trust them. Will tell us one thing and then do another. 24 valves are in place. South side is done. 24 more to go. Have an agreement right now. Have a quarterly water quality test, coming up Monday and they are not to turn the water off until samples are pulled. Talked to the Mayor and since they are not complying with what our requests are, the last thing he told the owner was that if they can not have the water back on by 5p.m. then they will stop work by 3p.m., for the rest of the project. They claim they can have this completed within a week.*

ADMINISTRATION- *Nothing to add*

POLICE DEPARTMENT – *Nothing to add*

COUNCIL – *nothing to add*

MAYOR – *nothing to add*

6. ADJOURN – *With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 6:54p.m.*

Signed this 9th day of January 2025.

Terri Eaton, Mayor

Linda R. Hauk, City Secretary