

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUHL, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF IDAHO,
CENSURING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AMANDA HAWKINS FOR ACTIONS AND COMMENTS MADE
DURING COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY THAT DEMONSTRATES A LACK OF
TRANSPARENCY, FAIRNESS, AND LEADERSHIP.
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME A CENSURE HAS BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL FOR COUNCIL MEMBER,
AMANDA HAWKINS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Buhl strives to provide the best services for its citizens through conservative budgeting, effective management, and constructive transparency to fulfill the obligations required of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Buhl City Council, and the city employees work on behalf of the citizens of the community to address the needs of all citizens, businesses, organizations and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buhl commits to ensuring proper fiscal responsibility for the protection of city funds and assets,

WHEREAS, the Buhl City Council represents all citizens and should not let their relationships within the community dictate their voting record.

WHEREAS, the actions of Council Member Amanda Hawkins do not represent the views of the City Council or the city employees and harm the relationships within our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BUHL AS FOLLOWS:

The Buhl City Council, on behalf of our employees, and the citizens in our community, does hereby censure and condemn Council Member Amanda Hawkins, for a second time;

1. For distributing misinformation, as displayed by her actions and statements made by a Facebook post on Buhl Chat saying "It (in reference to the pool) is most definitely a administration and management issue. I have been fighting to keep this pool open since I came on as a city council member." However, at the April 14th, 2025 meeting, Council Member Hawkins voted yes to closing the pool for the season. Teresa Robbins, city employee, has been looking for lifeguards since January, but could not get enough people to either apply or pass the pretest.
2. For her lack of preparation and knowledge during meetings, which could have catastrophic consequences for our town. At the April 14th, 2025 council meeting, Council Member Hawkins abstained from voting on the resolution urging our representatives to preserve tax exemptions on municipal bonds. However, at the April 28th, 2025 meeting, Council Member Hawkins expressed interest in refinancing the water bonds, which can only happen through those tax exemptions.
3. For not respecting the time of city employees, council, and mayor by voting one way and then wanting it changed months later. At the November 11th, 2024 council meeting, Council Member Hawkins voted yes on the updated parking ordinance 2024-8, which

restricted parking trailers on residential streets. However, at the April 28th, 2025 meeting, she proposed we change it back to what was originally unenforceable with time restrictions on trailers. She was the only one who voted yes on her proposal.

4. For her lack of fairness during public hearings. Council Member Hawkins had several questions during the November 11th, 2024 meeting to change a property from R-6 to R-16. She questioned the parking and voted no. There was one person who spoke in opposition at that meeting. However, during the May 12th, 2025 meeting, Council Member Hawkins was seen talking and being friendly with another applicant for the same zone change on their property. Council Member Hawkins did not question the parking, was given a petition where every neighbor surrounding the property signed in opposition, and was the only council member in attendance to vote yes.
5. For her lack of transparency during a public hearing by withholding “ex parte” knowledge. During the March 24th, 2025 meeting, Council Member Hawkins neglected to disclose her parents’ ownership of property within the area of impact during the discussions on water and sewer hookups within the city and area of impact. Her husband, Rusty Hawkins, spoke in opposition, even though he is within city limits. Council Member Hawkins also spoke in opposition, but did not provide any solution. Jason Scott, public works director, spoke saying Filer and Twin Falls both have this same ordinance, Buhl was just “catching up.” Council Member Hawkins was the only one on the council who voted no on this matter.

PASSED by the Buhl City Council on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Buhl, on this, _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF BUHL

By _____
Pamela McClain, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Drown, City Clerk