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Council Meeting February 10, 2015

Present

Mayor Barry Whitley
Glenn Harris
Ed Guinn
Deborah Williams
Amanzie Jenkins
Chas Gassett
Vicki Wainwright

Media Present

Taylor County News
Flint Cable TV

Invocation – Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

Old Business:

Minutes:

Motion made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Glenn Harris to approve the minutes of the January 13th Regular Council Meeting and Work Session, and the February 3rd Called Meeting. Vote was unanimous.

Award of Appreciation to Johnny Lawhorn:

Chief Jimmy Towns stated that there have been several wrecks at the red light and Mr. Lawhorn and his staff are always there to help when called. He wants everyone to know how much Mr. Lawhorn is appreciated by the City of Butler. Mayor Whitley presented Mr. Lawhorn with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the City of Butler and informed Mr. Lawhorn that he is greatly appreciated.

City Hall Lunch Closing:

Mayor Whitley announced that beginning on February 12th the administrative offices of the City of Butler will begin closing from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM for the lunch hour. He asked for a motion to approve the closing. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn made the motion for the offices to close at lunch from 12:00 to 1:00. Councilman Chas Gassett issued a 2nd. The vote was unanimous.

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TE Streetscape Project Cancellation:

Public Works Director David Windham reminded the Mayor and Council that in the February 3rd work session after some discussion it was the general consensus of the Mayor and Council to end the TE Streetscape Project. The project began around 2010 and has yet to have the funds become available through DOT. The last notice that the City of Butler received was that the funds could be let in 2021. It is the opinion of the Mayor, Council and Staff that at this time the City does not have the funds to keep paying the Engineer to keep up to date on this project. He asks the Mayor and Council for a motion to stop the project. A motion to terminate the TE Streetscape Project was made by Councilman Chas Gasset. A 2nd was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director David Windham stated that he had mentioned in the last meeting that the City will be applying for a SEARCH Grant to help pay for engineering fees and environmental studies for some infrastructure upgrades that the City is looking in to. A notice of intent to apply for the SEARCH Grant will be run in the Taylor County News for the next two weeks. This SEARCH Grant is for \$30,000.00.

The Pre- Construction meeting for the 2013 CDBG was held the morning on February 10th. The 2013 CDBG is Gloria Street sewer rehab and pump station upgrade. The negotiated price is \$442,119.00, since the original bid came in over budget. The notice to proceed (start date) is March 9, 2015 with 120 day contract period.

February LEPC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17th and everyone who can attend is invited.

Chief Jimmy Towns told the Mayor and Council that the Police Department had 272 calls in January, 62 of those were traffic stops with 43 citations written. He stated that he has recently attended the Chief's conference in Augusta and learned a lot of information. The main topic was the body cameras that will be coming into law effective in 2017. He warned the public to be aware of scams stating that the caller is with the IRS since it is tax season. He asked anyone that may receive such a call to report it to the Police Department.

He announced that he has appointed Cindy Moulton as the liaison officer to handle any media should he not be available.

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Fire Administrator Eddie Moulton stated that the new year came in with a bang with 13 calls in January. There were 3 structure fires, 3 vehicles fires, 3 grass fires, 3 vehicle accidents where 2 of those had extrications involved. He said that the past weekend the fire department had an extrication class, with 17 participants from Butler, 1 from Jones County, 1 from Taylor County, 2 from Peach County, 1 from Reynolds, and 1 from the EMS. It was a great class and he hopes that it will make everyone more efficient. He also stated that he has an LP class coming soon. He stated that he wants to thank Carl Albritton, Tony Wainwright, and Chris Wainwright for donating the cars and the help with moving the cars to the fire department. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn stated that the City should send them all Thank You letters. Mr. Moulton also said that on one of the vehicle extrications he had some firefighters out of Upson County come to assist, and on the large Albritton structure fire the Chief had come through and saw the fire and sent 6 men to help out on that fire. He said that he feels that a lot of the assistance comes from the great work of the LEPC that encourages working together. He also said that there was about 3000 feet of hose on the ground after the Albritton fire and the Sheriff's Office sent Inmates to help the firefighters load the hose up, which was a huge help.

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright stated that she would like to thank the Taylor County Historical Society for the five photos that are displayed on the wall outside of the Council Chambers. John Adams donated the photos that are old photos of various places in the City of Butler that date back to the late 1800's. She said that she is very proud of the photos.

Mayor Whitley stated that the City appreciates everything that the fire department, police department and public works department do for the City of Butler. He said that every time he thinks they have done something good they turn around and do something great. He commends them all. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn asked that the department heads communicate that to all of the guys.

Mayor Whitley asked if anyone had any further comments. If not the Mayor and Council will enter in to an Executive Session to discuss a property matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter in to executive session was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. A 2nd was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. Vote was unanimous.

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REGULAR SESSION

After a short Executive Session, Mayor and Council came back in to Regular Session.

Library Roof Bid:

The City received one bid for the metal roof on the Library and it was from Bone Construction. Public Works David Windham opened the bid. There were 2 bids included since there were no specifics included in the bid advertisement, 1 for a seamless metal roof and one for a screw down metal roof. The seamless metal roof was \$24,400. The screwed down metal roof was \$15,300. It is the decision of the Mayor and Council to go with the \$15,300 bid from Bone Construction.

SPLOST:

A discussion regarding the surplus funds from the sale of the surplus equipment and SPLOST funds was on the table. The surplus funds were to purchase a F250 for Water/Sewer Department and a F150 for the Fire Department. Since the Library now needs a roof as soon as possible, it was decided that the City would use SPLOST funds to pay for the F250 and use some of the Surplus funds to put a roof on the Library. They will take ½ the payment for the truck from Water/Sewer SPLOST and ½ the payment from Street SPLOST. The payment amount will include the purchase price of the truck, tool box and lights and other necessary items to complete the truck. A motion was made to take \$29000 out of SPLOST to purchase the complete F250, 1/2 from Water/Sewer and ½ from streets. The amount of the library roof bid will come from the surplus funds. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn made the motion and a 2nd was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Hydrant Fee:

Public Works Director David Windham presented the Mayor and Council with a rate schedule for water sales from the fire hydrants. The rate schedule is as follows:

HYDRANT WATER FEE

\$15.00 per 1000 Gallons for the first 10,000

\$10.00 per 10000 Gallons for 10,001 and up

Anything over 10,000 gallons will need to be reviewed by the Public Works Director by Application

****Anything over 100,000 Gallons can be negotiable per the Public Works Director, Mayor and Council.****

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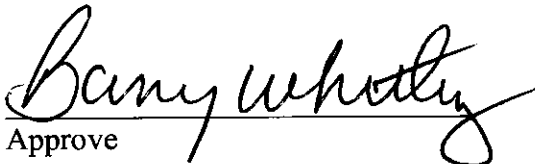
The Mayor and Council asked if this was a comparable rate and would like to check in to this a little more thoroughly but they feel that some rate structure should be implemented and if there is a reason to update or adjust the rate schedule that can be done at a later date. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn made a motion to approve the Hydrant Water Fee Schedule. A 2nd was made by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Glenn Harris said that since the City has chosen to terminate the TE Streetscape Project, he would like for everyone to think of ways to make the City of Butler look better. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn stated that the Butler Development Authority has some great ideas to help improve the City and feels they will be an asset.

Public Works Director David Windham asked the Mayor and Council to have a work session on Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 PM. He would like to discuss the USDA bond refinance/loan/grant project to go over what the scope of the project should be.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins, with a 2nd issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.


Approve


Attest