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Council Meeting
May 12, 2015

Present

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

Media Present

Taylor County News
Flint Cable TV

Invocation – Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

Old Business:

Minutes:

Motion made by Amanzie Jenkins, seconded by Chas Gasset to approve the minutes of the April 14th Regular Council meeting. The vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Intergovernmental Agreement regarding solar projects:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright presented Mayor and Council with a copy of the IGA between the Board of Education, Taylor County Board of Commissioners, the City of Butler, the City of Reynolds and the Taylor County Development Authority. The terms of the IGA divide the PILOT payments from the solar companies as follows:

BOE:	48%
TC Board of Commissioners:	40%
City of Butler:	5%
City of Reynolds:	5%
Taylor Co. Development Auth.:	2%

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn stated that the split was decided by the Taylor County Board of Education. The Board of Education hold the majority of the funds and choose to issue some of the funds to both Butler and Reynolds and to the TC Development Authority to help with infrastructure and public safety issues.

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A motion to accept the IGA and authorize the Mayor to sign the IGA was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2nd was issued by Councilwoman Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director David Windham stated that the streets that have been in need of repair have been repaired. Meadowdale and Laurel were repaired due to a sewer line repair and Sunset was repaired due to poor compaction from a previous time. There had been a waterline bust in front of the Ambulance building, which has also been repaired and concrete re-poured there. Pineview had some hole patching done during this time as well.

The 2013 CDBG is underway at this time. There are some land issues that are causing some delays but that is being addressed at this time.

The limb pick-up that had been previously planned for July has been rescheduled for May 14-15, due to the strong windstorm that came through and downed many trees and limbs. This will cause the next limb pickup to be in the Fall of the year.

Mr. Windham informed the Mayor and Council that the City currently has two tractors and only one bush-hog, which is in bad shape. He asked for approval from the Mayor and Council to purchase two new bush-hogs to cut the right-of-ways with, as well as the mowing at the LAS. He asks for \$4500.00 from SPLOST to purchase the bush-hogs. He plans to take half out of water/sewer funds and half from street funds.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to purchase two bush-hogs out of SPLOST. A 2nd was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. Councilman Glenn Harris abstained, with all others voting Yes. The motion passed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn asked Mr. Windham if the City could take an assessment of how many trees there is on City right-of-way. His desire is to get all the trees off of the right-of-way to eliminate problems with sight and limbs falling. Mr. Windham stated that the City has a very small right-of-way in Butler, and most of the problems come from trees and bushes that are on private property. He will check in to this.

Chief Jimmy Towns informed the Mayor and Council that the police department had 209 calls last month. He also stated that the Butler Police Department hosted the GOHS meeting last month and that led to three drug arrests.

Chief Towns introduced Officer Paige Johnson and commended her for the great work that she is doing since graduating from the academy in December. He stated that the

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week of May 11th-15th is law enforcement appreciation week and asked that any law enforcement officer that is seen be commended for their job.

Chief Towns said that after being asked by Mayor and Council about animal control that the staff has spoken with the City of Perry regarding assistance and/or advice. The City was told that staff from Perry would e-mail recommendations back to the Clerk, and at this time the City of Butler has not received anything. Tri-County animal control came to meet with the staff of the City as well, and recommended some ideas. He wanted to assure the Mayor and Council that the issue of animal control is being checked in to.

100 Days of Summer Heat is beginning on Memorial weekend and Chief Towns encourages everyone to buckle up, as the City of Butler police department will be enforcing seatbelts.

Chief Towns congratulated Coach Cox and the Taylor County Boys tennis team on winning the State Championship.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton stated that last month was a slow month for the fire department. Last month the fire department ran 4 calls. Firefighter 2 testing will be held on May 20th. Fireman Cody Carpenter will be having what they hope will be his last surgery on June 3rd in Atlanta and Mr. Moulton asks everyone to pray for Cody.

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright read a letter from Election Superintendent Ronnie Parker stating that as of June 30, 2015 he would be resigning as the City's Election Superintendent as he will be moving to Rome, Georgia. Ms. Wainwright stated that Mr. Parker has been a huge asset to the City of Butler. Mr. Parker will be greatly missed by the City.

Public Works David Windham said that last month several of the City's staff as well as other people participated in a NIMS 300 and 400 class. It was a success and he is now working on trying to get a four hour class for the Elected Public Officials in the near future.

Executive Session:

Motion made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams, seconded by Councilman Chas Gassett to enter into executive session to discuss property. Vote was unanimous.

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Regular Session (Continued):

A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Harris to hire Officer Crystal Houseweart as a full time officer effective May 21st, 2015. A 2nd was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Harris to pay off the 2011 Chevrolet Caprice and 2011 Ford Crown Vic. out of Special Purchase Funds. A 2nd was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to amend the minutes from April 2015 Council Meeting to state that the \$1500.00 for bullet proof vests for the police department will be paid out of SPLOST funds instead of out of Special Purchase funds. A motion was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a 2nd was issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright stated that she did not want the City to lose the Police Car Grant with USDA while the City is deciding on a police car. Councilman Glenn Harris stated that the City will be accepting the grant. Ms. Wainwright stated that to accept the grant she would need a specific car to turn in to USDA. It was decided that Councilman Harris, Chief Towns, and Eddie Moulton would meet before the week is over to decide on a car.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams, seconded by Councilman Chas Gassett to adjourn. Vote was unanimous.


Approve


Attest