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**Council Meeting  
December 08, 2015**

**Present**

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

**Media Present**

Flint Cable Television  
Taylor County News

**Invocation** – Mayor Barry Whitley

**Old Business:**

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn, seconded by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins to approve the minutes of the November 10th, 2015 council meeting and the November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Millage Rate Hearing. Vote was unanimous.

**FY 2015/2016 BUDGET ADOPTION:**

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright asked for approval of the 2015/2016 Budget Ordinance. She stated that the General Fund Budget will be as follows:

General Government	\$208,279.00
Public Safety	\$534,385.00
Public Works	\$211,700.00
Recreation	\$ 10,500.00
Public Library	\$ 36,086.00

A motion to approve was issued by Councilman Chas Gasset, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn issued a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was unanimous.

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### **ADOPTION OF UPDATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE:**

Public Works Director David Windham presented the Mayor and Council with an updated copy of the Emergency Management Ordinance and stated that nothing has really changed but that the ordinance had not been updated since Mayor Heath was in office. The Ordinance has been presented to the City Attorney and he has given his approval. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn made a motion for approval of the Emergency Management Ordinance and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

### **ENGINEER SELECTION FOR 2016 CDBG**

Public Works David Windham presented the Mayor and Council a list of six Engineers for the 2016 CDBG. After reviewing the credentials he stated that he has narrowed it down to two potential engineers, those being Carter and Sloope and Stillwater Engineers. After careful consideration he recommends to the Mayor and Council to give their approval for Carter and Sloope Engineers due to their extensive knowledge of the City of Butler's infrastructure, as well as the fact that it may be possible to resubmit the 2015 CDBG project as the 2016 CDBG project and Carter and Sloope have all of the documents regarding that project. The City Attorney David Mincey has been consulted and gives his approval of Carter and Sloope as well.

A motion to approve Carter and Sloope as the engineers for the 2016 CDBG was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Chas Gasset. The vote was unanimous.

With the engineers approved, Mr. Windham asked the Mayor and Council for approval for the Mayor to sign the documents for River Valley Regional Commission to proceed with the application for the 2016 CDBG. He asked for approval for the Mayor to sign the "Letter of Agreement" to prepare the application, the "Resolution Authorizing the Obligation of \$10,000 for Match Funds, and \$10,000 Leverage", and the "Resolution Authorizing the Filing of the Application for the 2016 CDBG". A motion to allow the Mayor to sign the documents for River Valley Regional Commission regarding the application for the 2016 CDBG was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous.

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### **LOAN PAYOFF FROM SPECIAL PURCHASE:**

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright reminded the Mayor and Council that when the Mayor and Council decided to apply for the Patrol Car Grant from the USDA there had been some discussion at that time about paying off some of the existing police car loans using Special Purchase funds. She asked the Mayor and Council for approval to pay-off the 2011 Ford Crown Vic from USDA in the amount of \$2724.00 and the 2011 Chevrolet Caprice from GMA in the amount of \$12,041.68. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Public Works Director David Windham** began by thanking everyone that was a part of the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Everyone that participated made it very successful. He announced that the final limb pick-up that had been scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> had been rescheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> due to truck problems. He reminded everyone that the holiday trash pick-up for the week of Christmas would be Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and for the week of New Years it will be Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also said that the roll-off dumpsters that are placed around the City each year will still be in the areas that they always are, in the areas near Cedar Street, Railroad Street, and on North 19. He stated that the offices will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Years. The Employee Christmas Lunch will be held December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Whitley commended the staff for their work on the Christmas program and stated that he is looking forward to next year.

**Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton** that the Fire Department ran 4 calls last month, one being a rescue that turned in to a fatality regarding a deer hunter, one accident with extrication, one smoke alarm, and one structure fire. He said that the fire department has received a grant from the Forestry Commission that is a 50/50 Grant. Hose, nozzles, chaps and foam will be purchased with this grant. He reminded everyone to be safe over the Holidays with drop cords, and Christmas lights. He also said that anyone with a real tree should remember to keep them watered to prevent a fire.

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**Chief Jimmy Towns** informed the Mayor and Council that the Police Department ran 239 incidents last month, with 113 of those being traffic stops. There was 9 domestic calls, 9 registration checks, 5 assist motorist calls, 7 theft/burglary calls, 7 accidents, and 84 other calls. He said that there had been an armed robbery in Buena Vista the previous week and the suspects were caught in Taylor County right outside of the City limits. He wants everyone, private citizens and business, to be aware of their surroundings and of suspicious people.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

With no other business the Mayor announced that he and the Council would be entering in to an Executive Session to discuss Personnel. A motion was made to enter in to Executive Session by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**REGULAR SESSION (continued)**

After a discussion in Executive Session it was decided to hire Douglas Ryan Mathis as a new police officer. A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Harris and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous and the session was adjourned.

  
Approve

  
Attest