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Council Meeting
September 08, 2015

Present

Barry Whitley – Mayor
Ed Guinn – Mayor Pro-Tem (Late)
Chas Gassett
Deborah Williams
Glenn Harris
Amanzie Jenkins
Ashley Lawhorn

Media Present

Taylor County News
Flint Cable TV

Old Business:

Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and seconded by Councilwoman Deborah Williams to approve the minutes of the August 11th council meeting. Vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Dilapidated Houses:

Attorney David Mincey stated that the City has had many houses that are in need of improvements, etc. He said that he has been working with the City since 2011 on this issue. He states that some of the properties have been taken care of, some have asked for extensions for various reasons, and some have taken no action at all. Letters were sent to the property owners in June of 2015 and thus far he has not received any response. The property owner of the restaurant on Broad Street (old bus station) has asked for an extension but nothing has been done so far. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn stated that the extension is only for a 90 day period. Peed Brothers has given the City a quote on cleaning up the old Georgia Fried Chicken building in the amount of \$30,000. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn reminded the Council that the City can not proceed to Phase 2 in the plan for the dilapidated houses until Phase 1 is complete.

Attorney Mincey stated that the City can clean up the properties, put the cost on the tax bill, and if the taxes are not paid, the property can be sold. He said that the next step is to petition the court for orders on the property.

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A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to proceed to municipal court. A 2nd was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Public Works Director David Windham:

Public Works Director David Windham told the Council that the waterline extension at the airport will get underway this week. The 2013 CDBG is about 45% complete. He also informed them that the City was not awarded the 2015 CDBG for the Northwest corner of the City, but can re-apply next year. He told them that the clearance for endangered species is being obtained for the SEARCH grant. He told them that trash pick-up for this week will be on Saturday instead of Friday due to the Labor Day Holiday. That notice was run in the paper and on Facebook. He said that if anyone calls, please remind them to place the can out the night before.

Chief of Police Jimmy Towns:

Chief Towns stated that the Police Department ran 308 calls last month, with 118 of those calls being traffic stops. 104 citations were issued. He said that Officer Crystal Houseweart has completed a three day course in Forsyth and is now a certified marijuana examiner. He said that the newest officer for the Butler Police Department is Officer Jordan Ball.

He stated that in July he had asked the Mayor and Council about purchasing new bullet proof vests with a 50/50 grant, and informed them that the Police Department has been awarded the grant and those would be ordered for all of the officers soon. He asked for everyone to pray for the law enforcement/public safety in this County with the rash of police officers who have been killed recently.

Mayor Whitley stated that he appreciated what they do and he asked them to take more precautions on stops or calls.

Fire Administrator Eddie Moulton:

Fire Administrator Eddie Moulton stated that last month the fire department ran six calls, which were two smoke alarms, one vehicle fire, 2 vehicle accidents, and one structure fire. He said that there are 9 people who will do the skills testing for Firefighter 2 this week. He announced that the fire department has received the letter regarding the ISO rating and is pleased to say that the Butler Fire Department has went to a ISO rating of 4. He said there are 48,000 fire departments in the United States and this rating puts the

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Butler Fire Department in the top 10,000. The Mayor and Council gave applause and commended them on a job well done.

Executive Session:

With no other discussion, the Mayor and Council have to enter in to an Executive Session to discuss a property issue. A motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilman Chas Gasset and a 2nd was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn from the regular September meeting was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2nd was issued by Councilwoman Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.


Bary Whitley

Approve

Vicki Wainwright

Attest