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**Council Meeting**  
**January 13, 2015**

**Present**

Barry Whitley – Mayor  
Ed Guinn- Mayor Pro-Tem  
Chas Gassett  
Amanzie Jenkins  
Vicki Wainwright

**Media Present**

Taylor County News  
Flint Cable Television

**Invocation** – Councilman Chas Gassett

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and seconded by Councilman Chas Gassett to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 council meeting. The vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appointments:**

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright read the list of 2015 Appointments. They are as follows:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Mayor Pro-Tem           | Ed Guinn                    |
| • Municipal Court Judge   | Wayne Jernigan              |
| • City Attorney           | Mincey & Mincey, LLC        |
| • Auditor                 | Abbott, Jordan, & Koon, LLC |
| • Election Superintendant | Ronnie Parker               |
| • Fire Chief              | Charles Lance               |
| • Police Chief            | Jimmy Towns                 |
| • City Clerk              | Vicki Wainwright            |
| • Public Works Director   | David Windham               |

A motion was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins to accept all of the appointments. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Chas Gassett. The vote was unanimous.

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### **Department Head Reports:**

**Public Works Director David Windham** stated that the month of December had been a quite month for the City of Butler. The well on Edgewood Drive did go down and had to have the pump, motor and pipe replaced. It is back up and in operation. He also stated that there were about 10 customers that called in during the freezing weather due to busted pipes. In December the Mayor and Council had accepted the low bid from Larry Thrift for the 2013 CDBG construction pending approval from DCA. He informed the Council that everything has been approved and the contract documents have been sent to Larry Thrift Construction. His hope is that the pre-construction meeting will be held by the end of January or first of February and that construction should begin in mid-February. He also stated that the City has begun the process for the 2015 CDBG application, which will cover an area in the north east portion of the city. It will be a sewer line infrastructure upgrade.

**Fire Administrator Eddie Moulton** stated that the fire department ran 115 calls in 2014. He announced that there will be a lot of training in the up-coming year, and that a Firefighter II class started this week and will run every Monday night for the next three months. There will be an extrication class set up for February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, an LP class on March 14<sup>th</sup>, and a flammable liquid class on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn stated that in listening in on several meetings recently regarding the solar farms that are being built around Taylor County he has learned that the panels can catch on fire and it is an electrical fire. He stated that more will be learned of the solar farms soon, but he wants to make sure that the City of Butler Fire Department is equipped to handle this. Public Works Director David Windham stated that a representative from Georgia Power will be coming to the Taylor County LEPC meeting in the next week to give some information regarding solar. He also stated that he is still trying to find out contact information on each solar farm, as it will be necessary to have this information should something happen. At this time there is no information regarding key holder, contact information or safety procedures for the solar farms. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that there needs to be a plaque on the gate with the contact information should an emergency arise.

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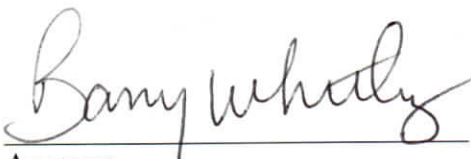
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**Police Chief Jimmy Towns** stated that there were 280 calls in December with 113 being traffic stops. There were 79 citations issued. He presented the Mayor and Council with a copy to look over of the police departments new LEOP that went into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>. He showed the Mayor and Council a letter of appreciation that the police department received from Norie and Bob Haas.

He then showed the Mayor and Council a quote for the purchase of 3 body cameras. He stated that body cameras will be required soon for all law enforcement. The body cameras will be beneficial when the officers are on domestic calls or inside someone's home where the car cameras are useless. He stated that he can purchase the three cameras for 740.00. In the future he has hopes that there may be grant funds available to help the department purchase more cameras. He asked for approval from the Mayor and Council to purchase the three cameras. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to purchase three body cameras for \$740.00. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

### **ADJOURN:**

With no further business to discuss, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins to adjourn, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Chas Gasset. The vote was unanimous. The Mayor and Council adjourned the regular meeting and the meeting was followed by a work session.

  
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Approve

  
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Attest