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**Council Meeting**  
**July 14, 2015**

**Present**

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

**Media Present**

Taylor County News  
Flint Cable TV

(Councilman Amanzie Jenkins was absent)

**Invocation** –Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

**Old Business:**

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to approve the minutes of the June 9th, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and the June 25<sup>th</sup> Called Council Meeting. Vote was unanimous.

**New Business:**

**Adoption of Temporary Zoning Change:**

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright stated that an ad has run in the paper for the past two weeks giving notice that the City of Butler is doing a temporary zoning change as follows:

Temporary Zoning Change for Current Manufactured Home Parks  
Zoned as R3; to allow NON-Resident RV living arrangements for up  
To 1 ½ Years.

This temporary zoning change was done so that employees from out of town working on the solar projects will be able to reside in the City of Butler.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilwoman Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

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**Adoption of Updated Employee Handbook:**

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright reminded the Mayor and Council that she had given them all a copy of the new updated Employee Handbook at a previous meeting, as well as emailed it to them all for review. Also for review was a disclaimer to be attached to the Police Departments LEOP to state that all policies in the LEOP and the subsequent actions and/or decisions from those policies are subject to review and approval by Mayor and Council. All of this was done with City Attorney David Mincey's advice and review. A motion to approve the handbook and disclaimer as presented was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Chas Gasset. The vote was unanimous.

**Department Head Reports:**

**Public Works Director David Windham** said that the City has scheduled another limb pick-up for Wednesday, July 22 and possibly the 23<sup>rd</sup> if necessary. This will be advertised in the newspaper. The CDBG 2013 is still being held up due to land condemnation issues.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn asked if the City could come up with a form letter to address the un-mowed lawns in the City. Public Works Director Windham stated that there are also several around town that has an abundance of trash in their yards. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that the City needs to stay on top of the blight within the City. Councilwoman Deborah Williams asked what is on the books to state that the citizens must keep their grass cut or yards clean. Mr. Guinn asked if it would be possible to hire a student to go around and make note of the addresses where the yard is in bad shape, since the City does not have the staff to do this. Chief Towns asked about the vacant homes that has yards in poor shape. Mr. Guinn stated that that issue is covered under dilapidated buildings. City Clerk Vicki Wainwright read some of the ordinances that covers some of the issues, but could find nothing that addresses mowing the grass. She will research other cities ordinances to see if she can find something that would work for Butler.

**Chief Jimmy Towns** stated that the Police Department had 269 calls last month, with 137 of them being traffic stops. 106 Citations were issued. Officer Paige Johnson completed training to become a certified marijuana examiner. He also said that on June 16<sup>th</sup> he accepted the resignation of Officer Jeff Renfro, and wanted him to know that his service to the City of Butler was appreciated. He announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Police Banquet for the City of Butler will be August 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton** said that the fire department had run 5 calls last month. He also informed the Mayor and Council that construction has started on the new office and records storage room at the fire department and will be paid for out of SPLOST as previously discussed. The City has some surplus equipment to send off to auction: a patrol car, a light plant, a bush hog, and a generator. He stated that he also has 11 breathing apparatus that he hopes to sale on Gov Deals. He asked for approval to surplus those items. A motion was made by Councilman Chas Gasset to surplus the items since they are of no value to the City. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous.

**David Windham** told the Mayor and Council that the company that had replaced all of the door locks on the Police Department and City Hall is no longer doing locksmith work. As the City has had some issues with the locks recently he has had to contact Columbus Security to address the issues. He choose Columbus Security because they were the only company that he could find that would deal with the kind of locks that the City currently has. He would like to get Columbus Security to replace the keypad locks inside City Hall and the Police Department with Commercial Grade Keypads, as the current ones are residential and are not holding up as needed. He asks for approval for Columbus Security to install commercial grade keypads for the estimated cost of \$1500.00, and to pay that out of SPLOST funds. A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Harris and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous.

### Executive Session:

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a property and a personnel issue was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

### Regular Session:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright told the Mayor and Council that USDA has requested a Called Meeting to sign the documents for the Police Car Grant. Ms. Wainwright suggests having a called meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. She also asks to have a work session immediately following the Called Meeting. She will send out emails to remind everyone.

She also stated that the Library Board is asking the Mayor and Council to appoint a new member to the board as Ms. Phyllis Heath does not want to serve another term. Mr. Guinn stated that he would ask his sister Cathy Mathis and will let the Clerk know.

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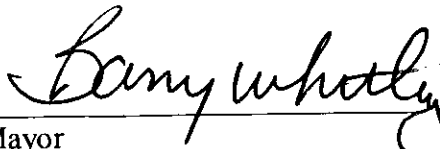
Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton stated that he did not think an official motion had been made to pay for the firehouse office and records storage room out of SPLOST funds. He asked for a motion to pay construction costs out of SPLOST funds. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn made a motion to pay for the fire department renovation out of SPLOST funds. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Chas Gasset. The vote was unanimous.

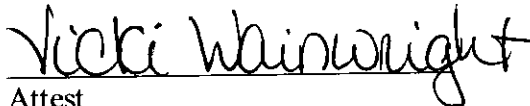
Ms. Wainwright also told the Mayor and Council that she had contacted the County Board of Elections regarding doing the City of Butler's election and was told that they do not have a certified person on staff since Ronnie Parker resigned. They are attending training but will not have it until December. She stated that she has emailed the SOS to see what their recommendation is, but the City will possibly have to contract with someone from outside the County for the November election.

The Mayor and Council was also told that months ago the DOT had sent a letter stating that the \$200,000 that they promised the city to help develop 19/96 intersection would no longer be on the table if construction had not begun by September of 2015. Since there is now talk of attempting to develop it, the DOT states that they will need the City to send them a letter to inform them of intent to proceed with development of the intersection. If they can get a letter, then the DOT feels that it would probably be held for a while longer. Before sending this letter the Mayor and Council needs to give the go ahead. The Mayor and Council all agree to send the letter to the DOT.

**Adjourn:**

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Chas Gasset issued a 2<sup>nd</sup>. The vote was unanimous.

  
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Mayor

  
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Attest