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**Council Meeting  
March 10, 2015**

**Present**

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

**Media Present**

Taylor County News

**Invocation** – Mayor Barry Whitley

**Old Business:**

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Amanzie Jenkins, seconded by Glenn Harris to approve the minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting, and the March 5<sup>th</sup> Work Session. Vote was unanimous.

*(Council Woman Deborah Williams made the statement that she was not present at the March 5<sup>th</sup> Work Session. Attorney David Mincey stated that he had recently found out that a person does not have to have been present at the meeting to vote on the minutes)*

**Budget Amendment:**

The auditors have recommended a budget amendment be adopted by the Mayor and Council for the 2013/2014 budget. Councilman Glenn Harris made a motion to amend the 2012-2013 budget as follows: A 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Acct #</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$29,500	\$60,000	100.0000.31.1310	30,500.00
Other	\$8,900	\$11,076		\$2,176.00
Licenses and Permits	\$27,650	\$35,000		\$7,350.00

Grants & Subsidies	\$0.00	\$52,762.00		\$52,762.00
Charges for Services	\$132,000	\$138,000.00		\$6,000.00
Fines & Forfeitures	\$92,800	\$142,000.00		\$49,200.00
Other Revenues	\$5,000	\$14,866.00		\$9,866.00
				\$157,854.00
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
	<b>Original</b>	<b>Amended</b>	<b>Acct #</b>	<b>Increase</b>
Retirement	\$12,600.00	\$24,651.00		\$12,051.00
Legal/Audit Fees	\$25,000.00	\$33,332.00		\$8,332.00
Dues/Subscriptions	\$12,000.00	\$17,598.00		\$5,598.00
Misc. Admin	\$500.00	\$3,434.00		\$2,934.00
Salaries/ PD	\$233,707.00	\$251,467.00		\$17,760.00
Salaries/FD	\$37,440.00	\$38,636.00		\$1,196.00
Annual Fire Reports	\$18,000.00	\$30,136.00		\$12,136.00
Building Maintenance	\$4,000.00	\$5,214.00		\$1,214.00
Fire Truck Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$8,841.00		\$6,341.00
FD Equipment Maint.	\$1,500.00	\$2,542.00		\$1,042.00
Utilities FD	\$6,500.00	\$11,464.00		\$4,964.00
Street Lights	\$52,000.00	\$63,479.00		\$11,479.00
Paving/Resurfacing	\$500.00	\$46,252.00		\$45,752.00
Sanitation Contract	\$650.00	\$27,205.00		\$26,555.00
				\$157,854.00

<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUND-TIA</b>				
<b>REVENUE</b>				
	<b>ORIGINAL</b>	<b>AMENDED</b>	<b>ACCT #</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>
TIA FUND (T-SPLOST)	\$0.00	\$42,240.00	201.0000.31.3200	\$42,240.00
				\$42,240.00
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
	<b>ORIGINAL</b>	<b>AMENDED</b>	<b>ACCT#</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>
TIA STREET EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$7,600.00	201.4200.53.1100	\$7,600.00
				\$7,600.00

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A motion to approve the budget for the TIA Fund for 2013/2014 Budget was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

**New Business:**

**Gun Range Policy and Waiver:**

In the absence of Chief Jimmy Towns, Captain Ed McCrary came before the Mayor and Council to present the general safety rules for the firing range. The Mayor and Council had previously been presented with a copy of the rules and a waiver for the gun range. Previously there had been no waiver for any members of the general population to sign, and there were no rules posted at the firing range. Chief Towns along with the City Attorney's office had worked together to come up with the rules and waiver. The general population is not to go out there unless they are attending a class held by law enforcement, at which time the waiver must be signed. A question regarding the way the policy is to read in regards to the name of the facility was asked of Attorney David Mincey. Attorney Mincey stated that his office would re-do the policy and waiver to reflect "**CITY OF BUTLER POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING FACILITY**". A motion to adopt the City of Butler Police Department Training Facility Gun Range Policy was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Council Woman Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

**Department Head Reports:**

Captain Ed McCrary informed the Mayor and Council that the Police Department had 186 incidents, of those 82 were traffic stops, of which 47 citations were written. He also said that due to the Ferguson, Missouri incidents and the need for body cameras, he is pleased to inform them that the City of Butler Police Department now has 3 body cams that will be a great benefit to the City.

He wants to congratulate Coach Troutman and the Girls Lady Vikings Basketball Team on a 31-0 Winning Season. In girls basketball history, Taylor County is the first girls basketball team to reach 11 state championships.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn stated that he would like to get Coach Troutman and the Lady Vikings to attend a meeting in which the Mayor and Council would like to present them with a resolution. The City Clerk will work on this.

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Councilman Glenn Harris stated that according to the stats given to them by the police department he noticed that domestic violence is up. Captain McCrary stated that is the case and that the body cameras would be coming in handy with this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn told the Mayor and Council and Staff that he has spoken with the Mayor of Perry and he is sending the City of Perry Police Chief and animal control personnel over to Butler to discuss with Chief Towns the stray dog issue and to see how the City of Perry may be able to help. He stated that they can do it quickly and efficiently.

Public Works Director David Windham announced that on March 26<sup>th</sup> the City of Butler will have a limb pick-up day throughout the City Limits. He said that an ad will run in the paper to let citizens know of this date. He also said that an ad for bids on baling hay at the LAS will be running for three weeks, with the last day to turn in a bid being the Friday before the April Council meeting. Bids will be opened at the April 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Councilman Glenn Harris asked Mr. Windham to send him the number of bales that was turned in last year. He would like to encourage more people to bid on the hay contract, as only one person bid last year. Mr. Windham stated that many people do not want to have to provide the liability policy that the City requires and this discourages some bidders.

Mr. Windham apologized to the Mayor and Council, as well as the public, for the areas that the City has the roads torn up to repair infrastructure. Weather (freezing temps and rain) has made repairing the road impossible, but once the weather breaks the roads will be repaired as quickly as possible.

Eddie Moulton with Butler Fire Department said the fire department had ran 6 calls in February, with 1 vehicle accident, 1 vehicle fire, 2 grass fires, 1 structure fire, and 1 service call. He announced that on March 14<sup>th</sup> there will be an LP burn in the field between the fire house and the First Baptist Church. The class will begin at 12:00, with the burn beginning about dark. March 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a flammable liquid class at the fire department. He also said that the fire department responded to a serious vehicle accident at Hwy 19 and Hwy 208 between a tractor trailer and a Honda Accord. The Tractor Trailer hit the car broad side and two people were entrapped. He feels that the extrication class that the firefighters recently had was very beneficial and made everyone much more efficient at this accident.

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Public Works Director David Windham said that April 20-24 there will be NIMS 300 and 400 classes being held at the Butler Fire Department for the Advanced Level of the Incident Management System. The City of Butler, as well as other agencies, will have personnel involved in this training, which will last all week from 8 AM until 5 PM each day.

Eddie Moulton also informed the Mayor and Council that the recently purchased old Coca Cola truck rolled Saturday to the wreck on 19/208. This truck, "Big Red", will carry the equipment that the fire department did not have room for before, allowing the equipment to be on scene instead of having to send someone back to the fire station to get more equipment if needed. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn stated that this is "life-saving time" by having the equipment on this truck.

### **Public Comments:**

Lula Mae Riley asked if there is anything that the City can do to have someone pick up all of the trash that is around various areas of the City. Public Works Director David Windham stated that the City does not have the available staff to have someone go around picking up trash, as the street department stays busy trying to keep the grass maintained. There is no dedicated staff available to pick up the trash, but when available the City will work with the Sheriff's Office to get inmates to do that. The City of Butler does not allow Community Service Workers to work unchaperoned. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn asked if the City could possibly sponsor a "City of Butler Clean Up Day", using volunteers to participate in a city wide clean up. He also stated that it may be possible to get in touch with someone that would take old cars free of charge just to get them off of people's property in order to clean their property up. He said there may be people out there that would pick up old refrigerators also. Mayor Whitley said that the City needs to pick a day to do some pre-planning on this. Ms. Riley said that down in the ditch at the railroad tracks at 137 and old 96 there is a lot of trash and it looks bad. Mayor Whitley stated that the staff would work on this, trying to come up with a plan and a date. It is possible that some of the local church youth groups may wish to participate in this as well. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that it should be called "The Lula Mae Riley Clean-Up Day".

Bernice Chatman also addressed the Mayor and Council and asked about her water bill. She stated that her bill is too high for only two people residing in the home. She said that they had had some leaks but have fixed those. The staff assured her that they would

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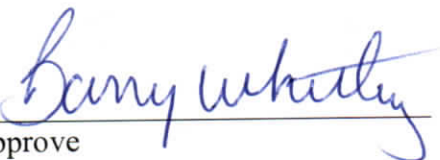
check in to this, but that there have been profiles done on this meter and every time a leak has been detected.

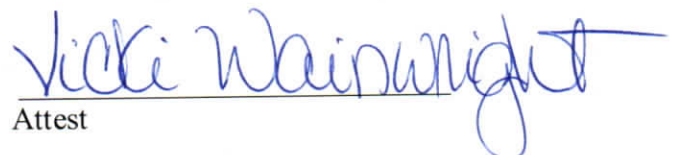
**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Harris to enter into Executive Session to discuss property. Councilman Amanzie Jenkins issued a second. The vote was unanimous.

**Adjourn:**

A motion was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a 2nd by Council Woman Deborah Williams to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

  
Approve

  
Attest