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Council Meeting
June 14, 2016

Present

Mayor Barry Whitley
Ed Guinn
Glenn Harris
Chas Gassett
Deborah Williams
Amanzie Jenkins
Ashley Lawhorn

Media Present

Taylor County News
Flint Cable TV

Invocation – Councilman Chas Gassett

Old Business:

Minutes:

Motion made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams, seconded by Councilman Glenn Harris to approve the minutes of the May 11th regular council meeting. Vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Property at 54 Hillcrest:

Pam Wilson had requested to the City Clerk to be put on the Agenda to discuss frequent traffic at an abandoned property next door to her. Ms. Wilson did not show up. Chief Towns stated that the owner of the abandoned/vacant home has put up a fence to deter trespassers.

USDA Turn-Out Gear Loan Resolution:

Eddie Moulton informed the Mayor and Council that a few months back the City of Butler had applied for a USDA Loan/Grant. Everything has been approved by USDA and the Loan Resolution must be approved by the Council to allow the Mayor and the City Clerk to be able to sign the Loan/Grant documents. A motion to adopt the resolution for the Mayor and the Clerk to be allowed to sign the loan/grant documents was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a 2nd was made by Councilman Chas Gassett. The vote was unanimous.

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MOU between City of Butler Police Department and Fort Valley State College:

Chief Towns presented the Mayor and Council with a Memorandum of Understanding between Fort Valley State and the City of Butler Police Department. This is basically a mutual aide agreement between the two entities that will be in place should an event such as the stabbing on the campus like what happened a couple of months ago. He asked the Mayor and Council to approve entering into an MOU between the City of Butler and Fort Valley State. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2nd was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director David Windham stated that the City is still working with the engineers and GEFA on the loan documents. He wants to remind everyone to keep an eye on the elderly in the community with the heat climbing. He stated that there had recently been an incident with an elderly lady that is on a fixed income that refused to turn on her air conditioner and became extremely dehydrated.

Chief Jimmy Towns stated that the police department had 457 incidents, with 250 being traffic stops, 29 domestic calls, 31 registration checks, 7 assist motorist, 6 burglary/theft, 15 alarms, and 17 accidents. 182 traffic citations were issued with 4 of those being DUI's. He reminded everyone that it is getting very hot and officers will be patrolling the parking lots. If they find any children left unattended in vehicles they will write a citation to the driver/adult. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn asked what happens if they do come across this situation. Chief Towns explained that they will remove the child/children from the vehicle and DFACS could be called if needed. He also added that once a car is cut off and sits in a parking lot the temperature can rise 20 degrees within 10 minutes.

Chief Towns also told the Mayor and Council that he has hired a new part time officer that has just graduated from South Georgia Tech's police academy. Jared Willis is from the County and has family here in Butler.

Chief Towns said that there will be a benefit ride on Saturday for the officer that was shot above the eye in Harris County. He said that a couple of officers will attend to represent Butler.

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Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the fire department had 2 structure fires, a train derailment, and 2 automobile crashes with 1 fatality. He stressed again the importance of keeping a check on the elderly in the heat, as many do not want to run their air conditioners. He also reminded everyone to stay hydrated.

Executive Session:

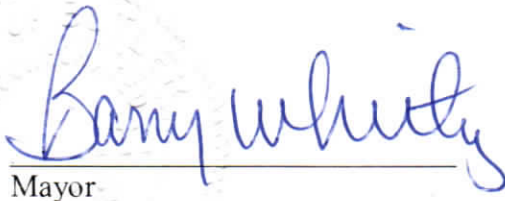
A motion to enter in to Executive Session to discuss property was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2nd was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Regular Session (continued):

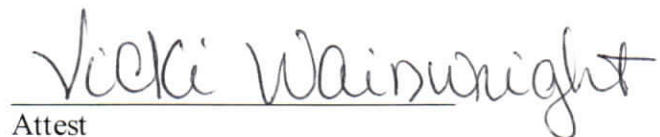
Councilman Glenn Harris informed Chief Towns that he has discussed with the Mayor and Council the issue regarding the dangerous dog in his neighborhood. With the City's hands being tied the Mayor and Council has reached out to Wesley Cannon to help with the issue. The Council asked Chief Towns to contact the Health Department to report that the dog has bitten someone and to reach out to Judge Jernigan to deem the dog a danger. The issue has to be dealt with.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams and a 2nd was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned.



Mayor



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