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Council Meeting March 08, 2016

Present

Mayor Barry Whitley
Ed Guinn
Deborah Williams
Amanzie Jenkins
Chas Gassett (Came in after Invocation)
Glenn Harris
Vicki Wainwright

Media Present

Taylor County News
Flint Cable TV

Invocation – Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

Old Business:

Minutes:

A motion made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins to adopt the minutes of the February 23rd Regular Council Meeting and the February 23rd Work Session. A 2nd was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Approval of SPLOST Purchases:

During the February 23rd Work Session the Mayor and Council along with Department Heads David Windham and Eddie Moulton had discussed purchasing a Welder and a Welder Trailer with SPLOST funds. David Windham asked the Mayor and Council for a motion to purchase the new Welder for the City in the amount of approximately \$4500.00 from water/sewer SPLOST and to purchase a welder trailer from public safety SPLOST for approximately \$2500.00. A motion was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to approve the purchases from SPLOST. A 2nd was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Wetland Protection Ordinance and Groundwater Recharge Area Protection

Ordinance Adoption:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright presented the Mayor and Council with copies of the Wetland Protection Ordinance and the Groundwater Recharge Area Protection Ordinance

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and told them that the River Valley Regional Commission requires the adoption of the ordinances. A motion to adopt both ordinances was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a 2nd was issued by Councilman Chas Gasset. The vote was unanimous.

Officer Assistance: (TABLED UNTIL NEXT MONTH PENDING FURTHER REVIEW)

Department Head Reports:

Chief Jimmy Towns said that the Police Department responded to 327 incidents last month, with 172 being traffic stops, 28 domestics, 18 registration checks, 7 assist motorists, 7 burglary/theft, 7 alarms, 4 accidents and 84 other. 112 Citations were written.

He told the Mayor and Council about a new synthetic drug that is making a move across the country that is known as Flakka or "Gravel". He stated that while attending a training class the previous week he had learned about it and it is a bad drug. He stated that he will get them more detailed information regarding this drug within the next week, but that he had just wanted to make them aware of it.

Public Works Director David Windham said that the 2013 CDBG is getting close to completion. The new lift station is up and running and the old lift station has been abandoned. He hopes to complete the punch sheet on the project within the next week. The 2015/2016 LMIG project bid opening will be March 21st. The contract documents are available in the Clerk's Office. This project is for Hollie Street and Barrow Sub Division street resurfacing.

He brought to the Mayor and Council's attention a letter that has been mailed out to the citizens of Butler as what looks like a policy that covers a person's pipes, etc for their waterlines. He stated that the letter was not mailed out by the City of Butler and that the City was not supporting the letter. There is a concern that the letter could be a scam and targeting people to send funds. There will be something put in to the newspaper to notify the public about the potential scam.

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He stated that the City is in need of a new zero-turn mower for the up-coming grass season. He asked for approval from the Mayor and Council to be able to purchase a new zero-turn from street SPLOST in the amount of about \$5100.00. A motion to purchase a new zero-turn mower from SPLOST was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins, and a 2nd was made by Councilman Chas Gassett. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Administrator Eddie Moulton stated that the fire department had run 7 calls last month. There was 1 grass fire, 1 smoke inside residence, 2 wires down, 2 vehicle accidents with one extrication. He said that the equipment truck (old coke truck) is down due to water in the oil. It is in the shop. The fire department is currently conducting the inch and a half hose testing and it is about ¾ complete at this time.

Councilman Glenn Harris asked the Council to revisit the discussion of appointing an Assistant Chief. Mayor Whitley stated that they were about to enter in to an Executive Session and would discuss that and go back in to Regular Session and vote.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Councilman Chas Gassett to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Councilman Amanzie Jenkins issued a second. The vote was unanimous. *The Council entered back into Regular Session and immediately realized that there was another issue to discuss in Executive Session, so a motion to enter back in to Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams and a 2nd was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous.*

Regular Session

Assistant Chief Position:

After a discussion in Executive Session, Councilman Amanzie Jenkins made a motion to appoint Captain Ed McCrary as the new Assistant Chief. A 2nd was issued by Councilman Chas Gassett and the vote was unanimous.

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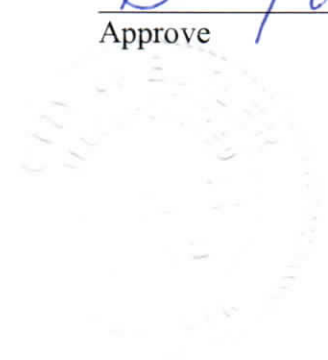
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Clerk:

As discussed in Executive Session, Mayor Whitley entertained a motion to give the Clerk a bonus for achieving her CMC status through IIMC and a pay increase to be determined by the Mayor. A motion to proceed was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2nd was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a 2nd by Councilman Glenn Harris to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.


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Approve

Vicki Wainwright

Attest