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Council Meeting
February 23, 2016

Present

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

Media Present

Taylor County News

Invocation – Mayor Barry Whitley

Old Business:

Minutes:

Motion made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins, seconded by Councilwoman Deborah Williams to approve the minutes of the January 12th Regular Council Meeting. The vote was unanimous. (Councilman Glenn Harris was absent)

New Business:

Off-Duty Officer Pay for Court (from \$20.00 to \$25.00)

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright informed the Mayor and Council that according to O.C.G.A §24-13-28 an officer that attends court any hours except for regular duty hours shall be paid a fixed rate established by the governing authority, but not less than \$25.00 per diem. Presently the City of Butler pays an off duty officer \$20.00. She requests that the Mayor and Council approve the change in pay from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per diem. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn made the motion to change the pay as requested, and a second was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Elimination of Special Purchase Fund:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright asked the Mayor and Council for permission to close the Special Purchase Fund bank account and to be able to deposit the Special Purchase Funds into the General Fund beginning in March 2016. She stated that the bank account had been opened to deposit a percentage of the fines collected on city tickets to help pay for officer training, computer equipment, surveillance equipment, drug education, testing

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supplies and maintenance, GOHS activities, and approved purchases by Mayor and Council. She said that the funds would be credited to a Special Purchase line item in the General Fund. Mayor Pro Tem Ed Guinn made the motion to close the Special Purchase Bank Account. A second was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

2014/2015 Budget Amendment:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright presented the Mayor and Council with a 2014/2015 Budget Amendment prepared by the Auditors. The adjustments were made to reflect and amend the accounts that had gone over budget as well as those accounts that were under budget. She asked the Mayor and Council to adopt the 2014/2015 Budget Amendment. Councilman Amanzie Jenkins made a motion to adopt the budget amendment as presented. A second was issued by Councilman Chas Gassett. The vote was unanimous.

2014/2015 TIA (T-SPLOST) Fund Budget Adoption:

There was never a budget adopted for the T-SPLOST Fund and per Auditor's recommendation City Clerk Vicki Wainwright asked the Mayor and Council to adopt the TIA Budget as prepared by the Auditors. Councilman Chas Gassett made the motion to adopt and a second was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director David Windham told the Mayor and Council that on the 2013 CDBG project he hopes to do a small pump test within the week and if everything goes well they will start cutting over next week and should be up and in full operation within the next three weeks. He also stated he had some things to discuss in the work session after the regular meeting.

Chief Jimmy Towns told the Mayor and Council that the Police Department had 260 calls last month with 110 of them being traffic stops. 69 citations were issued. He said the one of the patrol cars (Officer Wigand's) had hit a deer on February 18th with minimal damage. He also said he would like to thank the local banks and post office for being aware of scammers and notifying the local law enforcement when they suspect something suspicious. Chief Towns also showed the Mayor and Council a Secondary Employment sheet that he has prepared for his officers who wish to work other places part-time.

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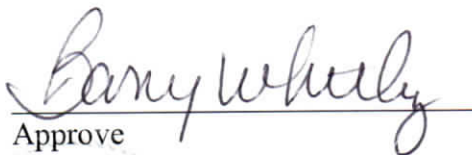
Fire Administrator Eddie Moulton said that the calls were slow this past month, with only six calls.

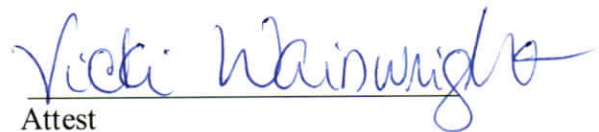
Mayor Whitley said that he would like everyone to be in prayer for Councilman Harris and his wife who had heart surgery a couple of weeks ago. He asked for continued prayers as they go through the healing process.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn asked for time out to say a prayer for everyone in the path of the severe weather that is coming during the night, and to lift up the law enforcement, EMS, and Fire Department during this severe weather. He also prayed for Glenn and Sue Harris to be lifted up in prayer.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Chas Gasset, with a 2nd issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. (A work Session was held immediately after the Regular Session.)


Approve


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