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Council Meeting October 18, 2016

Present

Barry Whitley – Mayor
Ed Guinn – Mayor Pro-Tem
Chas Gassett
Deborah Williams
Glenn Harris
Amanzie Jenkins
Vicki Wainwright

Media Present

Taylor County News

Invocation: Mayor Barry Whitley

Old Business:

Minutes:

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and seconded by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins to approve the minutes of the September 20th Regular Council Meeting and the September 29th Millage Rate Adoption Meeting. The vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Tri-County Animal Control:

Tri-County Animal Control had requested to be put on the Agenda but they did not show up.

Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director David Windham said that the final plans for the Waste Water Treatment Plant was sent to EPD last week and he hopes that we will hear back from that in the next few weeks. He also said that he had been on the phone all day with the engineers and attorney and the land needed for the project will be surveyed soon and he hopes to have further updates by the next council meeting.

He also handed out a sheet of paper with dates of holidays, office closings, Tree Lighting Ceremony and the employee Christmas lunch. The office will be closed on November 11th for Veterans Day and November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving. The annual tree lighting ceremony will be on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00. The annual employee

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Christmas lunch will be held on Friday, December 16th at 12:00. The offices will close December 23rd through the 26th for the Christmas Holidays and will also be closed on January 2nd for New Year's Day.

He stated that the City would be in contact with the Taylor County News to keep citizens updated on the trash schedule during the Holidays.

He informed the Mayor and Council that when Hurricane Matthew came up the coast of Florida and Georgia that the City of Butler was prepared to open a shelter for the evacuees thanks to the First Baptist Church in Butler, Taylor County EMA and Butler Fire Department, along with Peach County. All resources were being utilized and the Red Cross representative was extremely stretched due to the devastation on the coast. However, the Peach County Fire Chief opened two shelters that held about 600 evacuees and also loaned Taylor County cots and mattresses should the need have come about where Taylor County had to open one to hold the evacuees.

Chief Jimmy Towns told the Mayor and the Council that the police department had 224 incidents last month. 94 of those incidents were traffic stops, 28 domestic calls, 5 registration checks, 11 calls to assist motorists, 4 burglary/theft calls, 13 alarm calls, 5 accidents and 64 other incidents. There were 64 citations issued last month.

He reminded everyone that Halloween falls on a Monday this year. Trick or Treating will be held that night, October 31st, between the hours of 5:00 and 8:30. He stated that he would like to have everyone off of the streets by 8:30 as the next day is a school day.

He gave the Mayor and Council an update on Officer Houseweart. She will be having another EEG on October 27th. She has full motion in both arms and her wrists are bending at this time. Her right elbow is straight and her left arm is about 90% straight. The rods should come out of both arms in about a month and a half. She has physical therapy three times a week.

He showed the Mayor and Council a plaque and announced that the Butler Police Department placed 1st in the Governors Challenge. The award is based on stats that the

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Police Department sends in and is for a department between one to ten officers. A \$2500.00 check will also be sent to the City of Butler for the honor. There were 76 agencies competing in the Govenors Challenge. Mayor Barry Whitley commended the Butler Police Department on their accomplishment.

Fire Administrator Eddie Moulton said that the Fire Department had 10 calls last month. There were 2 vehicle accidents, 6 grass fires, 1 false alarm, and 1 vehicle fire.

He asked that the Taylor County News please run a notice encouraging citizens to be careful when attempting to burn debris. He stressed that it is extremely dry and it is very easy for a fire to start and spread. He stated that over the weekend the Fire Department had a fire that started when a farmer was harrowing his field and another where a squirrel was electrocuted and when it fell it caught the grass on fire.

He also said that the renovation at the fire department is going smoothly and is nearing completion. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn stated that the renovation looks good.

Mr. Moulton also told the Mayor and Council that he has been talking with Grant Richardson with River Valley about applying for an AFG Grant. Mr. Richardson was not sure if a Resolution is needed for this grant but Mr. Moulton asked the Council if they would make a motion allowing the Mayor to sign a Resolution for the AFG Grant if necessary.

Councilman Amanzie Jenkins made a motion to give the Mayor authority to sign the paperwork necessary for an AFG Grant prepared by the RVRC. A second was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous.

Executive Session:

Mayor Whitley stated that there were issues that needed to be discussed in Executive Session. A motion to enter in to Executive Session was made by Council Chas Gassett and a 2nd was issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. Vote was unanimous.

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Regular Meeting Continued:

Supplemental LMIG Re-Bid:

Public Works Director David Windham asked for a motion to re-bid the Supplemental LMIG. The project had previously been bid out jointly with Taylor County's Supplemental LMIG. The project includes revising Mulberry at Oak Street and signage and stripping. A motion to re-bid the Supplemental LMIG was issued by Councilwoman Deborah Williams and 2nd was issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

Light Receptacles Around Square:

Mr. Windham asked for a motion to accept the bid from Peach Electrical to change out the light receptacles around the courthouse square. The current receptacles are out dated and out of code and must be replaced per Georgia Power. The new receptacles will be on a photocell and will automatically come on at dark and go off when it is light. There will be 30 units replaced at a price of \$300.00 each, with a total for the receptacles being approximately \$9000.00. This will be paid from Street SPLOST. A motion to accept this price and proceed was made by Councilman Chas Gassett. A 2nd was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Gassett asked how far these receptacles extend. Mr. Windham stated that the receptacles are from approximately Partners Propane to Payne's Farm Supply, and from Butler Building Supply to Albritton's BP Station. He stated that the receptacles would be installed by December 1st, which is the City's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Mr. Windham also said that the City of Butler would rent the lift to do the work from, and would therefore use the lift to put up the Christmas lights once the receptacles are installed.

Date Street Ext.

A motion was made by Councilman Glenn Harris to install two septic tanks on Date Street Extension and pay for that out of Water/Sewer SPLOST. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn issued a 2nd. The vote was unanimous.

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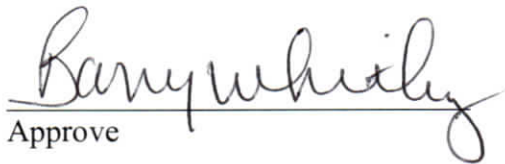
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Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn from the regular September meeting was made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams and a 2nd was issued by Councilman Chas Gasset. The vote was unanimous.


Approve


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