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### **Present**

### Media Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn Glenn Harris Chas Gassett Amanzie Jenkins Vicki Wainwright Taylor Co News Flint Cable TV

**Invocation** – Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

### **Old Business:**

### Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins to approve the minutes of the July 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting, and the July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 27th Called Council Meetings. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. Vote was unanimous.

### **New Business:**

### Millage Rate Discussion:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright told the Council that the tax digest had increased this year and she recommends that the Council roll back the millage rate from .009490 (9.49) to .009360 (9.36). She said that this rollback would still bring in a little more revenue than last year's tax base. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that it looks like the tax base will generate approximately a half of a mil more than last year, even with the rollback. Ms. Wainwright said that the actual millage rate will be adopted on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM. A motion to roll back the millage rate from 9.49 to 9.36 was made by Councilman Chas Gassett and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

### Office Closure

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright told the Council that due to the damage that was done when the Mayor's office flooded City Hall is in need of some reconstruction. The concrete pad

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at the front doors of City Hall also needs replacing. She recommends closing the office on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> for the construction to be done. The Council agreed. No motion was necessary.

### Rescheduling of September and October Council Meetings:

Ms. Wainwright informed the Council that the Council Meetings in September and October need to be rescheduled. She suggested that the September meeting be rescheduled to be September 19<sup>th</sup> due to Clerk training. She also recommended that the October meeting be rescheduled to be October 17 due to Fall Break at the school. A motion to change the dates of the September and October meetings was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was issued by Councilman Chas Gassett. The vote was unanimous.

### **Department Head Reports:**

Assistant Chief Ed McCrary stated that the Police Department reported 221 incidents for July. 64 of those were traffic stops, 31 domestics, 5 registration checks, 6 assist motorists, 9 burglaries/thefts, 8 alarm calls, and 6 accidents. 39 citations were written from those calls.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that he had heard of a dog attack in the County and asked that the police department stay on top of the dog issue within the city of Butler.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton stated that the Butler Fire Department responded to 10 calls last month. They had 1 structure fire, 1 accident with extrication, 2 other vehicle accidents, 4 service calls, 1 grass fire and 1 vehicle fire. He informed them that the fire department is working on a haz-mat simulator at the training grounds and also the tower for the training grounds and if the rain would let up it would be complete soon.

Public Works Director David Windham stated that he didn't have anything to report but he did need to go into an executive session to discuss a property and a personnel issue.

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City Clerk Vicki Wainwright reminded the Council that there is a called meeting at the Butler Fire Department on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> with the GADOT to discuss the potential round-a-bout that the DOT is proposing to go in place of the red light at 19/96.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that this is a very important issue and that any public input would be greatly appreciated. He said that public safety personnel will be there with their concerns due to the amount of traffic that comes through that area. He invited the public to attend if they wanted to. He reminded everyone that while the drivers of those vehicles are in our city/county they are our responsibility from the time they come into the city/county until they leave and it is our job to protect them and keep them safe.

### **Executive Session:**

A motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss a property issue and a personnel issue was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Councilman Chas Gassett. The motion was unanimous.

#### Adjourn:

A motion was made by Councilman Chas Gassett to adjourn and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Approve

Attest