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Present

Media Present

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

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Councilman Glenn Harris was absent.

Invocation – Mayor Barry Whitley

Old Business:

Minutes:

Motion made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Chas Harris to approve the minutes of the May 9th regular council meeting. Vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Carlos Jenkins: (No Show)

Concerned Citizens:

Teresa Windsor and Lisa Kirksey were here as part of a group that was scheduled to attend to discuss the liquor referendum. The group had rescheduled for the July meeting. They asked how close is the Council in making a decision to place a referendum on the ballet and were told that 366 registered voters for the City of Butler have to sign a petition for the Council to consider it.

Surplus Equipment:

Eddie Moulton told the Mayor and Council that the City has some old radars and generators that need to be determined to be surplus to be sold through Gov-Deals or locally. He asked the Council to approve the sale of those items. A motion to surplus those items were made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2nd was issued by Councilwoman Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

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Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director David Windham stated that the City is operating as usual with day to day activities. He said that he would like the Council and the Public to know that the paving around the Courthouse Square was not a City of Butler Project, but was a Georgia DOT Project. The City was not aware of the project until the Thursday morning before the project started on the following evening. He said that there were issues involved with that project that he would like to thank Representative Patty Bentley for her help in resolving. The contract did not include doing the striping for the parking spaces and as the City did not feel that the taxpayers of Butler should have to pay for this the City reached out to Representative Bentley for her help in getting the DOT to include the striping with the project, which they did. He said there were also issues about when the paving would be done. The City tried to inform the local business owners of the timeframe that the City had been given, but the contractors changed that and caused some issues with the businesses. He said that the City thrives off of the small businesses and does not like to see them having problems or having to cut their hours of operation because Butler does not want to lose them.

Chief Jimmy Towns said that the Police Department issued 42 Citations last month with 2 drug arrests. He also said that on May 18th Rick Wigand resigned from the Police Department. He said he would like to thank him for the seven years of service in the department.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the Butler Fire Department ran 11 calls last month. He said they worked 4 vehicle accidents, one with extrication. He also said that 2 of those were involving 18 wheelers. He announced that six firefighters completed their Firefighter 1 certification. He asked that everyone please pay attention while driving. He said that within the last few months they have had seven to nine accidents involving tractor trailers and they were not the trucks fault, but the other drivers. Distracted driving accidents are more and more common lately.

Mayor Pro Tem Guinn told Chief Towns that he would like to see the City of Butler crack down on distracted drivers. Chief Towns stated that there is a campaign going on across the country dealing with distracted driving.

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Garbage Pick-Up for the 4th will be delayed the week of the 4th due to the Independence Day Holiday. A notice will be run in the newspaper. Councilwoman Williams asked who the Citizens should contact if they have issues with their trash pick-up. Mr. Windham stated that the staff at City Hall usually inform them to call Waste Industries. If the issue is not resolved the City will work with the customer as well.

Executive Session:

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

Regular Session (continued):

A motion to open an interest bearing account for the purpose of funds for a new fire truck was made by Councilman Deborah Williams and a 2nd was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Chas Gassett and a 2nd was made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

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