

# City of Butler

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Mayor, Pro-Tem,  
Lance Bernard  
Glenn Harris  
Amanzie Jenkins  
Deborah Williams

## December 10, 2019 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

### Present:

Mayor Barry Whitley  
Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn  
Councilperson Deborah Williams  
Councilman Lance Bernard  
Councilperson Glenn Harris  
Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins  
Vicki Wainwright

### Media Present:

Taylor Co News

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Barry Whitley

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of November 12th, 2019 Regular Meeting:** A motion to approve the minutes of the November 12th, 2019 Council Meeting was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilman Lance Bernard. The vote was unanimous.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Employee Christmas Lunch:** Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that the City's Christmas Lunch for employees would be held at 12:00 PM on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Butler Fire Department.

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**Holiday Closings:** Public Works Director David Windham reminded the Mayor and Council that the City's offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holidays. He also said that the staff had requested to be allowed to take a personal day for Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn made a motion to allow the employee to take a personal day on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Councilman Lance Bernard issued a second. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Windham also informed them that the offices would be closed on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year Holiday.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Public Works Director David Windham** said that he appreciated everyone coming out to the annual Christmas Tree Lighting that was held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. He announced that the dumpsters would be placed in the usual areas for the Christmas trash overflow around December 20<sup>th</sup>. The trash cart pickup for the week of Christmas will be Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup> and the week of New Years it will be Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

The contract documents for the LMIG paving on Oak Street have been received and will now go to the attorney for review. Once the review is done and everything is fine we will have a pre-construction meeting and get things underway.

The computer upgrades have been ordered and that should be done within the next month.

**Police Chief Kain Cobb** stated that the Police Department responded to three traffic accidents, conducted 159 traffic stops and issued 100 traffic citations. They also conducted two financial thefts/burglaries investigations. There had a total of 273 incidents in November.

He stated that he has put a notice in the Taylor County News making people aware of the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance and giving the citizens until January 1<sup>st</sup> to handle their abandoned vehicle issues before the Police Department takes any action. He also said that so far they have identified about 30 locations that have violations.

He asked for a brief executive session to discuss personnel.

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Councilperson Williams said she had heard something about a request for donations for “Shop with a Cop” and she heard that the City of Reynolds and the Taylor Co. Sheriff’s Office was participating and asked if Butler is also? Chief Cobb stated that he has not heard anything regarding that. However, he shared with the Council that even though it isn’t advertised, the Butler Police Department and Butler Fire Department work together throughout the year to get donations for food so that they can provide food boxes for needy citizens for Christmas.

**Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton** said that the Butler Fire Department responded to a total of 12 calls in November. Those included 1 structure fire, 1 stove fire, 5 accidents, 3 service calls and 1 wildland fire. He also said that he has been working on setting up training for next year, starting in January.

Mayor Whitley said that the year is coming to an end and he wants everyone to have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He also said that it has been great having Councilman Lance Bernard on the Council, and said that even though he had to fill some big shoes when he replaced Councilman Gasset, he has done an excellent job.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: PERSONNEL**

A motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURN:**

With no other issues to discuss, a motion to adjourn from the Council Meeting was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Whitley

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