

## City of Butler

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Council:  
Edward Guinn  
Mayor, Pro-Tem,  
Chas Gasset  
Glenn Harris  
Amanzie Jenkins  
Deborah Williams

## July 9, 2019 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

### **Present:**

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

### **Media Present:**

Flint Cable TV  
Taylor County News

*Councilman Chas Gasset was absent*

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Barry Whitley

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on June 11, 2019 was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilman Gasset was absent)*

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Library Board Appointment:** City Clerk Vicki Wainwright asked for a motion to appoint Lisa Beavers to the Library Board. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilman Gasset was absent)*

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Public Works Director David Windham** said that the 2017 CDBG Project is still underway and that the last part of the trunk lines are being installed. Once those are tested they will start putting in the services. He said it was slow going in that area as there are quite a lot of utility services in that area that they are having to work around. He feels they are still on track to meet their target date for completion.

He said that bids are being acquired to do limb trimming throughout the City and he hopes to have those by next week.

He said that the City has had quite a few major water leaks/pipes busted and have been busy working on those. He also informed them that one of the wells went out and should be back in service tomorrow.

Mayor Whitely stated that the limbs need to be a priority, as there have been numerous citizen complaints. He said Councilman Harris had a list of streets that he wants to make sure are included in the limb trimming. Mr. Windham responded that he will have the bids to get approval on by the next meeting and informed them that it will be an expensive project. He also said that he had planned to have the project completed before school started back but it looks like it will not happen as the Council will have to give approval and they do not meet again until after school starts back. The Mayor said that a called meeting or a phone vote may have to happen so that this can get under-way. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn asked where the money would come from and was told it would come from T-SPLOST. He said that the cost could be in excess of \$30, 000. He said that it should be done every year if funds are available.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that the City has a problem with abandoned vehicles and blight. He knows of some on Forest and Pine, but knows the problems is all over the City. He stated that needs to be cleaned up. He said it is a public nuisance and a danger as a child could get into one of those vehicles and be shut up in there. He asked if we need a zoning officer? There was discussion in the past about requiring all vehicles in the yard to have valid tag and insurance or they would have to be removed, and asked what happened with that? City Clerk Vicki Wainwright said she would speak with the City Attorney regarding this issue and try to come up with an ordinance addressing the abandoned vehicles.

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**Police Chief Kain Cobb** stated that the Butler Police Department responded to 288 incidents last month. Of those incidents there were 89 citations written and 7 arrests. He said that the City of Butler Police Department conducted an armed robbery investigation that resulted in five arrests, including one juvenile. He said that the City of Butler responded to assist the City of Reynolds on July 4<sup>th</sup> on a motor vehicle accident with a train versus a car accident. There was one fatality and one injured child and he asked for everyone to keep the family of the victims in their prayers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn said he would like to make a comment. He said that it has become obvious that some people tend to put information on Facebook and in this case it was on Facebook that there was a fatality before the family had a chance to be notified. He said he asks from the Mayor on down to be very careful about what is put on Facebook. Mr. Windham stated that is the exact reason that when we have weather events, etc. we have a designated person that handles all social media or news media as is appropriate. This goes for elected officials all the way to “boots on the ground” personnel. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn said this is just a friendly reminder for all of us to be careful.

**Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton** said that the Butler Fire Department ran 15 fire calls in June. Those were one grass fire, one structure fire, three vehicle fires, five vehicle accidents with two vehicle extractions. one helicopter landing, two alarm calls and one assist EMS. He stated that having battery powered jaws of life was a huge benefit in the train/vehicle accident because of the location of where the train/car actually stopped. It saved the firemen from having to tote so much equipment down the train tracks. David Windham said that it also came in handy on a prior extrication where the crew was making entry into a vehicle from both sides. He stated that the City of Butler are very grateful for their equipment.

Councilman Glenn Harris stated that he would like to recognize Eddie Moulton, who he had to call during the 4<sup>th</sup> about a busted water line and he got it fixed.

Councilwoman Deborah Williams said that she wanted to mention that she has received a couple of calls from citizens complaining about the amount of trash left behind after the garbage carts are dumped. She was told it would be checked into.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Lula Neal of Family Connections stated that she was going to start emailing the Clerk a report each month for the Council. She also invited everyone to come out to the unveiling of the new Family Connections sign on July 30<sup>th</sup>, and to come to the Reynolds Public Library on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM where a local author will be reading her book to children.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion to enter into an executive session to discuss litigation was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilman Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilman Gassett was absent)*

**ADJOURN:**

With no other issues to discuss, a motion to adjourn from the Council Meeting was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned. *(Councilman Gassett was absent)*

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Mayor Whitley

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