

City of Butler

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

September 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
Joel Sherlock

Media Present:

Taylor Co News
Flint Cable TV

Budget Hearing: The final budget hearing was held at 6:30, prior to cancel meeting. Attending was Mayor Whitley, Councilman Amanzie Jenkins, Councilman Lance Bernard, Vicki Wainwright, David Windham, and Kain Cobb.

INVOCATION: Mayor Barry Whitley

OPENING STATEMENT: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of August 13, 2019 Regular Meeting and August 27, 2019 Work Session: A motion to approve the minutes of the August 13th and August 27th Council Meetings were made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Office Closing, October 28th: David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that the offices at City Hall will be closed on October 28th due to a server upgrade. This upgrade will mean that all computers and related software will not be available. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn to close the office on October 28th and a second was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Adoption of FY 19/20 Budget: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright presented the Mayor and Council with the Budget Ordinance for FY 2019/2020. The following funds will be appropriated out of the General Fund.

- General Government \$312,848.00
- Public Safety \$649,052.00
- Public Works \$240,600.00
- Recreation \$ 14,000.00
- Public Library \$ 32,000.00

A motion to approve the FY 19/20 Budget was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn, and a second was made by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

CDBG 2019: Public Works Director David Windham announced that the City of Butler had been awarded a 2019 CDBG in the amount of \$636,719.00.

1. A motion to accept the 2019 CDBG Grant and give the Mayor permission to sign the paperwork when received was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
2. A motion to accept and approve the contract for admin services with Grant Specialists of Georgia, Inc was made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilman Lance Bernard. The vote was unanimous.
3. A resolution to approve a Language Access Plan (LAP) was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

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Server Up-Grade (SPLOST FUNDS): David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that the cost of the necessary server upgrade is approximately \$15,000, and he asked them for approval to pay for this upgrade with SPLOST Funds. The current server does not support the needed updates of the financial software and therefore must be upgraded. A motion to pay for the upgrades to the server was made by Councilman Glenn Harris and a second was made by Councilman Lance Bernard. The vote was unanimous.

Garbage Rate Increase: Mr. Windham stated that Waste Industries has notified the City that they will implement a 3.3% increase per garbage cart, which started in August. This will increase the cost per cart by approximately .34 cents. He asked the Council for a motion to implement this increase to be passed on to the rate payer as well. A motion to increase the garbage rates by 3.3% per cart was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Water Line Re-Location (CROSSROADS SCHOOL ROAD): David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that the current waterline on Crossroads School Road is underneath the road, as it has been widened in the past. This has caused some problems and he would like to relocate the line to the backside of the shoulder. He would like to pay for this relocation with SPLOST funds. He stated that the project will cost approximately \$10,000. A motion to relocate the water line on Crossroads School Road, and to pay for that with SPLOST funds, was made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance (First Reading): The first reading of the Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance, requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn, was read by Attorney Joel Sherlock. The only changes requested was the removal of the noise violation, as the City currently has a noise ordinance. There were also some type-o's that were found and will be corrected before the next council meeting. The second and final reading will be held on October 8th during the regular council meeting.

Gerald Mixon RVRC: Mr. Mixon, with the River Valley Regional Commission, appeared before the Mayor and Council to discuss the Plan Implementation Assessment. He discussed the Local

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Government Planning and Reporting Requirements, the contents of the most recent comprehensive plan and whether or not the plan is helpful as well as what changes could make it more useful. He also discussed the Service Delivery Strategy, impacts of the regional planning on Butler and the developments of the Regional Impact. He also discussed State incentive programs.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police Chief Kain Cobb reported that the Butler Police Department responded to 245 calls last month. Among those were 98 traffic stops, with 57 citations being issued. They made six arrest last month. He said that the department is currently working with the Georgia Department of Public Health to become certified in child safety and are having a car seat class this week.

Public Works Director David Windham said that the 2017 CDBG has had the mains tested and passed. He hopes that the road repairs related to this project will be started within the next week.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton reported that the Butler Fire Department responded to 17 calls in August. He also informed them that the Butler Fire Department will be having a low angle rescue rope class the weekend of October 19th.

Council Glenn Harris reminded everyone to look in on the elderly to ensure their well-being.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn stated that he has been seeing school aged children walking the streets when they should be in school and asks everyone to be vigilant and report it if they see this.

Councilwoman Deborah Williams asked if anything could be done regarding the speed limit in town around the square. There are people parking and walking across the street trying to get to the restaurants and cars are speeding through the area.

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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 Councilwoman Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Whitley

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