

City of Butler

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

June 11, 2019 Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Present:

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

Media Present:

Flint Cable TV
Taylor County News

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

OPENING STATEMENT: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright read the opening statement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on May 14, 2019 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2nd was issued by Councilwoman Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Attorney Joel Sherlock informed the Mayor and Council that he has military duty out of the country from June 23rd thru July 12th. He stated that he will have access to e-mails, but if something comes up during this time, he recommends them to reach out to Brian Causey with his firm.

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He said that he had been asked by the Clerk to look into the rules regarding the change of the pay for the Mayor and Council. He said that he had reviewed the Charter and the Charter does allow for the Council to change the pay through an Ordinance, and not have to go through the General Assembly. The rules that govern this is just like any other ordinance. There will be a first and a second reading, however it also must be published for three weeks in the local newspaper. He stated that this will be done after he returns from his assignment. Once he gets back he will give the Mayor and Council a copy of the ordinance and that will also go into the paper for three weeks. It will be adopted on August 13th during the regular council meeting. At some point before August 13th there will have to be a called council meeting in order to have the first reading.

HOTEL/MOTEL EXCISE TAX ORDINANCE:

The first reading for the Hotel/Motel Tax Ordinance was done during the last council meeting, and he went over the changes that were made last time. On Page 3, 32-06 Commencement of Levy, it was decided at last meeting that the ordinance will go into effect on July 1, 2019. The effective date of the article, page 7, section 32-22, will be today's date if no other changes are made. In section 32-23, License Fee, that change was made to reflect that the annual license fee will be \$150.00, with it going up to \$200.00 if it is late (after Jan. 1).

With no questions or revisions, a motion to adopt the Hotel/Motel Ordinance was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Public Works Director David Windham said that the 2017 CDBG Project is about 65% to 70% complete as far as putting in the major trunk lines. They will come back around and tie all of the services into it. The 6 ½ inches of rain over the past few days has slowed things down a bit. He said that the City is currently in the bid process for the resurfacing of Oak Street. That should be out on the procurement website within the next week or so. This will be an LMIG project that has been banked for the past three years.

Police Chief Kain Cobb stated that the Butler Police Department responded to 315 incidents in the month of May. 102 traffic citations were issued. There were eleven arrests made.

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Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the Butler Fire Department ran 16 fire calls in May. Those were eight grass fires, three structure fires, one vehicle fire, three vehicle accidents, one helicopter landing, and one assist EMS. There was a highway safety class held at the Fire Department last month with 62 participants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

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 Chas Gasset. 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 Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Whitley

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