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**December 8, 2020  
Council Meeting 7:00  
ZOOM MEETING**

**Present:**

Mayor Barry Whitley  
Councilperson Deborah Williams  
Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn  
Councilman Jacob Hopkins  
Clerk Vicki Wainwright

**Media Present:**

Taylor Co News

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

**OPENING STATEMENT:** Vicki Wainwright

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of November 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting and November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Called Meeting:** A motion to approve the minutes of the November 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Session minutes and the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Called Meeting was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. (Councilperson's Glenn Harris and Amanzie Jenkins were not present)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CDBG 2021 GRANT WRITER:** Public Works Director David Windham told the Mayor and Council that the City of Butler received two bids for Grant Writer for the 2021 CDBG. His recommendation to the Mayor and Council was to accept the bid from Georgia Grant Specialists. A motion to accept the bid by Georgia Grant Specialists was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous. (Councilperson's Glenn Harris and Amanzie Jenkins were not present)

**CDBG 2021 ENGINEER:** Mr. Windham also told the Mayor and Council that he had received four bids for Engineer for the 2021 CDBG. His recommendation is to accept the bid from Carter and Sloope. A motion to accept Carter and Sloopes bid was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Councilman Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. (Councilperson's Glenn Harris and Amanzie Jenkins were not present)



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**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Public Works Director David Windham** informed the Mayor and Council that the 2019 CDBG project (Pineview and portions of Plantation and Clover) was underway.

He said that the tire recycling program that the City of Butler worked with the City of Reynolds on was a success. He said that 818 tires were collected at the Butler site. It was a great way to clean up the area and eliminate the breeding grounds for mosquitos.

The dumpsters for the Christmas Holidays will be put out on December 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be one in the Venus Street area, one in the Railroad Street/MLK area, and two in the Tower/Cedar Street area. These will remain out throughout the Holiday Season.

City Hall will be closed for the Christmas Holidays on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. They will also be closed for the New Year Holiday on Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Trash pick-up for these weeks will fall on Saturdays, instead of the normal Friday pick-up dates.

Mr. Windham said that the Office had re-opened today (December 8<sup>th</sup>) after being closed due to COVID quarantine for the past two weeks. He said that the staff are currently working on a protocol for COVID and working on being more prepared to work remotely, should the need arise again.

**Chief of Police Kain Cobb** said that for the month of November the Police Department made 79 stops. He said that with the holidays approaching thefts and burglaries were on the rise.

**Butler Fire Department** ran 10 calls last month, with four of those being vehicle accidents. Mr. Windham said that currently the fire department volunteer meetings have been cancelled due to COVID.

COVID was brought up again and Vicki Wainwright told the Mayor and Council that customers/citizens are not taking the virus seriously, as there were two customers that came into City Hall that were potentially positive. She said that the Council needs to consider closing the Office back down to customers and only allow appointments. Bills can be paid via drop box, over the phone, or online.



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It was also recommended that staff distance themselves from each other.

David Windham told the Mayor and Council that should they hear complaints about citizens not receiving their water bills, that the bills were mailed on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Post Office has told us that the bills were sent to Macon, but Macon has not sent them back to Butler yet. We are not sure what the problem is. The City will delay and/or waive the 10% penalty for December due to this issue. Vicki Wainwright said that the staff are working on being able to email the utility bills to customers, which would help those that want their bills emailed.

Councilperson Deborah Williams voiced some concerns on the difference between a regular water meter and an irrigation water meter. She has some concerns as to whether or not citizens are using the irrigation meters as intended. She asked Mr. Windham to audit this.

**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 Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned. (Councilperson's Glenn Harris and Amanzie Jenkins were not present)

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Mayor Whitley

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