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**October 13, 2020  
Council Meeting 7:00  
Butler Fire Department**

**Present:**

Mayor Barry Whitley  
Councilperson Deborah Williams  
Councilperson Glenn Harris  
Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins  
Councilman Jacob Hopkins  
Clerk Vicki Wainwright

**Media Present:**

Taylor Co News  
Flint Cable TV

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Barry Whitley

**OPENING STATEMENT:** Vicki Wainwright

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of September 8, 2020 Regular & Budget Meeting and September 14, 2020 Millage Rate Hearing:** A motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular and Budget Hearing minutes and the September 14, 2020 Millage Rate Hearing was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. (*Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn was absent*)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ron Jackson Complaint:** City Clerk Vicki Wainwright told the Mayor and Council that Mr. Ron Jackson had asked to be put on the agenda for tonight's meeting but then called today and asked Ms. Wainwright if she would relay his complaint/concern to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Wainwright said that on September 14, 2020 Mr. Jackson had applied for water services at 18 Church Street. The address did not show a meter in the system, so Ms. Shaiqueta Brown, Utility Billing Clerk, had sent David Windham, Public Works Director, to the address to see if there was a meter there or not. When Mr. Windham went to the property he saw that a small building had been moved onto the property and the



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building was a building that had been used several times as a restaurant. Due to the position of the building on the property and the knowledge that that building had been a restaurant in the past, Mr. Windham contacted Rex Robinson at the Zoning Office at Taylor County Board of Commissioners. He asked Mr. Robinson if that building was going to be used as a restaurant so that the City would know whether to charge commercial or residential rates and also if a grease trap needed to be installed. Mr. Robinson had no knowledge of any building so he contacted Mr. Jackson. According to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Robinson told him that he did not know why the City had contacted him and that business was not usually done that way. Mr. Jackson then called City Hall and told Ms. Brown to tear up his application because the County said that the City did not want to provide water. When Ms. Brown informed Ms. Wainwright of this she was told not to do anything until Mr. Windham came into the office so that we could have the whole story. When Mr. Windham came back into the office he said that he was only trying to see if Mr. Jackson planned to put a restaurant there, and that he had also noticed that the building was already connected to sewer.

On Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> Mr. Jackson called City Hall to ask to be put on the agenda for October. Ms. Wainwright asked if there was anything that she could help him with and he went into details about the issue. Ms. Wainwright assured Mr. Jackson that there was no issue with him having water, that the City just wanted to know if the building would be a restaurant because if so a grease trap would need to be installed. He told her that he had restaurants and he knew what needed to be done, but the building was not going to be a restaurant. He then told Ms. Wainwright that he did not need water from the City because he had a well.

The Council listened to the issue but did not see any issue with the way things were done.

**Tiffany Gibson, Complaint:** Ms. Gibson did not show up for the meeting.

**Flint Area Housing Authority Appointment:** Ms. Wainwright stated that it was time to re-appoint a Commissioner to the Housing Authority Board. She said that Angela Lance currently holds that position and she is willing to serve another term (5 years). A motion to re-appoint Angela Lance to the Housing Authority Board was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and a second was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. *(Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn was absent)*



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**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Public Works Director David Windham** informed the Mayor and Council that Ocicle Ogburn had knee surgery on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. He said that due to this the City is running behind on grass cutting but are working hard to get caught up. He said that the 2019 CDBG construction had started within the past week. He also informed them that the notice for bids for the 2020 LMIG project has been put out on the Georgia Procurement Registry and in the local newspaper. This LMIG is for resurfacing of Walnut Street and a short surface of Georgia Road. He said that the lot at the corner of Hwy 19 and Edgewood has been cleaned up and the hole has been filled in. He said that he had a personnel issue to discuss in Executive Session.

**Chief of Police Kain Cobb** said that for the month of September the Police Department had a total of 52 incidents, with 2 arrests. He said that the city had received a grant from the Georgia Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$7672.00 for two laptops and seven printers. He informed the Mayor and Council that Municipal Court for October would be the final court for the year. The next court will be held in January.

**Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton** said that the Fire Department ran 8 calls in September. He also informed the Mayor and Council that some training has resumed after being put on hold due to Covid-19.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. *(Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn was absent)*

**ADJOURN:**

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

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Mayor Whitley

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Attest

