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**November 10, 2020  
Council Meeting 7:00  
Butler Fire Department**

**Present:**

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

**Media Present:**

Taylor Co News  
Flint Cable TV

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

**OPENING STATEMENT:** Vicki Wainwright

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of October 13, 2020 Regular & Work Session Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Regular Work Session minutes was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DOT List of Roads for Radar:** City Clerk Vicki Wainwright told the Mayor and Council she needed Mayor and Council approval for DOT for the list of roads that the city is permitted to run radar on. The list has not changed from the previous year. A motion to approve the list as presented was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and a second was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

**Private Security Work for Police Department Discussion:** Chief Kain Cobb said that there have been some questions raised regarding the police officers working private security detail due to an officer hitting a deer while off duty but while returning home from a private security detail in a city patrol car. Questions have been asked if officers are allowed to drive the city patrol car and wear city issued uniforms to a private security event. The current policy, which was adopted in 2015, allows City of Butler officers to do this within Taylor County. He said that some of these details include Georgia Center for Youth, the Boondocks mud park, and the Silver Dollar Raceway.



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Chief Cobb said that under Georgia law the Officer must have approval from him before they can work a part-time job. City Clerk Vicki Wainwright stated that they she had sent out a mass email to all the Clerks in Georgia as well as all the City Managers asking how this situation was handled. She said that it was about 50/50 as to if agencies allow their officers to drive their patrol vehicles and use their equipment and uniform. She had also reached out to the Worker's Comp Insurance Company for Butler and asked how they viewed it and was told that it was up to the agency. She also said that the Attorney is working on a "Hold Harmless Agreement" for the employee to sign. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn said that he feels that when available the City needs to have a copy of the person/persons Certificate of Insurance for the event. The Mayor and Council feel that the policy as it is will stand as long as it is limited to the Taylor County area, in order for Taylor County to stay safe. The Clerk will check with the Auto Insurance carrier to see if there may be any issues there.

Mayor Whitley asked Chief Cobb to discuss the issue with the two wrecked patrol cars. An issue has come up with Ray's Body Shop owner calling the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem and stating that the adjuster had told him that the City has two wrecked cars and he wants to be allowed to repair at least one of them. Chief Cobb said that he had taken the first one to Ray's Body Shop to get a quote to see how much it would be because if the damage wasn't too bad then the City would not have to file it on the insurance, as he knew Ray's Auto Shop had some wrecked cars that may have the parts needed for Butler. Ms. Wainwright explained that the City's practice is to use the repair/body shop inside the City Limits of Butler as that business pays city taxes. She said that since Mr. Teinkien had reached out to the Mayor and a Council Member it was felt that the decision on who repairs the cars should be a council decision. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn said that the City could not place both cars in the shop at the same time. A short conversation regarding the cost of the repairs was discussed, with the Mayor breaking in and stating that the issue isn't regarding the cost, the issue is who the City wants to use for the repairs. Does the City follow the normal practice of using a Butler repair shop or does the City want to change that because someone else has called wanting to repair one? Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that businesses in Butler pay taxes in Butler, and as long as they can serve the need, then the City should use them. If a situation arises where a Butler business cannot serve the need, then the City of Butler can go outside the City. He said that citizens watch that closely and will call if they see the City is not using local. Councilman Hopkins said he thinks the City should stay consistent and follow the practice of using Butler businesses when possible. Councilperson Williams said that is how Butler has done this for years.



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It was decided that the City of Butler would follow the same practice as it has always followed, which is to use local Butler businesses when possible.

### 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) should get underway within the next week. He said that the Reynolds and Butler Tire Recycle event would be held Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Fire House in Butler and at the Treatment Plant in Reynolds. The person bringing in the tires must live in Taylor County, the tire can be up to a semi-truck tire, and the tire cannot be on a rim. He said that the bid opening for the 2020 LMIG (resurfacing of Walnut and Georgia Roads) will be held at City Hall at 2:00 PM on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. He said that the Mayor and Council would need to have a ZOOM Called Council Meeting on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> to accept the bid. (The Clerk is in training, which is why it will be a ZOOM meeting) He informed them that City Hall would be closed on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day and closed on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Holidays. If anyone is around tomorrow (Veteran's Day) there will be a parade leaving from the Baptist Church, going around to the nursing home and the assisted living facility and ending at the school. A trash pick-up schedule will be run in the Taylor County News. He also informed them that the City staff has been working with the Taylor County Chamber and the Reynolds Ramblers (Reynolds Mayor Butch Turner) to have a City Wide Clean-up Day. The date has not been decided but a January date is in the works. The City will have a Virtual Christmas Tree Lighting on December 1, 2020 at 6:30. Ashley Lawhorn is working on an activity to follow up on this. The City of Butler Employee Christmas Lunch will be held on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon at the fire department. This lunch is just for employees and Mayor and Council.

Councilman Jenkins asked how the Land Application System hay/grass is coming along? Mr. Windham stated that it had been treated mid-summer and samples are being taken, but he feels that it will take another year to get the levels right. The City is currently working on the buffer zones where the beetles had killed the trees and will plant new trees on the buffer.



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**Chief of Police Kain Cobb** said that for the month of October the Police Department responded to 190 reported incidents. There were 72 traffic stops with 43 citations being written. The department is in the process of transferring Dakota Windham from a part-time officer to a full-time officer.

**Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton** said that the Fire Department ran 12 calls in October. Those were one structure fire, four grass fires, one fire alarm call, one service call, one helicopter landing, one vehicle fire, two vehicle accidents, and one wires down call.

Mayor Whitley asked about the roll off dumpsters for the Holidays and was told that the Public Works Department of the City of Butler and the Taylor County Roads and Bridges Department are working on that and he will know locations at the next meeting.

**ADJOURN:**

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

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Mayor Whitley

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Attest

