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## January 12, 2021 Council Meeting @7:00 PM ZOOM MEETING

### PRESENT

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

### MEDIA PRESENT

Taylor County News

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Barry Whitley

**OPENING STATEMENT:** City Clerk Vicki Wainwright

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Approval of the December 8th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting:**

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Adoption of 457b Resolution:** City Clerk Vicki Wainwright read the Resolution for Adoption of Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. She explained to the Mayor and Council that the 457B plan is similar to the private sector 401K plan and this will allow the City of Butler employees to pay into this plan via payroll deduction. She explained that there is no cost to the City unless the City chooses to contribute or match a percentage at a later time. The Council expressed a desire to be able to do so in the next budget.



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A motion to adopt the 457 Resolution was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

**Public Works Director David Windham** said that the 2019 CDBG is underway but the work is slow due to the weather and the holidays. This CDBG covers areas around Pineview, Timber Lane, and Clover. He said that there were storms that moved through the County on New Years and there was some damage in the northern part of the County. He also informed everyone that the COVID 19 Vaccine is available for law enforcement and first responders and the City has had about five people get theirs at this time.

**Police Chief Kain Cobb** said that December was a busy time for the Police Department. He also said that the Railroad and DOT have been working on the railroad crossings on Hwy 19 North and South. Everything has been going smoothly. He informed the Mayor and Council that the City is exploring alternative methods for holding Municipal Court and have been examining the best way to have virtual court. He told them that five teenagers ran away from the Georgia Center Sunday night and stole a tractor with a hay spear on it from the LAS plant and drove it four miles up Hwy 137 and left it in the wrong lane in on-coming traffic and then broke into a home nearby. All five were captured by local law enforcement. Sheriff Watson and Chief Cobb have had conversations with the Georgia Center trying to come up with a plan to keep the teens inside the fence before someone gets hurt. The Sheriff has contacted the Governors Office along with other officials. He said that the Georgia Center has an obligation to the community to keep those kids inside that facility.

**Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton** said that the Butler Fire Department ran 12 calls in December. Those calls were 4 traffic accidents, 2 gas odor calls, 3 structure fires, 1 wires down, and 1 alarm call. He said that all training at the fire department is on hold due to COVID 19. He also said that at this time no one is allowed to use the fire house for events due to COVID 19.

Councilperson Williams asked Mr. Windham to email her a copy of all irrigation meters. She also told Chief Cobb that she had received compliments on the police officers and how they handled traffic during a local election/voter parade.



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**EXECUTIVE** (Optional) Not Called For

**ADJOURN:** With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor Barry Whitley

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ATTEST

