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March 9, 2021 Council Meeting @7:00 PM Butler Fire Department

PRESENT

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

MEDIA PRESENT

Taylor County News
Flint Cable TV

INVOCATION: Mayor Barry Whitley

OPENING STATEMENT: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the February 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting & Work Session:

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and Work Session was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilman Glenn Harris was absent*)

NEW BUSINESS:

Revision of Service Delivery Strategy: Gerald Mixon of the River Valley Regional Commission came before the Mayor and Council to explain that the City of Butler has expressed a desire to include housing in the 2021 CDBG Application. Housing is not currently included in the Service Delivery Strategy Plan because historically local governments have not been allowed to go onto private property to bring private homes up to code. Now that grant funds allow for neighborhood revitalization, housing must be included in the SDS in order for the grant application to be considered. He said that all three jurisdictions must sign the SDS revision. He has already taken this before the Taylor County Board of Commissioners and the City of



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Reynolds Mayor and Council and they both have approved the revision. Mr. Mixon also said that currently there is no need to revise the Comprehensive Plan. A motion to approve and adopt the revision to the Service Delivery Strategy was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilperson Glenn Harris was absent*)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that the 2019 CDBG project is currently waiting on a change order to be approved.

He announced that the City of Butler is currently getting ready to offer e-billing to customers where they can get their water bills emailed to them. The hope is that this will eliminate some of the issues with people not receiving their water bills via the post office/mail carrier.

The City of Butler will soon be moving forward in offering an APP where customers can view and pay their bill. This project is about 6 weeks out from going live.

He said that the City is currently working to clean up the trash on the side of the streets, as well as illegal dumping areas. He said that recently staff picked up from Highway 19 to Tower Street and picked up four bags of trash. He encouraged communities to keep their neighborhoods clean. He said that he hopes that around the first of April that the City will be able to offer a couple of roll-off dumpsters briefly in order for citizens to dump their yard debris and/or furniture and large items. A notice will be run in the Taylor County News.

Mr. Windham said that City Hall will open back up to the public on March 15th.

Police Chief Kain Cobb said that the Police Department is working with the Public Works Department on helping clean up the trash in the neighborhoods. He said that cameras have been put up in places where illegal dumping has been going on, and if a person or persons are caught, a \$500.00 fine will be enforced. He also said that littering fines will be enforced as well, and that the Judge could order the litterer to pick up trash around the City of Butler.



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Chief Cobb said that the Butler Police Department had 84 Traffic Stops last month, as well as twenty domestic calls and one theft.

The Police Department assisted the Butler Fire Department with helping the Taylor County Family Services with the Food Bank that was held at the Butler Fire Department in February.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the Butler Fire Department ran 4 calls in February. Those were 3 structure fires and 1 fire alarm.

The Butler Fire Department hosted an extrication class in February and had attendance from firefighters all over the state. The Butler Fire Department had 17 firefighters attending the class.

Mr. Moulton also encouraged folks to help keep their communities clean.

Councilperson Deborah Williams said that she had been asked to relay appreciation from the Taylor County Family Services to the Fire Department and the Police Department for their help with the Food Drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Whitley announced that an Executive Session to discuss personnel was needed. A motion to enter into an Executive Session was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The motion was unanimous. *(Councilperson Glenn Harris was absent)*

ADJOURN: With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Council Person Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned. *(Councilperson Glenn Harris was absent and Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn has already left the meeting.)*

Mayor Barry Whitley

ATTEST

