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November 9, 2021
Council Meeting @7:00 PM
Council Chambers

PRESENT

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

MEDIA PRESENT

Taylor County News

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the October 12th Regular Council Meeting and the October 12th Work Session Minutes:

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the October 12th Regular Session and Work Session Minutes was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Granicus Agenda and Meeting Software: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright reminded the Mayor and Council that it had been addressed in last month's meeting that the City was in need of acquiring software for agenda and meeting management to help streamline the process, implement the steady use of the City IPADS, and cut down on paper. She said that she would like to purchase software from Granicus and use SPLOST funds to pay for it. She said that the cost would be approximately \$3500.00 per year. A motion to approve the purchase of the software with SPLOST funds was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.

Purchase of Police Car Cameras and Body Cams: Chief Matthew Woodard informed the Council that in last month's meeting it had been discussed that the City will need to purchase new patrol car cameras and patrol body cams in order to keep up with updated technology. A quote had been received from two companies and the City feels that the best fit for them would be with WatchGuard, a Motorola company. He said that he would like to use SPLOST funds to purchase the needed cameras. A motion to approve the purchase of the new cameras with SPLOST funds was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director David Windham reminded that the City will observe Veterans Day Holiday on Friday, November 12th instead to Thursday, November 11th to allow staff to have a three day weekend. He said that the City of Butler would be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. He also announced that the City of Butler annual tree lighting and marketplace event will be held on Tuesday, November 30th on the Courthouse Square at 6:00 PM.

He told the Mayor and Council that he, along with Mayor Whitley and Vicki Wainwright, had attended the DCA Award ceremony earlier in the day in Perry, where the City of Butler was presented their big check for \$1,000,000 for the 2021 CDBG. This project will cover some housing, drainage, water, sewer, and street rehab in the Venus/Gloria Street area. It should get started in the summer of 2022.



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Mr. Windham also informed the Mayor and Council that the City of Butler maintained their ISO rating of a Class 4.

Chief Matthew Woodard said that the Butler Police Department ran 133 calls in October and issued 68 citations. He said that the officers have been attending various trainings in Forsyth during October, as well as having a firearms qualification at the Butler Firing Range.

He informed the Mayor and Council that he would be hiring a new officer part-time that already has experience, with plans to move him up to full time soon.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the Fire Department ran fourteen calls in October.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: With nothing further to discuss in Regular Session, Mayor Whitley asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins and a second was issued by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.

Regular Session (Continued): Coming back into regular session from the Executive Session, Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins asked about getting with Georgia Power to have a new street light placed on Railroad Street due to children having to wait in the dark in the mornings for the bus. Mr. Windham said that he was aware of the situation and would get with Georgia Power.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins and a second by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

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ATTEST



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