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August 12, 2021
Council Meeting @7:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
FY 21/22 Budget Public Hearing 6:45 PM

PRESENT

Councilperson Glenn Harris
Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn
Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins
Councilperson Jacob Hopkins
Vicki Wainwright
Attorney Jack Nichols

***Mayor Barry Whitley and Councilmember Deborah Williams was absent)*

MEDIA PRESENT

Taylor County New
Flint Cable TV

INVOCATION: Councilmember Jacob Hopkins

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the July 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and Work Session Minutes

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and Work Session was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. *(Mayor Barry Whitley and Councilmember Deborah Williams was absent)*



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NEW BUSINESS:

2021/2022 Budget Ordinance: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright read the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and asked for approval to adopt the proposed budget. Appropriated from the General Fund is as follows:

General Government:	\$308,552.00
Public Safety	\$685,824.00
Public Works	\$225,094.00
Recreation:	\$ 14,000.00
Public Library	\$ 28,000.00

A motion to approve the FY 2021/2022 Budget was made by Councilmember Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilmember Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. (*Mayor Barry Whitley and Councilmember Deborah Williams was absent*)

Citation Fee Increase: Police Chief Matthew Woodard requested that a \$25.00 increase to all citations be added to cover court related expenses (court cost). Councilmember Glenn Harris made a motion to approve and a second was made by Councilmember Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. (*Mayor Barry Whitley and Councilmember Deborah Williams was absent*)

Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Zoning Administrator Ashley Lawhorn told the Council that there have been a couple of inquiries regarding campgrounds being allowed in the City of Butler. After reviewing the zoning ordinance the staff realized that there are no stipulations covering a camp ground. It has been determined that the Zoning Ordinance needs to be amended to reflect that campgrounds are a "conditional use" so that the City of Butler can give guidelines and stipulations to the owner(s) of a proposed camp ground. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn said that previously it had been discussed that there would be a time limit on the length of time a camper could be parked in a campground, and Ms. Lawhorn stated that this is one of the reasons that the City is requesting to amend the ordinance, so that that a camp ground falls under a conditional



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use. Attorney Jack Nichols agreed this is what needs to be done regarding the zoning ordinance amendment.

The amendment to the zoning ordinance would amend:

Art. V, 2 shall be amended so as to change "Parks, Campgrounds, Campsites, and Primitive Campsites" under the land use category of "Recreation Amusement and Entertainment" on page 60 of the Zoning Ordinance from a Permitted use in General Commercial (GC) zoning districts to a Conditional Use.

Art. V, 2 shall be amended so as to (1) make "Travel Trailer Park/RV Campground" under the land use category of "Miscellaneous Rooms for Rent" on Page 61 of the Zoning Ordinance a Conditional (C) use in General Commercial (GC) zoning districts; and (2) delete the three asterisks (***) after the "Travel Trailer Park /RV Campground" listing on page 60 of the Zoning Ordinance.

A motion to adopt the amendment as stated was made by Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. *(Mayor Barry Whitley and Councilmember Deborah Williams was absent)*

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Matthew Woodard said that the Butler Police Department ran 112 calls last month and issued 88 citations. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn said that he had an observation that the answered calls in regards to the number of citations written, things in some cases do not seem proportional. He further clarified that one officer did not issue as many citations as seemed proportional to the number of citations written. Chief Woodard stated that this is a problem that he has addressed.



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Public Works Director David Windham expressed a big congratulations to the Taylor County Recreation 10U and 12U on going to the World Series. He said that the players, families, and coaches that supported all deserve congratulations.

He also said that the COVID numbers are on the rise again and the hospitals are all getting full quickly. He said that he and other department heads plan to meet with other County and City of Reynolds officials to come up with a plan to address the rise in numbers county wide, and how we all plan to operate. He said that he personally is afraid that things could be worse than was seen last time.

He also said that Tropical Storm Fred could impact our region by Monday or Tuesday of next week and as always will be monitoring the situation. He said that the City will be as prepared as possible in the event of a disaster.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that he hopes that the COVID meeting goes well, and it is his wish that as one does, we all do; relating to COVID protocols established. He said that he understands that there will be some give and take, but all entities should work together. Mr. Windham said that COVID is in some of the staff around Taylor County and it is going to be an elected officials decision as to if you want to take the risk by leaving the lobby doors open and taking the risk of letting the virus run through the staff and have to close down completely or to lock the doors and let your staff operate, but close the lobby to the public to protect staff and citizens. Mr. Guinn said that his suggestion would be for the department heads to do what is best, as they are the ones on top of it every day. City Clerk Vicki Wainwright said that her major concern was the fact that Qualifying is Tuesday thru Thursday of next week, but she plans to put a sign on the door notifying potential qualifiers to call to be allowed into the lobby.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the Fire Department ran thirteen calls last month. Those include eight vehicle accidents, three electrical fires, one vehicle fires, and one train fire. He said of those eight vehicle accidents, three were eighteen wheelers. He said those seem to be increasing. He said that on scene they are trying to keep everyone masked and keep them apart and they are doing the best they can. They are taking precautions.



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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. *(Mayor Barry Whitley and Councilmember Deborah Williams was absent)*

Mayor Barry Whitley

ATTEST

