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April 12, 2022
Council Meeting @7:00 PM
Council Chambers

PRESENT

Mayor Barry Whitley
Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn
Councilperson Jacob Hopkins
Councilperson Deborah Williams
Ashley Lawhorn
(Councilperson Glenn Harris and Councilperson Rodrick Flowers were absent)

MEDIA PRESENT

INVOCATION: Mayor Barry Whitley

OPENING STATEMENT: Ashley Lawhorn

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the March 8, 2022 Regular Council Meeting and Work Session Minutes:

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 Regular Session Minutes and Work Session Minutes was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Glenn Harris and Councilperson Rodrick Flowers were absent)*



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RESOLUTION: Safety Coordinator:

Deputy Clerk Ashley Lawhorn explained to the Mayor and Council that the City's Risk Management Insurance has recommended that the City of Butler implement the role of Safety Coordinator. This process should help with the insurance rates in the future. She asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Eddie Moulton explained that the insurance rep had met with the department heads a few months ago and recommended several things the city could do to help with risk management and this is one of those tasks. Eddie Moulton will be the Safety Coordinator for the City of Butler, and the department heads would be the "Safety Committee". A motion to adopt the Safety Coordinator Resolution was made by Councilperson Jake Hopkins and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. .
(Councilperson Glenn Harris and Councilperson Rodrick Flowers were absent)

RESOLUTION: Certified City of Ethics:

Ashley Lawhorn asked for a motion to adopt the resolution to make Butler a Certified City of Ethics. Councilwoman Deborah Williams asked wasn't Butler already a Certified City of Ethics, and was told that Butler is a certified City of Ethics, but since it has been such a long time since it became that, this is an update. ***The City will pledge to Serve others, not themselves; Use resources with efficiency and economy; Treat all people fairly; Use the power of the position for the well being of the constituents; and create an environment of honesty, openness, and integrity.*** A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Glenn Harris and Councilperson Rodrick Flowers were absent)*

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director David Windham said that the City is getting ready to start spraying sidewalks and just working on day to day projects. He said that the well near the school had to be shut down in order to have the pump replaced and the well head has to be raised up from 7 inches to 12 inches to meet the EPD's recommendations. Mr. Windham reminded everyone that the Office will be closed on Friday, April 15th for Good Friday. He also thanked the City for allowing him to serve in his other role as Taylor County EMA Director, especially during the storms from the previous week. It has been confirmed that two EF1 tornados touched down in Taylor County during that time. One was in Mauk area around 2:30 PM, and it had a length of



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2.1 miles and 150 yards wide with estimated peak winds at 100 mph. At approximately 2:50 PM, a second tornado touched down in the north-east part of the county in the Crowell/Fickling Mill area, that was 7.3 miles long and 300 yards wide with peak wind speeds of 105 mph. It is estimated that approximately 22 residential structures were damaged or destroyed.

Officer Chris Parker) said that even though the past weekend there was a Boondocks event, the City of Butler was relatively quiet. He said that the only big event recently was the shooting that happened on Ridge Street, and that was an aggravated assault. All officers were called in and the young man who was the alleged shooter was located in Warner Robins the next morning. He was armed when located, but was taken into custody without incident, allowing him to be taken off the street. He said he feels that a lot of the issues going on in that area should now be calmed down. He also said that the Butler Police Department is being vigilant with traffic, trying to keep things slowed down within the City.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the Butler Fire Department responded to 32 fire calls last month. Those were 14 grass fires, 6 traffic accidents, 4 alarm calls, 2 EMS Lift assists, 4 Structure Fires, 1 wires down, and 1 vehicle fire. He said that all training is back on schedule now. He said that they are having some bathroom work done at the fire department (stalls, etc) and would like approval to spend \$4900.00 from SPLOST funds. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins to spend \$4900.00 from SPLOST. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilperson Glenn Harris and Councilperson Rodrick Flowers were absent*)

Councilperson Williams asked if Attorney Nichols had gotten back with the City regarding the dilapidated/abandoned property. Mayor Whitley said that would be discussed when Ms. Wainwright was back from vacation. Willie Searcy said that he has complaints about burned down homes in his area and asked what could be done because he has a place he tries to take care of, but others don't. It concerns him and others because they are trying to do the best they can to be good citizens of Butler. He asks what can be done about it? He said another complaint he has is trash. He wants the City to look good. He said Cedar Street is one of the main streets that has a terrible trash problem. He said another complaint is people living in the city should be attached to sewer system. Mr. Windham said that if sewer is available they should be attached to the city sewer line, and if sewer is not available the citizen should get a letter from City Hall stating that sewer is not available and they take that to the Health Department in order to install a septic tank.



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It is illegal to allow raw sewage to run onto the ground. He said that issue is regulated by the Health Department.

Mayor Whitley said that the blight situation was being looked into. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn told Mr. Searcy that it would help the city out if he would get pictures of all of the places he was concerned about and get those to the City. Mr. Searcy said he didn't want to point fingers at people.

David Windham said that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a TIA informational meeting on Thursday, April 14th at 6 PM at the Butler Fire Department. This T-SPLOST Tax comes up for vote again this year and he encourages everyone to attend and support this 1 cent fuel tax. This tax comes from everyone that goes to the gas pumps, whether they live in Taylor County or night. This tax has helped the City of Butler with resurfacing streets.

ADJOURN: With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilperson Glenn Harris and Councilperson Rodrick Flowers were absent*)

Mayor Barry Whitley

ATTEST

