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**February 15, 2022  
Council Meeting @7:00 PM  
Council Chambers**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Barry Whitley  
Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn  
Councilperson Deborah Williams  
Councilperson Jacob Hopkins  
Councilperson Rodrick Flowers  
Councilperson Glenn Harris  
Vicki Wainwright  
Jack Nichols, Attorney

**MEDIA PRESENT**

Taylor County News

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Barry Whitley

**OPENING STATEMENT:** Vicki Wainwright

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of the December 14, 2021 Regular Council Meeting:**

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Regular Session Minutes was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.



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### 2022 APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem	Ed Guinn
Municipal Court Judge	Wayne Jernigan
City Attorney	James Bates Brannan Groover LLP
Auditor	Mauldin & Jenkins
Election Superintendent	Vicki Wainwright
Fire Chief	David Windham
Police Chief	Matthew Woodard
City Clerk/City Administrator	Vicki Wainwright
Public Works Director	David Windham
Fire Coordinator	Eddie Moulton

### 2022 DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT APPOINTMENTS

WATER/WASTE WATER	CHAIR: Deborah Williams CO-CHAIR: Ed Guinn
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT	CHAIR: Ed Guinn CO-CHAIR: Jacob Hopkins
STREET DEPARTMENT	CHAIR: Jacob Hopkins CO-CHAIR: Glenn Harris
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPT:	CHAIR: Rodrick Flowers CO-CHAIR: Deborah Williams
BUILDINGS/PROPERTY:	CHAIR: Glenn Harris CO-CHAIR: Rodrick Flowers
INTERVIEW COMMITTEE:	Deborah Williams, Jacob Hopkins *Department Head

A motion to approve appointments was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins  
And a second was given by Councilperson Glenn Harris. Vote was unanimous.



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### HVAC

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton informed the Mayor and Council that the HVAC System in the Council Chambers has went out and would like permission to replace the HVAC System from SPLOST funds in the amount of \$5,433.00. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to approve to pay for the HVAC System out of SPLOST funds. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

### JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright asked for the Councils approval to add the Juneteenth Holiday to the City of Butler's list of holidays. She said that Governor Kemp had declared Juneteenth as a state holiday in 2021 and therefore she felt that the City of Butler should follow the State's example. The holiday (June 19<sup>th</sup>) would be observed on the date that the State of Georgia observes each year. A motion to add Juneteenth to the City of Butler's list of Holidays was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Public Works Director David Windham** told the Mayor and Council that it has been business as usual in the new year. He said that there are some issues with areas that need repairing that have sunk and therefore the City will be adding dirt and packing these spots before they can be repaired. Councilperson Williams asked about the street light request on Railroad Street and was told that the City was working with Georgia Power on that. Windham reminded the Mayor and Council that City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> for the holiday.

**Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton** said that the Butler Fire Department ran twelve calls in January, and some of those were two EMS assists, one power line down, one landing zone, one vehicle fire, one vehicle accident, one structure fire, one smoke alarm, one grass fire. Three calls were cancelled in route. He also said that the Butler Fire Department received a \$5700.00 Forestry Grant for equipment. He said the fire department is back up to having training as normal once again, after being down during the Pandemic.



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**Chief Matthew Woodard** said that the Butler Police Department had 153 calls in December and 113 calls in January. In December there were 37 citations issued and there were 36 issued in January. He reminded the Council that the Police Department had been operating with three officers and himself since April of 2021 thru January 2022 and that the department was tied up on investigating multiple burglaries, as well as making sure that all training was done and that may have kept officers off of frequent patrol. He informed them that he is now fully staffed once again. Woodard also said that after an intense investigation, an arrest has been made for the burglaries. Since that time, there have not been any more burglary calls. He appreciates the Officers for putting in the time that they did during the Holidays.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** With nothing further to discuss in Regular Session, Mayor Whitley asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel, as requested by Chief Woodard. A motion to adjourn from Regular Session and enter Executive Session was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The motion was unanimous.

**Regular Session (Continued):** When the Mayor and Council entered back into Regular Session, Chief Woodard introduced newly hired Officer Lee Albritton and re-introduced Officer Nicole Murillo. The Mayor and Council welcomed them aboard. Also new to the force, but not present are Chris Parker and Tyrique Ridley.

Mayor Barry Whitley welcomed Councilperson Rodrick Flowers to the Butler City Council.

**ADJOURN:** With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. (*Work Session to Immediately Follow*)

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Mayor Barry Whitley

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ATTEST

