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**6:15 PM Re-Zoning Public Hearing**  
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**Council Meeting @7:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Barry Whitley  
Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn  
Councilperson Jacob Hopkins  
Councilperson Deborah Williams  
Councilperson Rodrick Flowers

**MEDIA PRESENT**

TC NEWS

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Barry Whitley

**OPENING STATEMENT:** Vicki Wainwright

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of the August 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting:**

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 Regular Session Minutes was made by Councilmember Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilmember Glenn Harris was absent*)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LOST:** City Clerk Vicki Wainwright asked the Council's approval to accept the 25.26% proposed for the LOST percentage for Butler. For the next ten years the LOST percentages will be as follows: Butler 25.26%, Reynolds 13.0415%, and Taylor County 61.6985%.



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A motion to accept the relayed percentages was made by Mayor ProTem Ed Guinn, with a second issues by Councilmember Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilmember Glenn Harris was absent*)

**2022/2023 BUDGET ADOPTION:** A vote was called to adopt the 2022/2023 Budget Ordinance as had previously been submitted to the Mayor and Council last month. A Public Hearing for the Budget was held prior to the Regular Council Meeting. A motion to adopt the 2022/2023 Budget as presented was made by Councilmember Jacob Hopkins, with a second made by Councilmember Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilmember Glenn Harris was absent*). The Budget Ordinance is as follows:

General Government	\$340,579
Public Safety	\$733,432
Public Works	\$225,250
Recreation	\$ 14,000
Public Library \$	\$ 30,000

**Re-Zoning Ordinance Amendment/ Adoption of New Zoning Map:** City Attorney Jack Nichols stated that as previously discussed in last months meeting, the City will amend the section of the zoning map that is currently zoned as "Light Manufacturing" and re-zone this area as "General Commercial", which gives more types of businesses access to these areas. Light Manufacturing will continue to be a part of the current zoning ordinance, if any such business ever comes into Butler and requests for a property to be re-zoned as such. The zoning map will be amended to reflect the rezoning. A motion to adopt the changes as requested was made by Councilmember Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Councilmember Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilmember Glenn Harris was absent*)



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**Variance Request:** Business Owner Shannon Watson has applied for a Variance in order to place a Yoder Building in a General Commercial Area. The building that is proposed is currently smaller than the required number of square feet for a commercial building. Ms. Watson plans to relocate her Beauty Salon to this location, and there is no other location that works for her needs. A motion to approve the variance was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Guinn, with a second being given by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilmember Glenn Harris was absent*)

**Department Head Reports:**

**Public Works Director David Windham** said that the City has been getting many complaints regarding the garbage not being picked up by GFL. The City has met with officials from GFL and have been made aware of on-going equipment, maintenance and staffing issues that GFL are facing. He said that the best course of action is for the citizens to contact City Hall to make City staff aware of their issues, and that the customer should also contact GFL to make them aware of the issues as well.

Mr. Windham stated that there is an on-going issue with littering around the City as well. He stated that home owners should make sure that their trash is in trash bags when placed in the garbage cart, which will help eliminate the issue with trash blowing out of the garbage cart. He also said that there is issues with people throwing litter out of their cars. Mator Pro-Tem Guinn asked the police department to begin issuing littering citations.

Mr. Windham stated that the 2021 CDBG is underway, with the housing portion of the grant moving on along. He stated that the drainage/water portion should begin soon.

He announced that the City of Butler will hold the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 6:30 at the Taylor County Courthouse Lawn.



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**Officer Shelby Cloniger** said that the Butler Police Department had 101 calls and wrote 159 citations in August. There were no major calls within that month. In September there had been some instances of vehicles being entered/broken into within the City. The same crimes had been happening from Albany to Thomaston, and suspects from Albany have been apprehended. He announced that two cadets should be starting mandated training in Forsyth in September 26<sup>th</sup>, with a proposed graduation date of December 16<sup>th</sup>. He also said that Officer Dakota Windham has started K9 training this week.

**Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton** said that the Butler Fire Department responded to seventeen calls in August, those being seven vehicle accidents, three fire alarms, one vehicle fire, one controlled burn, one false alarm, one life assist, and two equipment fires. He said that the Fire Department participated in the America's Night Out held in Reynolds on August.

It was announced in the meeting that Fred McCrary with the Public Works Department will be turning 83 years old, and he was wished a Happy Birthday. Mr. McCrary continues to be a dedicated employee with the City of Butler.

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jacob Hopkins to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal issue, and a second was made by Councilmember Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilmember Glenn Harris was absent*)



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**ADJOURN:** With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Councilmember Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilmember Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilmember Glenn Harris was absent*)

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Mayor Barry Whitley

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ATTEST

