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June 9, 2020
Council Meeting via ZOOM
7:00 PM

Present:

Mayor Barry Whitley
Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn
Councilperson Deborah Williams
Councilperson Glenn Harris
Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins
Councilman Lance Bernard
Attorney Jack Nichols
Clerk Vicki Wainwright

Media Present:

Taylor Co News

INVOCATION: Councilman Lance Bernard

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting and the May 21, 2020 Work Session: A motion to approve the minutes of the above mentioned minutes was made by Councilperson Lance Bernard and a second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and Councilman Glenn Harris were late)*

NEW BUSINESS:

Library Board Appointment: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright said that a request has been made to re-appoint Barbara Harmon to the Taylor County Library Board. Ms. Harmon currently serves on the board but her term expires on June 30, 2020. The request is to re-appoint Ms. Harmon for another term from July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2023. A motion to re-appoint Ms. Harmon was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilperson Lance Bernard. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and Councilman Glenn Harris were late.)*



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SPLOST/FINANCIAL ADVISOR PROGRAM/ 1st TRYON: Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that the City of Butler needs to hire First Tryon, a Financial Advisor Company, to prepare an analysis of the Water/Sewer financials in order for the City to have a clear direction on how to proceed with rate structure and financial planning. First Tryon can prepare a program for the Water/Sewer side of the financials for \$20,000 that will be a workable and buildable program for the City. This program can be purchased with SPLOST funds. A motion to proceed with the implementation of the Water/sewer program through First Tryon using SPLOST funds was made by Councilperson Lance Bernard and a second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins was late)*

AMENDMENT TO THE ALCOHOL ORDINANCE: Chief Kain Cobb informed the Mayor and Council that Mike Patel had requested a change to the Alcohol Ordinance to allow for the sale of chips and snack foods. The current ordinance does not name chips and snacks as an item that can be sold in an establishment that sells liquor. A motion to amend the Alcohol Ordinance to allow for the sale of chips and snacks was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Amanzie Jenkins was late)*

- A Certificate of Occupancy for the new liquor store "Butler Wine and Spirits" was tabled until an inspection can be done by the Butler Police Department.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that everything is going well with day to day operations at this time, and that staff are concentrating on trying to get the necessary supplies to be able to sanitize that buildings. He said that supplies are finally trickling in but everything has not come in yet due to shortages. There are supplies that are needed before Court can be held.

Chief of Police Kain Cobb said that for the month of May they had 21 domestics calls, with one person armed. There were three traffic accidents, one theft, six alarm calls, and two burglaries. One of those was a burglary in progress which resulted in an arrest. They made 41 traffic stops with 26 citations given.



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He said that he was made aware of a Facebook Post right before 5:00 PM on this date regarding the abandoned/junk car ordinance. There was a question in the Facebook conversation that asked if the City was even issuing ordinance violations. He said that he wanted to assure the Mayor and Council that there are ordinance violations being ticketed.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the Fire Department ran 8 calls last month. There were three calls about smoke in a building, three vehicle accidents, one structure fire and one fire alarm. He said that currently the State has them shut down as far as no trainings and no meetings. He said that he does not know just how long that will last.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Whitley said that with nothing further to discuss, he and the Council, along with the City's attorney will go into an Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilperson Lance Bernard. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Jenkins entered the meeting)*

(Regular Session continued)

After discussion in Executive Session the Mayor and Council came back into the regular meeting to vote on the settlement of a law suit that was filed against the City by a former employee. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn made a motion to accept the terms of the settlement as presented by Attorney Jack Nichols. A second was issued by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN:

With no other issues to discuss, a motion to adjourn from the Council Meeting was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned.

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