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**March 10, 2020
Council Meeting
7:00 PM**

Present:

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

Media Present:

Taylor Co News

INVOCATION: Councilman Lance Bernard

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Council Meeting was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilman Lance Bernard. The vote was unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

Re-Adoption of Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map: Planning and Zoning Administrator Ashley Lawhorn presented the newly revised zoning map to the Mayor and Council. She said that the City now has a zoning map that matches the new zoning ordinance that had been previously adopted. The terminology as far as the zoning description is the main change on the map to reflect back to the zoning ordinance. It is mainly that the former R1/R2/R3 zones are now single family residential zones There are no changes in the actual zoning ordinance. A motion to re-adopt the zoning



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ordinance and adopt the new zoning map was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

Sandra Whitters: Family Care Home/Conditional Use: *Ms. Whitters had requested to address the Mayor and Council about a potential Family Care Home in the Gloria Street Area. A conditional use is required for this type of facility in that area. Ms. Whitters did not attend the meeting.*

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that the City is working with the engineers on the 2019 CDBG project and hopes to have the plans to get that project moving forward soon.

He also said that in the 70 days of 2020, 30 of those have had measurable rain. The City has received 19.5 inches of rain since the new year began. During that time there has been minor street flooding in the Cedar Street area. He addressed the fact that there are water leak issues, potholes, and erosion issues that needs to be repaired but all of the rain has held that process up.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn asked about an update on the USDA project. Mr. Windham informed him that the City is working with the new attorney and bond council, as well as having some conversations regarding financial advisors to get the rate structure where it needs to be to sustain the loan and bond covenants. At this time bond council is reviewing the latest audit for the City of Butler.

Councilwoman Deborah Williams asked about the erosion problems that stem from the latest CDBG project, as she has had citizens contact her about this. There is substantial erosion issues in the MLK, Mason Lane areas from the 2017 CDBG project that the City, the engineers and the contractor are aware of but can not do anything until it dries up. In the Spring the contractor will grass the area as well.



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Police Chief Kain Cobb told the Mayor and Council that for the month of January the Butler Police Department responded to 269 incidents, with 126 of those being traffic stops. They issued 66 citations. There were six arrests made. He said that the police department patrolled 122,000 miles last month.

Chief Cobb said that the Police Department had submitted a grant through GOHS for the purchase of radar units and that grant has been approved. He plans to put a press release in the Taylor County News next week.

He said that he attended the Winter Chief's conference in Jekyll in February where the big topic was gang activity. He also attended Chief of Police Day at the State Capital today, where he met with Representative Patty Bentley.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the Butler Fire Department responded to a total of 8 calls in February. Two of those calls were structure fires. The Butler Fire Department had 18 firefighters that took a 16 hour course last month. There are four firefighters taking the Fire Fighter 1 class and they are about ½ way thru the course.

Mayor Barry Whitley asked the staff what precautions are being taken due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) issue. David Windham said that at this point hand-washing techniques are being pushed, along with hand sanitizer, and self quarantine if you have any of the symptoms. He said to follow the CDC guidelines. He stressed that this is a very serious issue and must be closely monitored as there are now several cases in Georgia.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Land/Legal

A motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilman Lance Bernard. The vote was unanimous.



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REGULAR SESSION (Continued)

ADJOURN:

With nothing else to discuss, the Mayor and Council adjourned the Regular Council Meeting to enter into a Work Session. A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Whitley

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