

Council Meeting

February 13, 2018

Present

Media Present

Mayor Barry Whitley
News

Taylor County

Ed Guinn

Flint Cable TV

Deborah Williams

Amanzie Jenkins

Glenn Harris

Chas Gassett

Vicki Wainwright

Invocation – Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

Old Business:

Minutes:

Motion made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins, seconded by Councilman Glenn Harris to approve the minutes of the January 9th Regular Council Meeting. Everyone voted “YES” except for

Councilwoman Deborah Williams, who abstained due to her absence from that meeting.

New Business:

Swearing-In of Officials:

Judge Diane Renfroe was in attendance to swear-in Mayor Barry Whitley, Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn, Councilwoman Deborah Williams, Councilman Glenn Harris, Councilman Chas Gassett, and Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. Judge Renfroe also swore in Chief Kain Cobb.

Holiday Schedule:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright presented the Mayor and Council with a new holiday schedule that will follow closely with the Taylor County Board of Commissioners. The Holiday Schedule is as follows for 2018:

January 15, 2018	Martin Luther King Holiday
February 19, 2018	President's Day
March 30, 2018	Good Friday
May 28, 2018	Memorial Day
July 4, 2018	Independence Day
September 3, 2018	Labor Day

October 8, 2018	Columbus Day
November 12, 2018	Veterans Day
November 22, 2018	Thanksgiving Day
November 23, 2018	Day After Thanksgiving
December 24, 2018	Christmas Eve
December 25, 2018	Christmas Day
December 26, 2018	Day After Christmas
December 31, 2018	New Year's Eve
January 1, 2019	New Year's Day

Animal Control:

Tri-County Animal Control had requested to be put on the agenda, but was a no-show.

365 Total Marketing:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright reminded the Mayor and Council that several months back Amanda Haynie with the Chamber and Julie Kent with the Development Authority had come before them discussing 365 Degree Total Marketing. For a while that discussion had been put on the back-burner, but it has come up again. Ms. Wainwright stated that she felt that the City of Butler participating in

this marketing campaign would be beneficial to the City. The total cost is \$30,000, which will be divided between the entities that elect to participate. At this time the Taylor County Board of Commissioners, the Taylor County Development Authority, and the Taylor County Chamber of Commerce have agreed to participate. Ms. Wainwright said that the cost to the City of Butler will either be \$7500.00 or \$6000.00, depending on the City of Reynolds decision. The Mayor and Council agreed to participate. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing:

Ms. Wainwright told the Mayor and Council that a Public Hearing initiating the development of a comprehensive plan will be held on March 1, 2018 at the Butler Fire Department at 6:30 PM. The Taylor County Board of Commissioners will have their public hearing on Tuesday, February 27th at 6:00 at the Taylor County Annex and the City of Reynolds will have theirs on February 20th. She said that the comprehensive plan is a 10 year vision for the community and public input is encouraged

Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director David Windham said that the GEFA Project at the Waste Water Treatment Plant is almost complete. He also said that the intersection of Oak Street and Mulberry Street striping should be done on February 16th. He said that on January 17th the City of Butler had a little winter weather but luckily there were no issues. He said the City of Butler and Taylor County worked well together to keep everyone safe and the roads accessible during this time. He also said that on Wednesday, February 7th there was a severe weather event that came up quickly as a tornado warning. The sirens were activated and officials worked with the school system to make sure the students were sheltered in place. We were fortunate that there was not actually

any severe weather that affected the area. He informed the Mayor and Council that there are several streets that are in need of repair (Edgewood, Tower St. and Oak Lane) He said that weather permitting they will be poured within the next week or so.

Surplus Items to Sale:

He told them that with the GEFA project coming to an end he would like to get approval to surplus the old control system and pumps, as they will not be of any use to the City of Butler and he hopefully the City can get a little return from the sale. He said that by the next meeting he will have a complete list of the items he will surplus from the treatment plant. A motion to allow the sale of the surplus items was made by Councilman Chas Gasset and a second was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Administrator Eddie Moulton said that the Fire Department had 12 calls last month. There were 2 vehicle fires, 3 alarm calls, 5 grass fires, and 2 vehicle accidents. He said that he has six firefighters in the middle of a haz mat ops/ haz mat awareness class. They should be eligible to test around the first of March. He said that they are working on their restrictive passage and confined space area at the training grounds and it should be ready soon. He reminded everyone about the danger of drop cords and electric heaters. He stated that the fire department responded to another fire recently that was caused by a drop cord run to another house to operate a small electric heater.

Chief Kain Cobb said that the Butler Police Department had 152 incidents last month, compared to 163 last month. He said that the department has their case dispositions caught up back to 1971. He said that the new recruits are in week six of the academy and are doing well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

With no further discussions the Mayor and Council went in to an Executive Session to discuss personnel and property. A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The motion was unanimous.

REGULAR SESSION (Continued):

New Police Car Purchase:

Chief Cobb informed the Council that the Police Department is in need of a new patrol vehicle. He would like permission to purchase a 2018 Ford Explorer Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Brannen Ford in the amount of \$38,850.00. It will be financed through the Ford Motor Company for three years. The first payment will be paid upon delivery (\$14,029.47) with the remaining two to be paid annually. A motion to purchase the new patrol vehicle was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins, and a second was issued by Councilman Chas Gasset. The vote was unanimous.

GEFA Project Change-Order:

A motion to proceed with a change-order for the GEFA Project in the amount of \$194,736.00 to pave the road from HWY 137 to the Treatment Plant and an automatic gate opener. A motion to proceed was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous.

Police Department New-Hire:

A motion to hire Matthew Woodward as a new full time Police Officer on February 25, 2018 was made by Councilman Chas Gasset and a second was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURN:

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins to adjourn. A second was issued by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned.