

Council Meeting

March 13, 2018

Present

Media Present

Mayor Barry Whitley
News

Taylor County

Ed Guinn

Flint Cable TV

Chas Gassett

Amanzie Jenkins

Glenn Harris

Vicki Wainwright

(Councilwoman Deborah Williams: ABSENT)

Invocation – Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

Old Business:

Minutes:

A motion was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a second was made by Councilman Chas Gassett to approve the minutes of the February 13th Regular Session Minutes, the March 1st Comprehensive

Plan Minutes, and the March 1st Work Session Minutes. The vote was unanimous. (Councilwoman Williams was absent)

New Business:

April Council Meeting Rescheduled:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright asked the Mayor and Council to reschedule the April Council Meeting from Tuesday, April 10th to Monday, April 9th. The Clerk and the Zoning Administrator will be out of town attending a Planning and Zoning Training. It was agreed by all to reschedule the meeting to Monday, April 9th at 7:00 PM.

GTS Tax Parcel Sale Discussion:

Ashley Lawhorn, Zoning Administrator, told the Mayor and Council that a tax sale is needed because the City has outstanding property tax bills going back to 2005. She stated that GTS is a company that will come in and do everything needed to notify the property owner about the pending tax parcel sale and will also do everything needed to get the tax parcel ready for a sale. This will all be done at no cost to the City, as the charges for GTS will be added to the tax bill. She would like a motion to use GTS's services and proceed with the process to move forward with a tax sale. A motion to proceed was made by Councilman Chas Gasset and a second was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The motion was unanimous.

GEFA Resolution Modification:

Public Works Director David Windham asked for approval for the Mayor to sign the GEFA Resolution Modification, which extends the construction period as the project is nearing completion but there is possibly a month or two before the asphalt work to resurface everything is done. He said that the modification needs to be signed

and sent back to GEFA in order to include the asphalt work in to the project. A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to allow the Mayor to sign the GEFA Resolution Modification. A second was given by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

Alcohol Ordinance Adoption:

Attorneys Joel Sherlock and Brian Causey went over the changes that have occurred since the first reading of the alcohol ordinance. The changes were mostly cosmetic and very few in number. The changes did not substantially change the ordinance as the changes were the few that were requested after the first reading. The attorneys had also prepared an application for the liquor license. The application does not need to be voted on but the ordinance does have to be adopted. Attorney Sherlock did state that the date needs to be set that the City of Butler will begin accepting liquor license applications as well as setting the fees. City Clerk Vicki Wainwright stated that she felt that it should be July before the City begins to accept applications. Councilman Harris asked why it would take that long? She stated that she wants the City to have everything in place and at this time the City has not received its ORI number. The City will need an ORI number to do the fingerprinting of the applicant and the future employees of the liquor store. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn asked if June 1st was too soon? Mayor Whitley stated that the City of Butler will shoot for June, and if the ORI number isn't back, then that date can be pushed back.

The fees for the application process and license were discussed. Councilman Chas Gassett recommended the annual license fee be set at \$10,000 per license. Councilman Harris said the ordinance should be adopted first. Attorney Sherlock said that first it needs to be opened up for any public comments. There were none.

Mayor Whitley called for a motion to adopt the Alcohol Ordinance as stated. Councilman Glenn Harris made a motion to accept the Alcohol

Ordinance as stated. A second was issued by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous (w/ Council William absent).

Mayor Whitley stated that the Council had agreed to have the start-up date for accepting license be June 1, 2018.

Councilman Harris asked the Clerk if she had checked around to see what other municipalities charge for their annual license. She responded that everyplace was different, that some places charge \$1500.00 and others charge \$3000.00. She stated that it is totally up to the Council.

She also said that there is a non-refundable application and/or processing fee as well as the annual license fee. The processing fee covers the cost of the investigation that goes in to checking out the information in the application as well as the fingerprinting and background check cost. (The recoument of administrative costs) Attorney Sherlock said that a processing fee of \$100.00 seems reasonable to him.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to charge **\$7500.00** for the **annual liquor license**. A second was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The motion carried by unanimous vote (Councilwoman Williams was absent).

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to change the **annual beer and wine license** from \$500.00 to **\$1000.00** per year. A second was issued by Councilman Chas Gassett and the vote was unanimous. (Councilwoman Deborah Williams was absent).

ALCOHOL ORDINANCE

- **JUNE 1, 2018 the City of Butler will begin accepting Liquor License Applications.**

- **Liquor License Processing Fee will be \$100.00 per application.**
- **Annual Liquor License Fee: \$7500.00**
- **Annual Beer/Wine License Fee: \$1000.00**

Department Head Reports:

Public Works Director David Windham said that the cement has been poured on Edgewood, Tower Street and Oak Lane to repair the roads. All lanes are open at this time. Hillcrest still has to be repaired but there were some issues when it was dug out so it will be an ongoing process to repair it.

He said that there had been some concerns regarding the handicapped parking along the North side of the Courthouse Square. He has been in contact with Saunders Engineering regarding this issue and that area is GA DOT right of way, therefore if there are any changes made there it will have to go through GDOT. He further stated that one of the reasons that the handicapped spaces are located where they currently are is due to the cut in the curb that allow the ramps to be located there with no modifications.

He stated that this next item will need a motion. He reminded them that during the last council meeting he had requested a change order in the GEFA project. An additional change is needed to increase it an additional \$9,784.00 to repair all of the fencing around the waste water treatment plant. This still leave the City within the original cost factor, but does put it over contract. This will put the total change order amount to be \$204,520.00. He said that the majority of the change order funds is grant funds, so if it is not used it will be sent back. A motion to approve the change order for the GEFA project as stated was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a 2nd was issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. (Councilwoman Deborah Williams was absent)

Police Chief Kain Cobb introduced his staff, who were all in attendance. He introduced

Officer Jarod Willis, Recruit Shelby Cloniger, Officer Monquavious Harvey, Officer Paige Wainwright, Recruit Dakota Windham, and Officer Matt Woodard. Mayor Whitley and Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that they were proud to have them and were very proud of the job they all do. Chief Cobb said that the two recruits are in week 9 of their training, with 6 weeks to go.

Chief Cobb stated that for the month of February the Butler Police Department responded to 186 incidents. Among those were 5 traffic accidents and 68 traffic stops with 23 citations issued. The GCIC case dispositions have been entered back to 1971, which is what is required and is as far back as they can get.

Fire Administrator Eddie Moulton said that the Fire Department ran 8 calls last month. There were three vehicle accidents, one structure fire, two grass fires, one fire alarm, and one controlled burn. He said that Butler Fire Dept. had five in a Haz Mat Awareness/Haz Ops Class and they have had to take three tests. They have all passed two and are currently waiting to hear about the third test. He stated that in that class there were four from Taylor County Vol. Fire and six from Macon County and Macon State Prison. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn asked Mr. Moulton to fill them in on the additions to the training facility. Mr. Moulton said they have a confined space area, two man holes with a pipe through it. They have set up a training area for the Haz Mat training. He said that it looks good and they have a lot of things there for training firefighters. It was noted that Sumter County Firefighters have come up and used Butler's Training Facility recently. By having this facility the firemen are able to train locally instead of having to go someplace else for the skills portion of their training. Mr. Moulton stated that the training ground is a work in progress.

Executive Session:

Mayor Whitley stated that the Council had some things that needs to be discussed in Executive Session and with no further issues he asked for a motion to enter in to executive session. The motion was made by Councilman Chas Gasset and a 2nd was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

Regular Session Continued:

IGA Between City of Butler and TC Development Authority:

A motion for the attorney to draft an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Butler and the Taylor County Development Authority for the infrastructure of the 19/96 Development was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and a second was issued by Councilman Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. (Deborah Williams was absent)

Police Department Raises:

A motion was made by Councilman Chas Gasset and a 2nd was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins to approve the raises for the police department as submitted in order to get their salaries to a competitive rate. The vote was unanimous. (Deborah Williams was Absent)

Adjourn:

With no more business in Regular Session, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Amanzie Jenkins and a 2nd was issued by Councilman Chas Gasset. The vote was unanimous.