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**March 14, 2023**  
**Council Meeting @7:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn  
Councilperson Jacob Hopkins  
Councilperson Deborah Williams  
Councilperson Rodrick Flowers  
Councilperson Glenn Harris  
*\*\*Mayor Barry Whitley was absent*

**MEDIA PRESENT**  
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**INVOCATION:** Councilperson Deborah Williams

**OPENING STATEMENT:** Vicki Wainwright

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of the February 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting and Work Session:**

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the February 14 Regular Council Meeting Minutes was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.

After skipping over the approval of the work session minutes initially, a motion to approve the February 14<sup>th</sup> Work Session minutes was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SPLOST APPROVAL – Hurst Tools and Rescue Jacks:** Eddie Moulton came before the Council to request approval of the purchase of a set of Hurst Tools for the Butler Fire Department, as well as a set of rescue jacks. The purchase amount is \$53,635.00 and will be paid from Public Safety SPLOST funds. This purchase had been discussed in a work session the previous month. A motion to approve the SPLOST purchase in the amount of \$53,635.00 from



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Public Safety funds was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers and second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION: City of Civility:** Vicki Wainwright asked for a motion to approve the Resolution naming Butler a "City of Civility". Ms. Wainwright read the Resolution in its entirety before the motion, and informed the Council that GMA is having an "Embrace Civility" drive to encourage City's across Georgia to promote the expectations of civility.

A motion to adopt the "City of Civility" Resolution was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.

**Adoption of Updated Police Policy:** Police Chief Matthew Woodard asked for the City of Butler's UPDATED Police Policy to be adopted and implemented. A copy of the policy was emailed to everyone last month. He also stated that the City Attorney had looked over it and everything looked good to him and was aligned with the Georgia Code. He stated that most things stayed the same, but there are updated policies such as use of force and multi-agency agreements. Chief Woodard stated that from time to time the Georgia Association of Chiefs update their policies and this particular SOP reflects those updates. The City of Butler's current SOP's have not been updated since 2017/2018. The Police Department will need to follow these policies if it ever plans to become an accredited department with the State.

A motion to approve the updated SOP's was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Police Chief Matthew Woodard** gave each member of the Council a copy of the Police Stats from February 2023. He also informed them that the two new Cadets that had graduated in December have completed and passed their FTO training and are now able to be in a Police Car by themselves instead of riding with another officer.



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**Public Works Director David Windham** informed the Council that the City of Butler will have a new bid opening for the Gloria/Venus Street area CDBG. This is a re-bid, as the previous bids came in well over budget. This bid opening will be on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at City Hall. He stated that inflation is the cause of the higher equipment cost.

**Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton** said that the Fire Department ran twelve (12) calls in February, those being two vehicle fires, two structure fires, five grass fires, two vehicle accidents, and one strong odor of gas. He said that the fire department will have retesting on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. The City of Butler currently has one cadet in the class. Councilperson Glenn Harris said there is a speed limit sign at the City Limits on Oak Street toward the by-pass that needs replacing.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into an Executive Session for a legal issue was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

### REGULAR SESSION (continued)

The Council came back into Regular Session after discussing a legal issue. A motion to dismiss a pending case against the owners of 3 Jessica Street due to blight was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

### ADJOURN

With no other issues to discuss, a motion to adjourn from the March 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. **\*\*\*WORK SESSION TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW\*\*\***

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Mayor Barry Whitley

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ATTEST

