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April 11, 2023
Council Meeting @7:00 PM
Council Chambers

PRESENT

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

MEDIA PRESENT

TC NEWS

INVOCATION: Councilperson Jacob Hopkins

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the March 14 2023 Regular Council Meeting and Work Session: Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 14th Regular Session and Work Session. A second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. *Councilperson Deborah Williams was absent.*

NEW BUSINESS:

RVRC Camille Bielby: Comprehensive Plan: Camille Bielby with RVRC came before the Mayor and Council to talk about the update to the Taylor County Comprehensive Plan. This is the third public hearing for the plan. She stated that this is about a thirteen-month process and we are about two months into the process at this point, and more importantly, what is in the plan. The point of her visit is to let them know what the plan is, why it is being updated and what that process is. The purpose of the plan is for the two cities and the county to coordinate their efforts over the next five years, and it also keeps your qualified community standards certification. This makes the City eligible for funding. It also ensures your economic development is encouraged and supported.



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The process for the comprehensive plan process will cover (1) Community Goals Element; (2) Needs and Opportunities Element; (3) Community Work Program Element; (4) Economic Development Element; and (5) Land Use Element. The Comprehensive plan will have four plans included within it: the City of Butler's, the City of Reynold's, Taylor County's, and Economic Development's.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Matthew Woodard said that Operation Life Saver is underway for the entire month of April. The Police are having concentrated traffic enforcement on Hwy 96/Hwy 19 intersection to slow drivers down. Woodard stated that the number of wrecks at that intersection is mainly due to speed and his hope is to eliminate accidents. Since Operation Life Saver has begun there have been some narcotic arrests made as well.

Chief Woodard said that Butler's new cadet Haley Lamberth graduated from mandated training on Friday, April 7th and will now begin her field training. Officer Lamberth is a welcome addition to the police force.

Public Works Director David Windham stated that a bid opening was held on Monday, April 10th, which was the second bid opening for the CDBG project at Gloria Street/Venus Street area for drainage and resurfacing along with some waterline rehab in that area. There were five bidders this time. Final bid tabulations have not be received from the engineers yet but next month they should be in to get approval on.

Mr. Windham stated that the City of Butler will be working with Public Works Director Scott Jones from Reynolds for a tire recycling project on Friday, May 12th (9AM – 4PM) and Saturday 13th (9AM – 12PM) at the Butler Fire Department. All tires must be off of the rim and no tractor tires will be accepted. This is for private residential citizens and not commercial businesses. This will be done through a grant from EPD that Mr. Jones has done. This is a free service.

The City of Butler along with the City of Reynolds, Taylor Co Board of Commissioners and other partners will participate in a Hazardous Mitigation Planning meeting on Tuesday, April 18th, and Tuesday May 16th from 10-1 at the Butler Fire Department. This meeting will also include the LEPC during this time frame. The first meeting was held on March 21st. He



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encouraged everyone to participate as this plan is very important for any funding that may be available, as well as if a federal emergency declaration is declared. He said that this plan is done through EMA but that the County and Municipalities have to adopt it as well,

Mr. Windham said that the City Limits signs that were requested by Councilperson Harris have been ordered and will be put up in a timely manner. He also said that he, along with DOT, have had requests from businesses around the square requesting speed bumps to be placed around the Court House. He stated that the road is a state highway and that no speed bumps will be placed on a state route. He has notified the police department to be more vigilant and the city will sit down with the businesses to determine if there is any other options. Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn stated that speed bumps are a hazard. Councilperson Harris said that the DOT needs to restripe the parking areas.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the Fire Department ran nineteen (19) calls in March, those being seven vehicle accidents, five alarm calls, one grass fire, two structure fires, one smoke call, one tree down call, and two high water rescues/searches.

He said that there will be a LERP training the last weekend of April to train for livestock emergencies.

Mr. Moulton informed the Mayor and Council that the newly ordered HURST tools have come in and have been put into service. It was requested that the fire department put on a demonstration for the Mayor and Council soon.

Mayor Whitley informed everyone that the owner of the horse and trailer that was involved in an accident at the red light are fine and that she bragged said everyone was so polite and helpful.

ADJOURN

With no other issues to discuss, a motion to adjourn from the April 11th Council Meeting was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. A worksession will immediately follow. **Councilperson Deborah Williams was absent.*

Mayor Barry Whitley

ATTEST

