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September 12, 2023
Budget Hearing @ 5:45 P.M.
Council Meeting @6:00 PM
Council Chambers

PRESENT

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

MEDIA PRESENT

TC NEWS

INVOCATION: Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the August 8th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting and Work Session:

Councilperson Jacob Hopkins made a motion to adopt the minutes from the August 8th Regular Council Meeting and the Work Session. A second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023/2024 Budget Approval and Adoption: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright said that the Mayor and Council had received the proposed 2023/2024 budget prior to last months meeting and have had time to review it, so she asked for a motion to approve the 2023/2024 Budget as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn asked how the budget was balanced since the City was currently without SPLOST funds? Councilperson Williams said she was wondering the same thing. Ms. Wainwright explained that SPLOST funds were not considered as part of the General Fund budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn also said that he would like to have a conversation at a later date to discuss the City's funding of the Pine Mountain Regional Library in Butler. He stated that if the City continues to fund the Library he would want some or more oversight regarding historical documents.



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With no other discussion regarding the budget Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn made a motion to adopt the 2023/2024 Budget as presented:

General Government:	\$388,018
Public Safety:	\$927,761
Public Works:	\$262,560
Recreation:	\$ 15,000
Public Library:	\$ 32,000

As second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution for Adoption of O.C.G.A. § 8-2-3: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright asked the Mayor and Council to adopt a resolution to follow O.C.G.A. § 8-2-3 that regards compliance with the state minimum standard code regarding high efficiency plumbing in all new construction to help promote water conservation. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous.

IGA between the Taylor County Board of Elections and the City of Butler to conduct the November 2023 City of Butler Election: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright asked for approval for the Mayor to sign the IGA between the Taylor County Board of Elections and the City of Butler so that they (TC Board of Elections) can conduct the city's election in November 2023. She said that it is more cost efficient for the Board of Elections to hold the election than for the City to do so. Attorney Jack Nichols has requested a few minor changes, mainly grammatical errors, to be changed prior to the Mayor signing the IGA. Ms. Wainwright asked for a motion for approval pending the needed changes. A motion to allow the Mayor to sign the IGA pending the changes was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and was seconded by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous.

SPLOST Purchase: *This agenda item was tabled until the following month.*



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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director David Windham said that the 2021 CDBG in the Gloria, Venus, Bell Street area is underway and all of the new water lines have been installed, but not connected, at this time. Testing on them will be done within the week. Drainage and resurfacing for this area will be starting soon and is projected to be complete by the middle to end of November. He also said that the #4 well in the Industrial Park went down over the Labor Day weekend and should be back up and running by the end of this week.

He said that the Friday Night Lights event that the Chamber held in downtown Butler on Friday, September 8th seemed to be a success. He thanked the Chamber and all who participated in the event.

Police Chief Matthew Woodard stated it has been business as usual with nothing new to report at this time.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the fire department ran 18 calls last month. Those were two (2) vehicle fires, one (1) tree down, eight (8) vehicle fires, one (1) wildland fire, one (1) EMS Assist, one (1) roof damage, one (1) grass fire, two (2) false alarms, and one (1) airplane crash call. The airplane crash call was initially called out for Butler and Taylor County, but ended up being in Talbot County when the plane was located.

He said that the Butler Fire Department held a successful extrication class last month.

The Butler Fire Department had their Standards and Training Audit last month and there were no issues found.

He said that Electric Vehicle fires could potentially be problematic for local fire services, as the cost is extremely high to put out, clean up and store EV's. This is something that he will be looking into more deeply.



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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Smith from Griffin came before the Mayor and Council, along with his wife, because he felt the need to let the Mayor and Council know what an asset having David Windham as an employee is. Mr. Smith stated that he and his wife were pulling a camper enroute to their vacation destination when they had a flat tire in Butler. Upon inspection they quickly realized that the lugs were bad on the wheel and they would need new ones. Mr. Smith stated that he is handicapped, but he and his wife were attempting to fix the tire themselves, when David Windham pulled up behind them and assisted them in pulling their camper to the fire department in order to get it off the road while they went in search of new lug nuts. Upon finding new lug nuts, Mr. Smith contacted Mr. Windham to inform him that he was back to replace the wheel and lugs, and was pleasantly surprised to find Mr. Windham there and pulling out his tools to help get them on their way. He stated to the Mayor and Council that finding employees that go above and beyond as Mr. Windham did is a very rare occurrence and he felt that he needed to come to the council meeting to let them know this that.

Ms. Yolanda Majors with Family Connections stated that she had come to the Council Meeting to see what goes on in the community.

ADJOURN

Mayor Whitley stated that a work session would be held immediately following the meeting. With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Barry Whitley

ATTEST

