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October 12, 2023
Millage Rate Hearing &
Council Meeting @6:00 PM
Council Chambers

PRESENT

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

MEDIA PRESENT

INVOCATION: Mayor Barry Whitley

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the September 12th, 2023 Regular Council Meeting and Work Session:
Councilperson Jacob Hopkins made a motion to adopt the minutes from the September 12th Regular Council Meeting and the Work Session. A second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. *(Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn was absent)*

NEW BUSINESS:

2023 Millage Rate Adoption: City Clerk Vicki Wainwright said that the three required hearings for the millage rate has been held with no attendance from the citizens. She asked for a motion to adopt the millage rate of 8.786 mills and reminded everyone that this is the same millage rate from last year, as the council opted to not roll back the millage rate this year. A motion to adopt the millage rate at 8.786 mills was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. *(Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn was absent)*



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SPLOST Purchase: Public Works Director David Windham asked for approval to pay for well # 4 (Industrial Park) upgrades. The well was down for approximately two weeks. He said the total amount for this was \$49,560.00, and he would like to pay for this from water/sewer SPLOST funds. A motion to pay for this upgrade with water/sewer SPLOST funds was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. *(Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn was absent)*

Library: Originally Ms. Cynthia Kilby was scheduled to attend the council meeting, however due to a conflict Ms. Jennifer Domenech, Assistant Director of Pine Mountain Regional Library was in attendance to introduce herself and to let the Council know that they are always available to answer any questions or address any concerns with operations of the Library in Butler. She also informed them that the Library has put in for a grant from Flint Energies for a STEM program for Butler and Reynolds Libraries.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director David Windham said that the project in the Venus/Bell/Gloria Street areas is moving along, and that the majority of water portion is complete. The next step will be storm pipe installation. Councilperson Deborah Williams asked about paving Gloria Street, and was told that there will be drainage, ditches and paving on Gloria Street before the project is complete.

He informed the Mayor and Council that the new fuel tanks have been installed and the cover for the pumps should be complete within the next few days.

The annual Christmas Tree lighting event will be held on November 28th at 6:30 on the Courthouse Square.

Mr. Windham also informed the Mayor and Council that the Butler Fire Department will have a railroad safety training class over hazardous material on Saturday, October 14th.



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Police Chief Matthew Woodard told the Mayor and Council that with the holidays coming up they would be seeing officers parked at various businesses around town to help deter crime. He also said that there have been issues in surrounding areas with night deposit boxes being hit, so they will be watching those areas as well. Councilperson Rodrick Flowers said he has received complaints of speeding on Tower Street and asked the police to have a heavier presence in that area.

City Clerk/City Administrator Vicki Wainwright informed the Mayor and Council that a couple of citizens has reached out to Congressman Sanford Bishop's office regarding their water bills. The Clerk's office has been in correspondence with Congressman Bishop's office and was told that they (Bishop's office) had informed the citizens that they should contact our office for any questions regarding their water bill. She also said that a citizen had posted a complaint on Facebook regarding his water bill being high, but failed to say that his bill included a late fee and two garbage carts.

David Windham reminded everyone that early voting begins on October 16th and encourages everyone to get out and vote in support of the SPLOST tax.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. *(Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn was absent)*

Mayor Barry Whitley

ATTEST

