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December 12, 2023
Council Meeting @6:00 PM
Council Chambers

PRESENT

Mayor Barry Whitley
Councilperson Deborah Williams
Councilperson Rodrick Flowers
Councilperson Glenn Harris

MEDIA PRESENT

TC NEWS

INVOCATION: Mayor Barry Whitley

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes: Councilperson Glenn Harris made a motion to adopt the minutes from the November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. A second was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn were absent)*

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval to accept Grant Writer/Administrator for Improving Neighborhood Outcomes & Associated ARPA, CDBG, RDF, EIP, EDA, GEFA, USDA Projects:

Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that there were 6 (six) different proposals for Grant Writer/Administrator and his recommendation was to choose Carter and Sloope to Administer this project. A motion to approve Carter and Sloope as the grant writer/administrator of the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes project was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris and a second was made by Councilperson Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn were absent)*



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Approval to accept the Engineer for the Improving Neighborhood Outcomes & Associated ARPA, CDBG, RDF, EIP, EDA, GEFA, USDA Projects:

Public Works Director David Windham stated that 4 (four) proposals from engineering companies were received and his recommendation to the Mayor and Council is to approve Carter & Sloope as the Engineers for this project. A motion to accept the approval of Carter and Sloope was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers and a second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn were absent)*

Alcohol Ordinance Amendment (1st Reading): Attorney Jack Nichols said that since the three referendums for (1) Sunday package sales of all types of alcohol, (2) Retail consumption of alcoholic beverages on premises of all types, and (3) Retail consumption on premises of distilled spirits, has passed by ballot that the alcohol ordinance must be amended to reflect these changes. This will be the "first reading" and the Council can adopt the amended ordinance at the January 9, 2024 meeting.

Event Ordinance (1st Reading): Attorney Nichols stated that the Clerk had reached out to him to create an event ordinance for the City of Butler, as the County had recently adopted one. This ordinance will help the City to make sure that it can meet the need of resources due to large crowds. This ordinance will be adopted in January 2024.

Food Truck Ordinance (1st Reading): Attorney Nichols said that the Clerk had informed him of the need of a food truck ordinance, as several business owners have some concerns regarding the food trucks that have been coming to the City. This ordinance will require any food trucks coming in to Butler to have to come to City Hall for a Food Truck Permit (at a fee to be later determined by Mayor and Council) that will require the Food Truck Owner to provide information to the City to ensure that the vendor is in compliance. This ordinance will be adopted in January 2024.

****Business Owner Robert Brazziel, the owner of Ms. Betty's Fried Chicken, voiced his concerns regarding food trucks. He feels that the City should limit the type of food that a food truck can provide such as not being allowed to sale the type of food that a brick and mortar business in Butler currently sales. Mr. Nichols stated that he did not think that would be legal. Mr. Brazziel**



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also asked if the day of the week or month that a food truck comes to Butler could be limited. Mr. Nichols will check into the concerns. The Food Truck Ordinance will be voted on in January 2024.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director David Windham thanked everyone that helped, showed up and supported the annual Christmas Lighting on November 28th. The turn out was great! He reminded everyone that City Hall would be closed for Christmas on December 25th, 26th, and 27th (Mon-Wed) and also on Monday, January 1st for New Years. He said that the dumpsters for holiday over-flow will be placed in the Venus/Gloria Street area, the Tower/Cedar Street area, and in the Railroad/MLK area.

He showed the Mayor and Council some of the water bills from November that has come back to the City just this week (a month later) that are torn and undeliverable. He said that City Hall has received many complaints about not receiving their water bills and here is why. He said that staff are taking the bills to the Post Office on time each month but as the local postal service has to send them to Macon the bills are getting lost and destroyed. Due to this the Clerk is looking in to other types of bills in hopes that the bills may be able to get to the customers instead of being lost. He reminded the Mayor and Council to inform any citizens that ask, that there are other avenues in finding out the amount of the bill; ex: call City Hall for amount, City Hall can email the bill each month, or the Citizens are able to go online to pull up their bills.

Mr. Windham said that the project on Venus/Gloria Street has a change order that will allow the City to move a water line out from under the road. Once that is done, the paving, curb and gutter will be done.

Chief of Police Matthew Woodard stated that he had provided everyone a monthly print -out on the stats of the department. He also informed the Mayor and Council that Officer Lamberth wrecked a patrol vehicle on Wednesday, December 6th enroute to her shift. She is doing fine, just has some soreness. The City is waiting on the adjuster to decide on what to do regarding the wrecked car.



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Councilperson Glenn Harris said that he was glad to see the business and house checks increasing. Chief Woodard said that they will be very diligent regarding that especially over the holiday season.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the fire department ran eight calls last month. Those were one vehicle fire, three calls cancelled enroute, one vehicle accident, one EMS assist, one wires down call and one grass fire.

He said it is the season where folks start to run drop cords around the home to plug in electric heaters and he encourages everyone to not do this. He also said if someone does do this, please unplug it before leaving the home.

ADJOURN

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

Mayor Barry Whitley

ATTEST

