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November 14, 2023 Council Meeting @6:00 PM Council Chambers

PRESENT

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

MEDIA PRESENT

INVOCATION: Mayor Barry Whitley

OPENING STATEMENT: Ashley Lawhorn

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the October 12, 2023 Millage rate Hearing and Regular Council Meeting

Minutes: Councilperson Jacob Hopkins made a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting and Millage Rate Hearing. A second was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. (*Councilperson Deborah Williams was absent*)

NEW BUSINESS: (None)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director David Windham reminded the Mayor and Council that City Hall's Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holidays. Trash pick-up will be delayed a day, and will be picked up on Saturday, November 25th. The City of Butler will hold its annual tree lighting event on Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30 PM on the Courthouse Square. He said that the Gloria Street/Venus Street project is moving forward, and that he had met with the engineers the previous week to make a change order to the project. The project that Jones Petroleum is doing at the Piggly Wiggly is moving forward as well. Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn asked if the City has



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anything to do with the project and was told that the City will be putting a fire hydrant on that location. When asked why the contractors were digging such a deep whole, Mr. Windham stated that they are building a retention pond to keep the water from flowing onto the street behind the Piggly Wiggly. This was done at the recommendation of the City's engineer. Councilman Harris asked about the issue where some customers had complained to Sanford Bishops office regarding the water bill rates, and was told that the City has not heard anything else from it. The Clerk had reached out to Bishops office and explained the rates. Rates are determined to be a certain value in order to receive grant and loan funds from the Federal Government.

Chief of Police Matthew Woodard stated that he had provided everyone a monthly print -out on the stats of the department.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn asked Chief Woodard how the collections on fines are, and if there are a significant amount outstanding. Chief Woodard stated that he would not say there is a lot outstanding, and usually what the department does is that if the citation holder does not show up for court they will receive a bench-warrant, and once that warrant is in the system if they end up stopped any place and find out they have a bench-warrant, they will typically end up paying the fines. Mayor-Pro Tem Guinn asked Chief Woodard to present a report in December (next month) so that the Mayor and Council will know. Guinn stated that he knows in the past the outstanding fines was out of hand.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the fire department ran fourteen (14) calls last month. Those were one (1) smoke in the area call, three (3) grass fires, six (6) vehicle accidents, one (1) vehicle fire, one (1) electrical fire, one (1) rescue where a deer hunter had fell from his stand, and one (1) gas leak.

Mr. Moulton asked for approval to surplus a 2005 Chevrolet Colorado. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Guinn and second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The motion was unanimous. (*Councilperson Williams was Absent.*) Mr. Moulton also said that he would like a motion to trash an old metal detector that the City has not been able to surplus on Gov Deals. Councilperson Jacob Hopkins made the motion to trash the metal detector and a second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous (*Councilperson Williams was absent*)



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Public Works Director David Windham requested a work session following the December 12th Council Meeting. He also said that the fuel tanks are in, except for the fencing. It is in operation.

Councilperson Jacob Hopkins inquired if there had been any complaints regarding citizens burning trash. He was told that it is illegal to burn trash that is processed, for example: plastics, treated lumber, etc. Citizens can only burn limbs and yard debris. Chief Woodard will be called the next time it is spotted.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn said there is a problem with a home owner firing a weapon every morning and every evening. He stated that the person is firing in the direction of the back of the nursing home. Chief Woodard has informed his officers to ride by the home every ½ hour to hour. The family is aware of the issue but stated that it is out of their hands. Chief Woodard will make a point to talk with her soon.

ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Williams was absent)*

Mayor Barry Whitley

ATTEST

