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June 11, 2024
Council Meeting @6:00 PM
Council Chambers

PRESENT

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

MEDIA PRESENT

TC NEWS

INVOCATION: Mayor Barry Whitley

OPENING STATEMENT: Vicki Wainwright

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the May 14th Regular Council Meeting and Work Session Minutes:

A motion to accept and approve the minutes of the May 14th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting and Work Session Minutes was made by Councilmember Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Councilmember Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. (Councilperson Glenn Harris was absent)

NEW BUSINESS:

Municipal Court Clerk Week Proclamation:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright informed the Mayor and Council that the week of June 10th – 14th has been declared as Municipal Court Clerk Week and she would like the Mayor and Council to sign the proclamation to recognize that and to recognize the City of Butler's own Municipal Court Clerk Shaiqueta Brown for the great job that she does. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Guinn and seconded by Councilmember Deborah Williams. The vote was unanimous. (Councilperson Glenn Harris was absent.)



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Approval of the bid for ARPA Water Improvements:

Public Works Director David Windham said that the bid opening for the ARPA Water Improvements was held on April 29th and three bids were received. The bids were LaKay Enterprises, \$780,337.20; Crawford Grading and Pipeline, \$1,003,134.00; and Helix Grading and Utility, \$1,395,973.28. This project is for waterline rehab and fire hydrants in areas around Brown, Marshall, Rebecca Bergen, Delta and Oak Lane areas. Engineers Carter and Sloope have reviewed the submitted bids and their recommendation is to use LaKay Enterprises to do the project. The City will use SPLOST funds as a match toward the project, and Mr. Windham expects the project to last approximately three months once started, weather permitting. A motion to accept the bid from LaKay Enterprises was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers and a second was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Glenn Harris was absent)*

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director David Windham informed the Mayor and Council that it is just day to day operations currently.

Councilperson Williams asked if the gravel has been removed from the property around Venus Street, and also if the grassing has been done. Mr. Windham informed her that the gravel was removed and that grassing is in the works. He said there have been some erosion issues in the area as well, and it was being looked at.

Officer Chris Parker is filling in for Chief Woodard while he is on deployment and said that the Butler Police Department is short two officers and are trying to find replacements for them. He also said that the officers are focusing on business, building, and area checks. He informed the Mayor and Council that there will be a motorcycle ride fundraiser to raise money for school supplies to give out to the community. This will be held on Saturday, July 13th.

Councilperson Williams asked what was being done regarding the activities around Ridge Street? Officer Parker stated that they have heavy patrolling in the area and are more visible. She asked about some issues at the housing authority and was told that any calls for the



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housing authority would cause a report from the Butler Police Department to be sent to the director of the Housing Authority.

Fire Coordinator Eddie Moulton said that the Butler Fire Department ran 14 calls last month. He also said that the Butler Fire Department is having a Fire Fighter 1 class that is over halfway completed. He informed them that the Butler Fire Department has been awarded a \$22,500 Georgia Fireworks Grant that will be used for turn-out gear.

Reynolds City Council Member Danny Peed attended the meeting to see what the City of Butler plans to do regarding GFL's 5% increase on garbage pickup. Peed asked the Council if they planned to increase customer fees due to this increase. Public Works Director David Windham stated that not at this time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn briefly spoke of the difference in the millage rates in the incorporated areas versus the unincorporated areas, and questioned where the difference in the amounts go since the millage rate is higher in the incorporated areas. Guinn stated that all counties follow this practice but after doing some research he has discovered that only 26 out of 159 counties in Georgia have different millage rates for incorporated and unincorporated. He said that he wants to see the additional tax money spent in the cities or see no difference in the county millage rate for the cities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Whitley announced that the Council would be entering into an executive session to discuss personnel. A motion to enter into an executive session was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Guinn and a second was made by Councilmember Jacob Hopkins, the vote was unanimous. *(Councilmember Glenn Harris was absent)*

(Regular Session: Continued)



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ADJOURN

There was no more business to discuss, so Mayor Whitley announced there would be a short work session immediately following the regular meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilperson Jacob Hopkins and a second was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilmember Glenn Harris was absent)*

Mayor Barry Whitley

ATTEST

