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**October 14, 2025  
Council Meeting  
6:00 PM  
Council Chambers**

**PRESENT**

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

**MEDIA PRESENT**

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**INVOCATION:** Mayor Barry Whitley

**OPENING STATEMENT:**

Vicki Wainwright read the opening statement and the rules of decorum to explain the deadline to request to be on the agenda as well as the conduct expected during a council meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of September 16th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes and September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Special Called Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve September 16th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes and the September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Special Called Meeting Minutes by Councilperson Deborah Williams and seconded by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Jacob Hopkins was absent)*



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### NEW BUSINESS:

#### Flint Area Consolidated Housing Authority Board Appointment:

City Clerk Vicki Wainwright asked the Mayor and Council to re-appoint Maxine Allen to the Flint Area Consolidated Housing Authority Board for another five-year term. Ms. Allen has agreed to continue serving in this role. A motion to re-appoint Maxine Allen was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and seconded by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Jacob Hopkins was absent)*

#### Trick or Treat Observed on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM:

It was announced that for 2025 the City of Butler will observe Trick or Treat activities on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM until 8:00 PM. The change is due to the Viking Football game that will be played in Macon County on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The City of Reynolds will observe this change as well. Everyone is encouraged to go out and support the Vikings on the 31<sup>st</sup>!

#### Fireworks Ordinance Amendment and Resolution (Final Reading):

Attorney Jack Nichols said that he had made the necessary grammatical changes in the Fireworks Ordinance Amendment that were found in last month's initial reading of the amended ordinance. He reminded the Mayor and Council that this amendment brings the Fireworks Ordinance into compliance with the State of Georgia's fireworks rules. The current fireworks ordinance that the City of Butler has completely bans fireworks and that is not allowed due to state law. A motion to adopt the resolution and amended fireworks ordinance was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn and seconded by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Jacob Hopkins was absent)*



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### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Public Works Director David Windham** reminded everyone that the Taylor Made Fall Festival will be on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM. He said it will be downtown this year around the courthouse square. Vendors will be set up around the perimeter of the courthouse, not on the courthouse lawn. He also reminded everyone about the annual City of Butler Christmas Tree Lighting event, which will be held on the courthouse lawn on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. The city's offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day Holiday and on November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Holidays.

He said that the sidewalk project is moving forward, and all the streetlamps except for one, should be installed and in operation. The work in front of the post office was halted to move to in front of the Voter Registrars Office to ensure it was accessible for early voting, and to make sure there is handicap parking there. Once that is done the project will move back in front of the post office. He said that the handrails are going up as well.

He said that there is a lot of untruths and/or misinformation going around on social media regarding the sod and irrigation on the courthouse square. He said that project was an add-on by the county, and he was thankful that our local governments cooperate and work together. He feels that by the governments working together there have been huge milestones accomplished. He said he would also like to thank Nicole Acree with the Chamber as she has done a tremendous job and has helped with multiple things.

He also said that there are now banners up around Butler and Reynolds supporting the Vikings (all Vikings, all sports) He said that we all want to highlight our kids as there have been some phenomenal outcomes this year. He said that the City of Butler, City of Reynolds, and the Taylor County Chamber went in together to purchase those banners.

He informed the Mayor and Council that pre-construction meetings have been held for both the Lead Service Line Project and the Water Line Rehab Project. The Lead Service Line investigation will begin on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, where they will have to go to every meter that the city has and dig up both sides so that we can tell what type of material goes to that meter. This is a



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federally mandated project. Depending on the type of material, that will determine what the next steps are in replacing lines if needed.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> the Water Line Rehab Project is scheduled to start. This project starts in the Industrial Park and will go all the way to Hillcrest Circle, down Martin Luther King, and some will be on Oak Street. He said that this project must be done and signed off on by October 2026.

**Police Chief Matthew Woodard** informed the Mayor and Council that the department's activity log is included in their packet.

Mayor Pro-Tem Guinn said that people need to be on the lookout for elderly or mentally challenged people walking in or by the streets.

**Butler Fire Department:** Fire Coordinator Brandon Maddox said that the Butler Fire Department ran twenty-three calls last month. Those were two calls with a person shot, one domestic call with injuries, two traffic accidents with entrapments, seven traffic accidents with injuries, four structure fires, one vehicle fire, one wildland fire, three fire alarm calls, one chest pain, and one stroke/cardiovascular call.

He said that the fire department has six people taking the written portion of the Firefighter One test. Five of them are City of Butler Fire and Taylor County Fire also has one.

He said that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Softball Tournament was a success, with twelve teams playing. The tournament started at 8:30 AM and the last game finished at around 1:30 AM.

**Mayor Barry Whitley** announced that November's Council Meeting will need to be rescheduled from Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. A motion to approve the date change was made by Councilperson Rodrick Flowers and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Jacob Hopkins was absent)*

**City Administrator/City Clerk Vicki Wainwright** reminded the Mayor and Council that the final millage rate hearing will be held on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. She said that there have already been two previous public hearings held



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on October 9<sup>th</sup>, with no public attendance. The council had previously decided to not “roll back” the millage rate, but to stay at the same millage rate as the past three years at 8.786%.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Councilperson Glenn Harris** informed the Mayor and Council that he would like to get the city attorney to write a letter to a homeowner at 43 Kings Lane. He said the single-wide trailer at that address belongs to one person and the land that it sits on belongs to a different person. He said the single-wide could be added to the blight list but he wanted the attorney to write the owner of the trailer a letter. He said that the property owner had asked the trailer owner in February 2025 to remove the trailer but has not heard anything from him. He said that the single-wide is dilapidated and no one resides there. He would like the city to request that the owner of the single-wide remove it within so many days as it is a safety hazard. Attorney Nichols said that he does not think this is a city responsibility, this is something that the landowner would do. He said that the property owner could demand the person remove the trailer from their property. It was asked what the remedy is if the owner of the single-wide refuses to remove it? Mr. Nichols said the property owner could take it to Superior Court as it is a civil matter that they would have to act on. The issue with the city pursuing this is that it is a complicated issue, with there being a landowner and a different person that owns the actual trailer. The city would normally put a lien against the property (land) to get something done in most cases, but in this case the city would not have viable property to take. The City would essentially be sinking money into a situation where they would not recoup those funds. Mr. Nichols said that the only thing that the city could potentially do would be to notify both parties that there is an issue with the single-wide such as safety concerns with the structure. The city could request the trailer be moved or fixed up so as not to be a safety concern. If nothing is done, the only thing the city could do would be to take the trailer as it is not attached to the land. Due to the complicated issue, Mr. Nichols said it would be more appropriate for the landowner to take this issue up as a civil matter in Superior Court.



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Mr. Windham stated there has not been water services at that location for quite some time. There is not even a meter at that location anymore.

It was noted that there is a similar situation with two different owners in Barrow Subdivision, but someone resides in that single-wide.

**ADJOURN**

With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Guinn to adjourn and a second was made by Councilperson Glenn Harris. The vote was unanimous. *(Councilperson Jacob Hopkins was absent)*

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Mayor Barry Whitley

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